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Telangana State Regional News

Sakini Ramachandraiah	Context: • Renowned Padma Shri awardee and traditional Adivasi dholi artist, Sakini Ramachandraiah, passed away at the age of 61.
	 Sakini Ramachandraiah was honored with the prestigious Padma Shri award by the Central government in 2022 for his significant contributions to preserving and promoting Adivasi art forms. He was the only Koya artist capable of narrating the legend of Sammakka Saralamma. From the age of twelve, Ramachandraiah developed a passion for the traditional art form of 'Dholi' and mastered storytelling in both Telugu and Koya languages. Despite being illiterate, Ramachandraiah preserved the history and cultural heritage of the Koya community through his songs and stories, narrating the origins and histories of Adivasi tribes and clan leaders. Over the years, he delivered thousands of performances across Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, and Chhattisgarh, enchanting audiences with his talent. His receipt of the Padma Shri brought nationwide recognition to the dholi art form.
Pilot Project: Integrated Schools in Kodangal, Madhira	 In a significant step towards modernizing government and residential schools across the state, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has directed officials to expedite the establishment of integrated residential schools in each Assembly constituency.
	 For the pilot phase, two model schools will be established in Kodangal and Madhira, areas represented by the Chief Minister and the Deputy Chief Minister, respectively. The government has already acquired 20 acres of land in these regions for this purpose. The integrated residential school complexes will be developed in all constituencies in a phase-wise manner, each occupying 20-25 acres of land. These campuses will be designed as 'mini education hubs,' bringing various student groups together. This initiative is expected to enhance student talent, foster a competitive spirit, and reduce caste and religious







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	discrimination.
Fly Ash	Context: • The Ramagundam National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) authorities have affirmed their adherence to the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change guidelines for fly ash utilisation. • This response follows a political controversy surrounding the transport of fly ash.
	 Key points: NTPC clarified that, according to the Ministry's guidelines, coal or lignite-based thermal power plants must utilise an average of 100 percent of the ash (both fly ash and bottom ash) generated over a three-year cycle. NTPC Ramagundam is rigorously following these regulations to achieve 100 percent ash utilisation.
	 About: Fly ash is a by-product of coal combustion and contains Aluminium Silicate, SiO2, CaO, oxides of iron, magnesium and toxic metals like lead, arsenic, cobalt, and copper. Recently, National Green Tribunal (NGT) has directed the constitution of a 'Fly Ash Management and Utilisation Mission' to 'coordinate and monitor issues relating to the handling and disposal of fly ash and associated issues.'
Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme	Context: • Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka has urged the Centre to grant national project status to the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme (PRLIS) in the upcoming Budget.
	 About: The Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme is designed to transport water in five stages using pumps from the Srisailam Reservoir near Yellur village of Kollapur mandal in Nagarkurnool district to the proposed KP Laxmidevipally Reservoir near Shadnagar. This project aims to create irrigation potential in the upland areas of Nagarkurnool, Mahabubnagar, Vikarabad, Narayanapet, Rangareddy, and Nalgonda districts, covering an ayacut of 10 lakh acres, with a proposal to increase it to 12.03 lakh acres. It also aims to meet the drinking water needs of villages along the route, GHMC, and for industrial use.



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