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### 31 March 2025 Telangana State Regional News

### **Conocarpus Plant**



### Why in news?

 Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar suggested that the government remove Conocarpus trees, citing concerns over their potential harmful effects on the environment and human health, claiming that these trees absorb oxygen and release carbon dioxide.

### **Key Points:**

- It is a flowering plant belonging to the family of Combretaceae.
- It is an invasive mangrove species.
- Trees of this species flower in winter and spread pollen in nearby areas.
- It has been used by various public authorities in India as landscaping for road medians, along roads, and in public gardens.
- This tree is famous for its dark green leaves color throughout the year and withstands harsh environmental conditions such as high and low temperatures.
- It is very adaptive and could grow even in areas with extreme salinity.
- It absorbs more water from soil than other species and is a threat to groundwater.
- It is native to parts of North and South America, as well as parts of Africa.

# Urban Local Bodies (ULBs)

### Why in news?

 Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in Telangana have collected ₹1,010 crore in property tax.

### **Key Points:**

- Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) are small local bodies that administers or governs a city or a town of specified population.
- 74th Constitutional Amendment Act 1992 recognized urban local bodies as a third tier of government.
- They are responsible for various functions, including planning and development, solid waste management, water supply, and transportation.
- Types of ULBs:
  - Municipal Corporations:
    - Manage metropolitan cities with populations over one million.
    - Governed by a Mayor and Deputy Mayor.
  - Municipal Councils:

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- Manage cities with populations under one million.
- Governed by a President and Vice-President.
- Nagar Panchayats:
  - Manage towns with populations under 100,000.
  - Governed by a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.
- In addition to these four categories, there are also special-purpose ULBs, such as Port Trusts, Industrial Development Authorities, Townships and Cantonment Boards, that are responsible for specific urban development projects.

### Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Project (PRLIP)

### Why in news?

 The Palamuru Lift Irrigation Project, for which the Telangana government has been demanding national status, is unlikely to get the status.

### **Key Points:**

- The Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Project (PRLIP) in Telangana aims to transform 12.3 lakh acres of dry land in the former Mahabubnagar district into fertile agricultural land.
- The project is built on the Krishna river at a cost of ₹ 35,000 crore in Nagarkurnool district.
- It is envisaged to create irrigation potential in upland areas of Nagarkurnool, Mahabubnagar, Vikarabad, Rangareddy and Nalgonda districts.

# Person in news: Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar



### Why in news?

 The government is planning to set up a world class museum and library in the name of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar near the Hussain Sagar Lake to be executed through the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority.

### **Key Points:**

- Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar was a prominent Indian jurist, economist, social reformer, and politician.
- He was born on April 14, 1891 in Mhow, Madhya Pradesh.
- Contributions
  - In 1924, he started an Association for the welfare of the depressed classes and in 1927, he started the Bahishkrit Bharat newspaper to address the cause of the depressed classes.
  - He also led the Mahad Satyagraha in March 1927.
  - He participated in all three Round Table Conferences.
  - In 1932, Dr. Ambedkar signed the Poona pact with Mahatma Gandhi, which abandoned the idea of separate electorates for the depressed classes (Communal Award).
  - o In 1936, he formed the Independent Labour Party to



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	safeguard the interests of the depressed classes.  He was the Chairman of Drafting Committee and remembered as the Father of the Indian Constitution.
Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR) portal	<ul> <li>Why in news?</li> <li>Telangana has become a leading state in recovering stolen and missing mobile phones, with 70,058 devices traced and returned via the CEIR portal.</li> <li>Key Points:</li> <li>The CEIR portal, developed by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), is designed to combat mobile theft and counterfeit devices.</li> <li>Telangana's Criminal Investigation Department (CID) is the nodal agency overseeing its implementation, ensuring that all 780 police stations in the State actively utilise the platform</li> </ul>





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