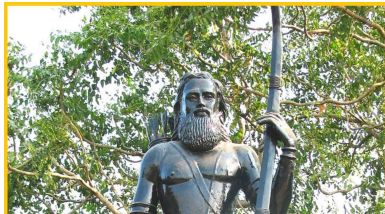




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## Andhra Pradesh State Regional News

## Alluri Sitarama Raju



## Context:

- The **127th birth anniversary** of the freedom fighter Alluri Sitarama Raju was celebrated with grandeur at the **Alluri Sitarama Raju Park in Krishndevipeta of Narsipatnam.**
- The event saw the presence of State Legislative Assembly Speaker **Chintakayala Ayyanna Patrudu as the chief guest.**

## Key points:

- Ayyanna Patrudu inaugurated the '**Alluri Chitrakala Mandiram**' at the **Alluri Sitarama Raju Memorial Park.**
- This new addition features artefacts related to **Alluri's history.**

## Alluri Sitaramaraju:

- Born on **4th July 1897**, Alluri Sitarama Raju is remembered for his fight against the British, in order to safeguard the interests of the tribal communities in the **Eastern Ghats region.**
- He had led the **Rampa rebellion, which was launched in 1922.**
- He is referred to as "Manyam Veerudu" (Hero of the Jungles) by the local people.
- **Historian Sumit Sarkar** had chronicled the heroic rebellion of Rama Raju in his book **Modern India 1885-1947**: "The most striking evidence of continued popular militancy came from the ever-restive semi-tribal Rampa region in north of the Godavari, scene of a veritable guerrilla war between August 1922 and May 1924 led by **Sitarama Raju, - a truly remarkable man who has become a folk hero in Andhra.**"
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled a **30-foot bronze statue of Alluri Sitarama Raju at Bhimavaram** in Andhra Pradesh's East Godavari district on the **125th birth anniversary of the freedom fighter.**

## Indian Gaur Spotted in Telugu States After Decades

## Context:

- An Indian Gaur (Indian Bison) was recently sighted in Andhra Pradesh.
- Spotted in the Nagarjunasagar Srisaillam Tiger Reserve.
- The Indian Gaur went locally extinct 40-50 years ago due to agricultural activities and hunting.

## Reintroduction Plans:



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Telangana forest officials have a pending proposal to reintroduce the Indian Gaur.</li> <li>• Plans to introduce nearly 20 Indian Gaurs in the near future.</li> </ul> <p><b>Indian Gaur:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• India is the sole habitat of the Indian Bison, also known as Gaur.</li> <li>• The Indian Bison is the largest and tallest member of the wild cattle family, larger than water buffalo and other bison.</li> <li>• The IUCN has listed the Indian Bison as vulnerable since 1986 due to a declining population.</li> <li>• Conservation efforts have led to the protection of the Indian Bison in several national parks in India.</li> <li>• Notable national parks where the Indian Bison is well-protected include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Nagarhole</li> <li>○ Bandipur</li> <li>○ Kabini</li> <li>○ Masinagudi</li> <li>○ BR Hills</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Anti-Narcotic Task Force</b>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha announced the formation of the Anti-Narcotic Task Force (ANTF) to address the growing ganja menace in the state.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anitha emphasized the need for a dedicated wing to tackle ganja smuggling, given the Special Enforcement Bureau's (SEB) involvement in other duties like liquor enforcement, sand mining, and gambling.</li> <li>• She announced the establishment of a toll-free number for the public to report ganja-related complaints to the ANTF.</li> <li>• Anitha also highlighted the need for more de-addiction centers to help youth overcome ganja addiction. Awareness campaigns will be organized to discourage youngsters from picking up the habit.</li> <li>• Tribal Welfare Minister G Sandhyarani noted that 11 mandals in Araku, Paderu, and Narsipatnam are prone to ganja cultivation.</li> </ul>
<b>Kalamkari colours</b>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issue: Decline of Kalamkari art in Pedana, Andhra Pradesh.</li> <li>• Factors: Rise of power looms, high raw material costs, low wages, and dwindling artisan base.</li> </ul>



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**Key points:****Historical Significance:**

- Rich History: Pedana part of Machilipatnam, known for textile and spice trade.
- Popularity: Kalamkari designs were globally recognized.
- Documentation: Gordon Mackenzie's "A Manual of the Kistna District" highlights the historical significance.

**Origins of Kalamkari:**

- Era: Originated during Qutb Shahis' reign (16th-17th centuries) in Golconda.
- Region: Tilang, present-day Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

**Techniques:**

- Pedana: Block-printing style.
- Srikalahasti: Traditional pen and brush style.

**Themes:**


- Pedana: Flora and fauna motifs.
- Srikalahasti: Mythological figures for temple use.

**Decline Factors:**

- Modernization: Power looms replacing handlooms.
- Economic: Rising raw material prices and low wages.
- Migration: Youth moving to cities for better opportunities.

**Geographical Indications Registry:**

- Recognition: Registered in 2013, limited to Pedana, Machilipatnam, Polavaram, and Kappaladoddi.
- Status: Krishna's "One District One Product."



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