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## Telangana State Regional News

<p><b>JNCASR to set up India's first CO2-to-methanol plant in Telangana</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bengaluru's <b>Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR)</b> is setting up <b>India's first plant to convert CO2 into methanol</b> at a power plant in Telangana.</li> <li>The plant is commissioned <b>by the Central Mine Planning &amp; Design Institute Limited (CMPDI)</b> with a recommendation from Coal India Limited</li> <li>It will be completed in <b>2024</b>.</li> <li>It will help control environmental pollution by converting CO2 into methanol, <b>reducing</b> the need for <b>imports from China</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>EC put a brake on Rythu Bandhu scheme</b></p> <p><b>Rythu Bandhu Scheme</b></p> 	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>Election Commission withdrew permission</b> given to the Telangana government <b>for granting financial aid to farmers for rabi crops under the Rythu Bandhu Scheme</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Rythu Bandhu scheme is also known as <b>Farmer's Investment Support Scheme (FISS)</b>, and is a welfare programme for farmers started by the Telangana government in 2018.</li> <li>Under the scheme, the state government provided the 58 lakh farmers in Telangana with <b>₹5,000 per acre of their land</b> as a farm investment for two crops.</li> <li>This investment is made <b>twice a year</b>, once for kharif harvest and once for rabi harvest.</li> <li>The Rythu Bandhu Scheme is the <b>country's first direct farmer investment support scheme</b> where cash is paid directly to the beneficiary.</li> <li>The scheme was started by Telangana CM K Chandrashekar Rao in <b>2018</b>, and ₹12,000 crore were allocated from the state budget for the scheme.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Telangana Electric Vehicle Policy 2020</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Telangana Electric Vehicle and Energy Storage Policy 2020-2030 is a comprehensive policy framework that <b>aims to promote the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) and energy storage systems (ESS)</b> in the state of Telangana</li> <li>The policy outlines a number of incentives and initiatives to encourage the development of the EV and ESS ecosystem, including:</li> </ul> <p><b>Demand incentives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>100% exemption of road tax and registration fee for the first 2,00,000</li> </ul>



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electric two-wheelers purchased and registered within Telangana.

- 100% exemption of road tax and registration fee for the first 500 electric buses purchased and registered within Telangana

### Supply side incentives:

- Establishment of a **Rs. 100 crore fund** to provide **financial assistance to EV manufacturers** and component suppliers.
- **Setting up of a dedicated EV manufacturing cluster** in the state

### Chenetha Mithra



Telangana Chenetha Mitra Scheme

### Context:

- Chenetha Mithra is a **welfare scheme** launched by the Telangana government to **support the state's handloom weavers**.
- The scheme provides **financial assistance of Rs 3000 per loom to weavers** during times of distress, such as natural disasters or economic downturns.
- It also offers **subsidies for yarn** and other necessary inputs, as well as **training and skill development programs**.
- It helps to improve the livelihoods of handloom weavers
- It helps to preserve the state's rich handloom tradition.

### Forests in Telangana

### Key Points:

- As the **11th largest State** in the country, the geographical area of Telangana is 1,12,077.41 Sq. Km, of which **24.06%** i.e., 26,969.61 Sq. Km is a forest area.
- **Mulugu district** has the highest percentage share of forest area to its total geographical area at **71.22%**, followed by **Bhadradi Kothagudem** and **Komaram Bheem Asifabad** at 61.45% and 54.45% respectively.
- The State registered a remarkable increase of **6.85 % in forest cover from 2015 to 2021**.
- While the national net increase of forest cover from 2019 to 2021 was 0.22% (1,540 sq.km), Telangana witnessed a net increase of 3.07% (632 sq.km) which was the highest percentage increase.

### Forest Types in Telangana

- The forests of the State can be primarily classified into three groups viz., **Tropical Dry Deciduous Forests, Tropical Moist Deciduous Forests. And Tropical Thorn Forests**

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