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Telangana State Regional News

<p>Waqf Amendment Bill 2024</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The chairpersons of various agencies under the Telangana Minorities Welfare Department united to oppose the Waqf Amendment Bill, 2024, which had been passed in the Lok Sabha. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Waqf (Amendment) Bill 2024, introduced in the Lok Sabha on August 8, 2024, proposes significant changes to the governance and management of Waqf properties in India. This legislation seeks to amend the Waqf Act of 1995, aiming to enhance transparency, accountability, and efficiency in the administration of Waqf properties while addressing long-standing issues within the system. A Waqf is a property donated by Muslims for a specific religious, charitable, or private purpose. Key Changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Waqf Amendment (Bill) 2024 proposes changing the name of the parent Act from the Waqf Act of 1995 to the Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency, and Development Act of 1995. Government Property: Government properties identified as waqf will revert to state ownership. The District Collector will determine ownership in disputed cases. Waqf Property Determination: The Waqf Board's power to determine waqf properties is removed. Waqf Survey: Collectors will conduct waqf surveys under state revenue laws. Tribunal Composition: Muslim law experts are removed. Tribunals will include a District Court judge and a state officer of joint secretary rank.
<p>Urban Local Bodies (ULBs)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With special focus, daily monitoring, and dedicated officers for property tax collection, Telangana Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) have surpassed ₹1,000 crore for the first time, reaching ₹1,058 crore for the financial year 2024-25. <p>Key Points:</p>




	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Municipal Corporations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manage metropolitan cities with populations over one million. Governed by a Mayor and Deputy Mayor. Municipal Councils: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manage cities with populations under one million. Governed by a President and Vice-President. Nagar Panchayats: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
Atal Innovation Mission	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Twenty startups, selected from over 200 applicants, have joined the 5th cohort of the AIC T-Hub Healthcare Programme, a collaboration between T-Hub and Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), aimed at accelerating innovation in medtech, digital health, and healthcare accessibility. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is the Government of India's flagship initiative to promote a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship in the country and was set up in 2016. Objective: To create and promote an ecosystem of innovation and entrepreneurship across the country at school, university, research institutions, MSME and industry levels. All the initiatives of AIM are currently monitored and managed systematically using real-time MIS systems and dynamic dashboards. Implementing Agency: NITI Aayog



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AIM has multiple programs to encourage and support innovation in the country. • Some of the components of AIM: Atal Tinkering Labs, Atal Incubation Centres, Atal New India Challenge, Mentor of Change Program, Atal Community Innovation Center and Atal Research & Innovation for Small Enterprises (ARISE).
<p>Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project (KLIP)</p> 	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretary of the Department of Water Resources expressed concerns about the design safety of structures in the Integrated Sita Rama Lift Irrigation and Sitamma Sagar Multipurpose Project, following a recent report by the National Dam Safety Authority Committee on the Meddigadda barrage under the Kaleshwaram Project. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is a multi-purpose irrigation project on the Godavari River in Kaleshwaram, Bhupalpally, Telangana, India. • It is designed to provide water for irrigation and drinking purposes to about 45 lakh acres in 20 of the 31 districts in Telangana, apart from Hyderabad and Secunderabad. • Currently the world's largest multi-stage lift irrigation project, its farthest upstream influence is at the confluence of the Pranhita and Godavari rivers. • KLIP is divided into 7 links and 28 packages spanning a distance of approximately 500 km (310 mi) through 13 districts and utilizing a canal network of more than 1,800 km (1,100 mi).

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