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World AIDS Day



Context:

- **World AIDS Day** is observed annually on **December 1st**
- It is a **global health awareness day** dedicated to **raising awareness** of the **human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)** and **acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)**, as well as honoring those who have lost their lives to the disease.
- It was initiated in **1988** by WHO
- **World Health Organization (WHO)**, alongside communities and partners, will mark World AIDS Day 2023, under the **theme “Let communities lead”**

Significance:

1. **Raising Awareness**
2. **Preventing New Infections**
3. **Combating Stigma and Discrimination**
4. **Celebrating Progress**

Swadesh Darshan Scheme 2.0



Context:

- The Ministry of Tourism has revamped the Swadesh Darshan Scheme as **Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0)**.
- The objective of SD2.0 is to develop sustainable and responsible tourist destinations.
- The scheme is 100% centrally funded.

Key Points:

The scheme's strategic objectives include:

- Enhancing the contribution of tourism to the local economies
- Increasing private sector investment in tourism and hospitality

Key facts:

- The Ministry has identified **Bhongir in Telangana** for development under SD2.0.
- The scheme has identified **15 thematic circuits for development. These circuits include:**
- North-East Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, Himalayan Circuit, Coastal Circuit, Krishna Circuit, Desert Circuit, Tribal Circuit, Eco Circuit, Wildlife Circuit, Rural Circuit, Spiritual Circuit.

Golconda Fort

Context:

- **Golconda Fort, also known as Golkonda**, is an impressive fortification located in the western outskirts of Hyderabad, Telangana
- It served as the **capital of the Qutb Shahi dynasty** from the **16th to 18th centuries**.
- The fort is renowned for its intricate architecture, strategic location, and remarkable acoustics

Architectural marvels of Golconda Fort:



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- **The Massive Walls:** The fort is surrounded by a **perimeter wall stretching over 10 kilometers**, encompassing 87 semicircular bastions and eight gateways.
- **The Acoustic Phenomenon:** The fort's acoustics are remarkable. Whispers from a specific point at the base of the fort's **Bala Hisar pavilion** can be heard clearly at the fort's highest point, over 100 meters away.
- **The Elaborate Palaces and Mosques:** The fort complex houses several palaces, mosques, and water reservoirs, showcasing the Qutb Shahi dynasty's architectural finesse.

Girijan Seva Scheme

Context:

- The **Girijan Seva Scheme** is a comprehensive **welfare scheme** launched by the Government of Telangana in **2014** to **uplift the socio-economic status of the tribal communities** in the state.
- The scheme provides **financial assistance** for various purposes, including education, healthcare, housing, and livelihood activities.
- The scheme **promotes and preserves tribal culture** and heritage through various initiatives, including cultural festivals, language preservation programs, and support for tribal artisans.
- It **aims to alleviate poverty** and improve the living standards of tribal communities

Jogulamba Temple



Context:

- The **Jogulamba Temple** in Alampur, Telangana stands as a testament to the rich cultural heritage of the region.
- This ancient shrine, **dedicated to Goddess Jogulamba**, an **incarnation of Goddess Durga**, is revered as **one of the 18 Shakti Peethas**, sacred sites associated with the Devi.
- The origins of the Jogulamba Temple can be traced back to the **7th century CE**, during the **reign of the Chalukya dynasty**.
- The temple's **architectural style reflects a blend of Chalukya, Kakatiya, and Vijayanagara influences**, showcasing the region's diverse cultural tapestry.
- The Jogulamba Temple hosts a vibrant calendar of festivals throughout the year
- The most **prominent festival is the annual Jathara**, a **ten-day extravaganza** held during the months of March-April.

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