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Ancient idols discovered in Telangana's Nagunur	 Context: In Telangana's Nagunur, ancient idols were discovered on a hillock. These idols, dating back to the Kakatiya era, were found carved into the rocks but were in a state of disrepair.
	 Key points: Among the idols found were one resembling Lord Shiva holding a 'Damarukam' and a trident, noted by a devotee named Venkatesham, and another depicting a 'Naga Devata' in a snake posture.
	 About: Nagunur, once known as the village of 400 temples, has seen a decline in its historical and cultural heritage, partly due to neglect by the Telangana government. The 'Trikuta Alayam' temple in Nagunur, under the Archaeology department's jurisdiction, is in a dilapidated state with no preservation efforts made. Historian S Nagendra Sharma mentioned inscriptions dating back to 1171 CE from the Kakatiya dynasty that highlight Nagunur's significance as the village of 400 temples. One notable site, the Erra Gudi temple, constructed from red stone, attracts visitors with its three sanctum sanctorums housing three Shiva lingas.
Telangana BC Panel Prepares Ground for Caste Survey	Context: • The BC Commission in Telangana has initiated the groundwork for a caste census by holding discussions with various stakeholders.
	 Key points: To streamline the process, the commission recently convened a meeting with experts, sociologists, caste leaders, peoples' organizations, and NGOs. The focus was on finalizing the methodology, modalities, and questionnaire for the Census. Commission chairman Vakulabharanam Krishna Mohan Rao highlighted that the expert team suggested incorporating socio-economic, educational, employability, political, and scientific aspects into the Census modalities. This comprehensive approach aims to ensure the accuracy and authenticity of the data collected.











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	• They reviewed recent caste surveys conducted in various states, such as Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, and Karnataka, to draw insights into survey methodologies.
Telangana allocates 200 acres for firms working on Al	 IT Minister D Sridhar Babu of Telangana recently announced that the state government has dedicated 200 acres of land for companies specializing in Artificial Intelligence (AI).
	 Key points: This move, disclosed at the American Telugu Association (ATA) seminar in Atlanta, is aimed at boosting the growth of Al on a global scale. Minister Babu expressed the goal of establishing Hyderabad as the world's Al capital. Additionally, Minister Babu highlighted plans to develop a Centre of Excellence (CoE) for semiconductors and medical devices. The government aims to attract semiconductor firms to establish facilities for microprocessing chips. Telangana is also in the process of formulating a new industrial policy, focusing on the growth of semi-urban and rural areas around Hyderabad. In a previous announcement, he mentioned the government's plan to establish a Skill University, the first of its kind in India, which would be akin to the Indian School of Business (ISB).
Telangana irrigation advisor : Aditya Nath	 Context: Aditya Nath Das, the former chief secretary and irrigation special chief secretary of Andhra Pradesh, has been appointed as an advisor to the irrigation department of the Telangana government.
	 Key points: This appointment comes after his retirement in 2021 and his previous role as advisor to the Andhra Pradesh government. In the undivided Andhra Pradesh, Das held a prominent position as one of the two secretaries of the irrigation department, overseeing projects in the Telangana region.



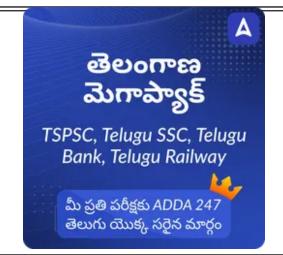






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