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## Telangana State Regional News

<p><b>Rs 5,336 cr budget allocated for Railway projects in Telangana</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw stated that a <b>record budget of Rs 5,336 crore was allocated for the railway projects in Telangana in the union budget 2024 – 25.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Key points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Vaishnaw mentioned the annual average budget outlay for combined Andhra Pradesh state during the years 2009-14 was only Rs. 886 crore.</b></li> <li><b>The total cost of ongoing railway projects (new tracks) in Telangana was estimated to be worth Rs. 32,946 crore.</b></li> <li><b>The railway network in Telangana was now 100 percent electrified.</b></li> <li><b>To facilitate safety, 437 RoBs and RuBs have been constructed and 40 railway stations in Telangana were being redeveloped under the Amrit Bharat station scheme, he added.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Telangana turns cyber hotspot</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Telangana, India's burgeoning IT hub and home to a significant population of high net worth individuals (HNIs), has unfortunately become a prime target for cybercriminals.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Key points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>The state's rapid economic growth and digital adoption have made it an attractive landscape for cyberattacks.</b></li> <li><b>From sophisticated malware attacks to more common phishing scams, Telangana is facing a surge in cybercrime incidents.</b></li> <li><b>The combination of a thriving IT industry and a wealthy population creates a perfect storm for cybercriminals.</b></li> <li><b>This has led to substantial financial losses and reputational damage for individuals and businesses alike.</b></li> <li><b>According to the latest India Cyber Threat Report, 15% of all such malware attacks reported from across the country in 2023 were from the state, closely followed by Tamil Nadu at 14%.</b></li> </ul>

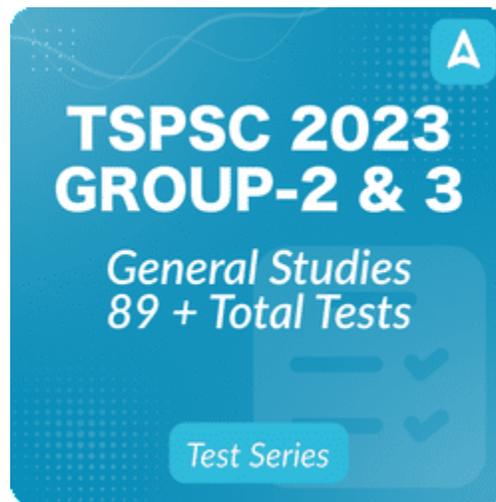


	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Among cities, <b>Hyderabad stood at third place — behind Surat and Bengaluru.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Mahalakshmi Scheme: Women are extremely happy about this, says Telangana Finance Minister</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Finance Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu</b> said that the <b>government's public transport measures</b>, including the <b>Mahalakshmi scheme</b> has set the transport organization on the road to becoming a billion dollar corporation.</li> </ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mahalakshmi Scheme</b> is a <b>flagship program</b> launched by the <b>Telangana government</b> to empower women.</li> <li>• It aims to improve the <b>socio-economic conditions of women-headed households in the state.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Key features of the scheme:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Financial assistance:</b> Eligible women receive a monthly stipend of <b>₹2,500.</b></li> <li>• <b>Gas subsidy:</b> Beneficiaries get a subsidy of <b>₹500</b> on gas cylinders.</li> <li>• <b>Free bus travel:</b> Women can travel free of cost on <b>Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC)</b> buses.</li> <li>• <b>The scheme targets women from below poverty line (BPL) families</b> and aims to provide them with a financial safety net and enhance their mobility. It is part of the <b>Telangana government's broader efforts to uplift women and improve their overall well-being.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Telangana Government presents State Budget with total outlay of ₹2.91 lakh crore</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The TG government presented a <b>budget of ₹2.91 lakh crore</b> for the <b>financial year 2024-25.</b></li> <li>• The budget focuses on <b>agriculture, welfare, and development.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Key Takeaways:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Total outlay:</b> ₹2.91 lakh crore</li> <li>• <b>Revenue:</b> ₹2.21 lakh crore</li> <li>• <b>Capital expenditure:</b> ₹33,487 crore</li> <li>• <b>Fiscal deficit:</b> ₹49,255 crore</li> <li>• <b>Revenue surplus:</b> ₹297 crore</li> <li>• <b>Public debt:</b> ₹4.5 lakh crore (projected)</li> </ul> <p><b>Highlights:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>₹10,000 crore</b> allocated for the development of Hyderabad</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus on agriculture with increased spending on irrigation and farmer welfare schemes</li> <li>• Significant allocation for social welfare programs</li> <li>• Investment in education and healthcare infrastructure</li> <li>• Emphasis on industrial development and job creation</li> </ul>
<p><b>Telangana's education Budget up by 11.5% compared to previous fiscal year</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Telangana has significantly <b>increased its education budget for the fiscal year 2024-25.</b></li> <li>• The allocation has seen a substantial <b>11.5% hike</b> compared to the previous year.</li> <li>• This amounts to a total of <b>₹21,292 crore</b> dedicated to the education sector.</li> <li>• This upward trend in educational spending signifies the state government's commitment to improving education infrastructure, teacher training, and overall quality of education.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key highlights:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upgradation of schools and colleges</li> <li>• Enhancement of teacher salaries and training</li> <li>• Scholarships and financial aid for students</li> <li>• Digital initiatives in education</li> </ul>



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