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<p>Telangana's ARSK set to release new maize seed type</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agriculture Research Station, Karimnagar (ARSK), affiliated with Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University (PJTSAU), is gearing up to release a new maize seed variety with enhanced resistance to wilt disease. • This development comes on the heels of the success of their previous maize seed varieties, "Makka" and "Makka-1." <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This hybrid variety boasts improved resistance to Fusarium wilt, a fungal disease that can devastate maize crops. • It also is expected to produce higher yields compared to existing varieties, potentially boosting farmer income.
<p>School bags to get lighter from next academic year</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In response to increasing concerns over the strain that growing children endure on their shoulders with heavy school bags, the School Education Department is bringing down the thickness of paper in textbooks to lighten the load. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From 90 Grams per Square Metre (GSM), the paper thickness of the textbooks will be reduced to 70 GMS — resulting in the lightening of the school bags between 25 per cent and 30 per cent, depending on the class. • Preliminary estimates suggested that the Class X textbooks, which now weigh around 4.5 kg, will come down by one kg once the paper thickness is reduced.



**Welspun Group to invest Rs 250 crore in
Telangana's IT sector**



Context:

- **Welspun Group, a diversified Indian conglomerate, plans to invest Rs 250 crore (\$32 million) in Telangana's IT sector.**
- **This investment will mark a major boost for the state's burgeoning tech ecosystem and highlights its growing appeal to established corporations.**
- **It will primarily be directed towards establishing an IT/ITeS services facility in the Chandan Valley Industrial Sector, a hub near Hyderabad.**

Works on Sitaram project canals to speed up

Context:

- **The Sitaram project in India aims to provide irrigation facilities to drought-prone areas and improve water security for agriculture.**

About:

- **Completing the canals would extend irrigation to over 1.6 lakh acres of land in Khammam district, directly benefiting millions of farmers and their livelihoods.**
- **Also, the improved irrigation translates to increased agricultural productivity, leading to economic growth and rural development.**
- **Sita Rama Lift Irrigation Project is a barrage across Godavari River with run-of-river hydroelectric power project at Dummugudem village, Bhadradi Kothagudem district in Telangana.**
- **The project is proposed at about 200 meters downstream of the existing Dummugudem anicut built about 150 years ago.**

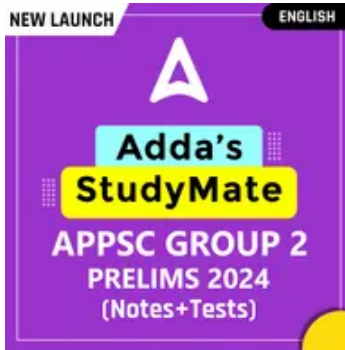


Gitte Kartheek bags Bhisma Vashishta purashkar



Context:

- Gitte Kartheek, a student from Telangana State Minority Residential Junior College (TSMRJC)-Chennur won the Bhisma Vashishta Purshkar constituted by Vande Bharath organization
- He received the award for his outstanding performance in trekking and mountaineering



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