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## Telangana State Regional News

<p><b>Osmania University</b></p> 	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The DPIIT IPR Chair of Osmania University has <b>filed for the trademark of the exterior design of the OU Arts College</b>, a building that has been an integral part of Osmania University's and Hyderabad's aesthetic appeal since 1939.</li> <li>This move marks a significant moment in history.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The concept of trademarking buildings originated in the <b>United States</b>, where owners of such trademarks have the exclusive right to use the building's trademark to promote their goods and services.</li> <li><b>Examples of trademarked buildings in the United States</b> include the Empire State Building, the Chrysler Building, and the New York Stock Exchange.</li> <li>This trend has also spread to other countries, with buildings like the <b>Eiffel Tower in France and the Sydney Opera House being trademarked</b>.</li> <li>This would be the third trademark filed for a building in India.</li> <li><b>Previously, the TAJ Mahal Hotel and the Bombay Stock Exchange were registered trademarks in India.</b></li> <li>Once the trademark is registered, the use of the building image for marketing services and branding for commercial use by third parties will not be permitted without prior permission from Osmania University.</li> </ul>
<p><b>GM Cotton Seed</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two smugglers were arrested while transporting 1,200 kg of banned BG-II/HT cotton seed from Karnataka to Mancherial.</li> </ul> <p><b>HT Bt cotton seed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HT Bt cotton, short for <b>Herbicide-Tolerant Bt cotton</b>, is a <b>genetically modified crop that contains unapproved genes not permitted in India</b>.</li> <li>Herbicides are chemicals used to <b>eliminate unwanted plants</b>.</li> <li>HT Bt cotton is engineered to <b>withstand herbicides</b></li> </ul>



	<p><b>by modifying its genetic makeup.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Typically, when herbicides are applied, they kill both unwanted plants and <b>can harm cotton crops.</b></li> <li>However, with HT Bt cotton, the cotton plants can withstand the herbicides while the unwanted plants are destroyed.</li> <li><b>This genetic modification has raised concerns about increased chemical use in fields, which could harm other crops.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Nalgonda</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nalgonda, Telangana, experienced a scorching temperature of <b>45°C.</b></li> <li>Telangana is currently under the <b>influence of cyclonic circulations.</b></li> <li><b>Despite sporadic rains, mercury levels continue to rise, reaching 45°C.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Located at an elevation of 238.74 meters (783.27 feet) above sea level, <b>Nalgonda has a Tropical wet and dry or savanna climate (Classification: Aw).</b></li> <li>The district's yearly temperature is 30.22°C (86.4°F) and it is 4.25% higher than India's averages.</li> </ul> <p><b>Cyclonic Circulation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cyclonic rotation, also known as <b>cyclonic circulation, refers to the movement of air or fluids in the atmosphere that aligns with the direction of a planet's rotation, as opposed to anticyclonic rotation.</b></li> <li>On Earth, this phenomenon occurs due to the Coriolis effect, resulting in cyclonic rotation being counterclockwise in the Northern Hemisphere and clockwise in the Southern Hemisphere.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Telangana Chess: A Call for Government Support and Recognition</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Telangana boasts seven grandmasters (GMs), but lags in chess support compared to Tamil Nadu.</li> <li><b>Gukesh D, a chess prodigy from Tamil Nadu, recently became the world's youngest winner of the Candidates event, surpassing Telangana's Arjun Erigaisi to become India's top-ranked player.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Key points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NVS Ramaraju, who has trained <b>Erigaisi as well as grandmaster Dronavalli Harika,</b> pointed out that there is a dearth of financial support for chess players in the state.</li> <li>He emphasized the need for rating tournaments and</li> </ul>



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cited examples from Tamil Nadu and Karnataka where GMs frequently participate.

### Call for Government Support:

- **KS Prasad, President of the Telangana State Chess Association (TSCA), and Erigaisi echoed the need for logistical support like travel tickets, tournament entry fees, and accommodation.**
- Prasad noted the lack of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) support for chess in Hyderabad compared to Tamil Nadu.

### Training and Incentives:

- Currently, players from Telangana **train in Chennai under GMs like Shyam Sundar, incurring significant costs.**
- Tamil Nadu's swift announcement of incentives for winners contrasts with Telangana's slower response, as Erigaisi received only Rs 10,000 compared to lakhs in Tamil Nadu.

### Way forward:

- Prasad and Harika expressed hope for better support from the new Telangana government, with plans to meet Chief Minister Revanth Reddy.
- **A new sports policy in Telangana is expected after the LS election.**



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