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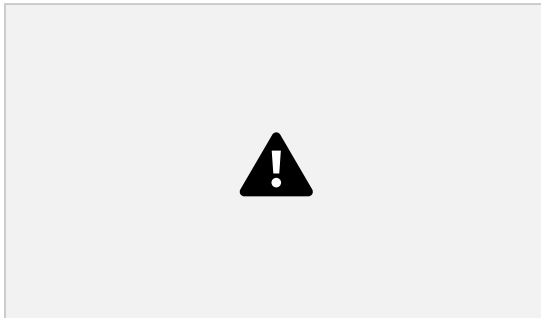## Telangana State Regional News

Aurangazeb era coins	**Context:** ● MNREGS workers made a remarkable discovery in Siddipet, **unearthing 20 silver coins and two rings from the Aurangazeb era, the sixth Mughal emperor.** **Key points:** ● The discovery was made at an **agricultural field in Narsaipally village of Maddur mandal**. ● The coins and rings were found packed in a rock-made box. ● Historian BV Badragirish revealed that the **coins, minted between 1670 and 1690,** were one rupee coins from **Surat, Zafrabad (current Bidar), and Golkonda Mints.** ● During Aurangzeb's rule, Bidar town was **renamed Zafrabad** but reverted to its original name after his demise. ● Considering Aurangzeb's completion of the **conquest of South India in 1687**, coins from Golkonda Mint would likely have been minted after this date. ● **The rings found with the coins were used to wear coins, a practice observed among several tribes until recent times.** ● Burying valuables to protect them from bandits was common practice, explaining their discovery over **350 years later.** ● The coins bore inscriptions like **"Aurangazeb Alamgir Badshah" in Persian, with Holy Quran verses on the reverse.** ● Each coin weighed approximately 11.36 grams, according to archeology enthusiast Kolipaka Srinivas.
Historical significance of the Kakatiya Thoranam and Charminar in Telangana emblem	**Context:** ● Despite their **historical significance, the Congress-led administration, under Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, plans to unveil a new emblem on Telangana Formation Day**, arguing that the current emblem, featuring the Kakatiya Kala Thoranam and Charminar, symbolizes feudalism and autocratic rule. ● This decision has raised concerns among historians and cultural enthusiasts, who fear that it might lead to the erasure of Telangana's rich history and cultural identity. ● The existing emblem, adopted in 2014 and designed by artist Laxman Aelay, is adorned in green and gold, symbolizing "Bangaru Telangana" or "Golden Telangana."

It is a visual representation of the state's historical landmarks and their significance in shaping its identity.

About:
- The historical significance of the **Kakatiya Thoranam and Charminar in the Telangana emblem is deeply rooted in the region's rich heritage**.
- The **Kakatiya Kala Thoranam, also known as the Warangal Gate**, is an architectural marvel from the 12th century, symbolizing the artistic excellence of the Kakatiya dynasty.
- This **grand stone arch, once part of the Swayambhusiva temple complex in Warangal Fort,** reflects the dynasty's patronage of art, literature, and architecture, which significantly influenced Telangana's cultural landscape.
- On the other hand, the **Charminar, built in 1591, stands as a testament to Hyderabad's heritage.**
- This iconic monument, with its **four towering minarets, was constructed to celebrate the founding of Hyderabad** and the eradication of a plague that had ravaged the region.
- Together, these monuments represent the diverse cultural and historical influences that have shaped Telangana over centuries.

Cyber Lab D4C	**Context:** - A new office for the Cyber Lab D4C (District Cyber Crime Coordination Centre) was inaugurated at the SP office in Sangareddy. **About:** - **The initiative aims to enhance the performance of the IT Cell and Cyber Cell by co-locating them.** - Cyber Lab will also provide training to constables dealing with cyber crimes and IT in all police stations across the district. - This move is expected to bolster cybercrime prevention and investigation efforts.
SCCL Pioneers Solar Power at New Heights in Ramagundam	**Context:** - The Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) is pioneering the **establishment of a unique solar power generation unit at an impressive height of 120 meters, atop the Over Burden (OB) of opencast-I** coal mine in Ramagundam-III area, Peddapalli district. - **This innovative 22 MW plant comes at a cost of Rs 126 crore,** with an expenditure of Rs 5 crore per 1MW of solar power generated.

	Key points:
	- The solar plant, **a first of its kind on the OB of OCP-I, is particularly symbolic as OCP-I is set to celebrate its 50th anniversary in Octobe**r. - Currently, a 50 MW unit sprawls across 250 acres in OCP-I, with plans to bolster RG-III's solar power generation capacity to 100 MW by 2025-26. - With the implementation of solar power initiatives, SCCL has managed to save Rs 4 crore this year and Rs 7 crore last year, indicating a positive trend towards reducing power expenditure.
Amrabad tiger reserve	**Context:** **Chief Secretary Santhi Kumari of Telangana has set a deadline of July-end to make the Amrabad Tiger Reserve a plastic-free zone.** **Key points:** - Nestled within Telangana's Nallamala hills, the Amrabad Tiger Reserve holds the distinction of being India's second-largest, surpassed only by its neighbor, the **Nagarjunasagar Srisailam Tiger Reserve spanning Andhra Pradesh and Telangana**. - This rich ecosystem boasts remarkable biodiversity. Over 600 plant species provide sustenance for a vibrant animal community, with around 70 mammal species, over 300 bird varieties, and 60 reptile species calling this reserve home. - Additionally, the Chenchu tribe has a significant presence within the reserve.

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