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<p>Nagarjuna Sagar Project</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWS&SB) has initiated emergency pumping as the water level in the Nagarjuna Sagar Project (NSP) has drastically decreased. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The current water level at NSP is 508 feet, significantly lower than the full reservoir level of 590 feet. Emergency pumping has been initiated for the first time in seven years, with the last instance occurring in 2017. This year, the city's water supply has been increased to 2,600 MLD, which is 175 MLD higher than last year. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Location: Situated between the Nalgonda district of Telangana and the Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh. River: Built across the River Krishna. Size: It holds the distinction of being the largest and highest masonry dam globally, standing at 150m tall and stretching 1.6 km long. Name Origin: Named after the nearby hillock and island called Nagarjunakonda, where an ancient Buddhist monk, Nagarjuna, once resided. Historical Significance: One of the earliest projects constructed in post-independence India for irrigation and hydroelectricity generation. Construction Timeline: Commenced in 1956 and completed by 1967. Utility: Supplies electricity to the national grid and provides irrigation water to five districts: Khammam, Nalgonda, Guntur, Prakasam, and Krishna. Administrative Control: According to the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014, the dam is controlled and supervised by Telangana.
<p>Voter Demographics in Hyderabad</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Hyderabad district, out of 45.7 lakh voters, the highest number falls in the 30-39 age group, with 13 lakh voters. The 18-19, 80+, and 70-79 age groups have the fewest voters. This district includes the entire Hyderabad and Secunderabad Lok Sabha segments and part of the



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	<p>Malkajgiri constituency.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 30-39 age group has 13,48,376 voters, according to the electoral rolls published on February 8. <p>What is an Electoral Roll?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An electoral roll is a list of individuals who have registered to vote in specific elections within a particular area. <p>Role of the Election Commission of India (ECI):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ECI is a permanent Constitutional Body responsible for preparing and regularly updating electoral rolls. It also registers all eligible voters, ensuring they can participate in the democratic process.
Tummidihatti project	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy announced that the Telangana government is in discussions with the Maharashtra government regarding the construction of the Tummidihatti project. Efforts are being made to persuade the farming community in Maharashtra to support the acquisition of 1,800 acres of land for the project. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Telangana government will provide compensation to the affected farmers in Maharashtra for the construction of the Tummidihatti project. The project will be named after Dr BR Ambedkar, as stated by Revanth Reddy. Plans are underway to construct a project at Tummidihatti, as part of the Pranahita Chevella project. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Tummidihetti Barrage is a proposed structure planned to be built across the Pranhita River, which is a tributary of the Godavari River. It is intended to be constructed at Tummidihetti village, Koutala mandal, in the Adilabad district of Telangana State. This project aims to offer irrigation facilities to an area of 2,00,000 acres in the drought-prone regions of East Adilabad District, Telangana State.
Centre to procure 30 LMT parboiled rice from Telangana	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Centre has decided to procure 30 lakh metric tonnes of parboiled rice from Telangana in the 2023-24 Kharif season, as announced by Union



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Minister G. Kishan Reddy.

Key points:

- He urged the state government to swiftly procure paddy from farmers at the promised Minimum Support Price along with a **Rs 500 per quintal bonus**.
- Last year, the Centre agreed to **procure 6.8 lakh tonnes of parboiled rice from Telangana for the Kharif season 2022-23**, in addition to 13.73 lakh tonnes for the Rabi 2021-22 and Kharif 2022-23 seasons.

Parboiled rice:

- Parboiled rice is rice that has been partially **cooked by boiling at the paddy stage before milling**.
- The term '**parboil**' means 'partly cooked by boiling.'
- Parboiling has been practiced in India since ancient times.
- There is no specific definition of parboiled rice by the **Food Corporation of India or the Food Ministry**.

Benefits of parboiled rice:

- Parboiling makes **rice tougher, reducing the chances of kernel breakage during milling**.
- It increases the nutrient value of rice.
- Parboiled rice has higher resistance to insects and fungi.



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