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Telangana State Regional News

<p>Coal Extraction Project in Odisha Boosts Telangana's Energy Sector</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telangana's power sector receives a substantial boost with the clearance for coal extraction from Naini coal mine in Angul district, Odisha. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL), a joint venture between Telangana government and the Centre, will undertake coal extraction. Operations are set to commence this year following the resolution of key hurdles, including the transfer of 643 hectares of forest land to SCCL by Odisha government. <p>Future Prospects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Production and Utilization: SCCL aims to start coal production soon to meet Telangana's power needs, initially supplying coal to Singareni's existing power plants. Expansion Plans: Plans for a new thermal power plant in Odisha, with operations expected within the next four years, indicate broader regional energy integration strategies.
<p>Telangana Mahila Shakti Scheme</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rajiv Gandhi Hanumanthu, Nizamabad's Collector, has instructed officials to ensure transparency in selecting beneficiaries aligned with the interests and needs of women self-help groups. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief Minister of Telangana launched the Telangana Mahila Shakti Yojana on March 12, 2024. The Telangana government launched the 'Telangana Mahila Shakti' initiative to empower 63.86 lakh members of self-help groups (SHGs) in the state. This ambitious scheme aims to elevate SHG members from participants to successful entrepreneurs, building on the foundation of the erstwhile Indira Kranthi Patham (IKP)'s SHGs.
<p>Pillalamarri Banyan Tree Restoration</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historical Significance: Pillalamarri, a banyan tree in Mahabubnagar, Telangana, estimated to be over 700 years old and spanning five acres, has undergone significant restoration efforts. Canopy Regrowth: Sustained efforts by authorities have successfully restored much of the tree's canopy, previously



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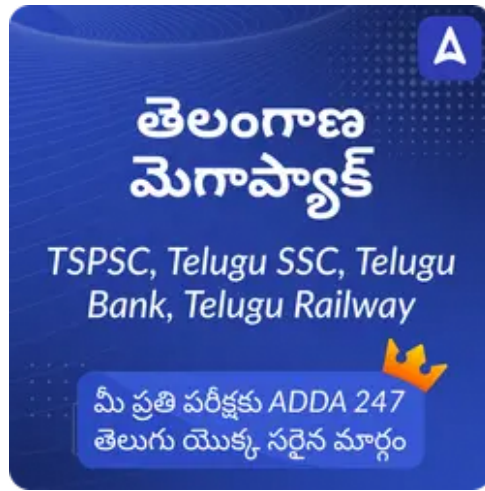


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affected by termite and fungal infestations.

Preparation for Public Opening:

- Scheduled to open to the public after extensive restoration since 2018, Pillalamarri will offer visitors access to its historic grounds next week.
- New Additions: The area now includes a small children's park alongside enhanced security measures such as CCTV surveillance and designated security personnel.
- Visitor Guidelines: Strict guidelines are in place, including a fine of Rs 5,000 for anyone found touching the tree, aimed at preserving its delicate ecosystem.



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