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## Telangana State Regional News

<p><b>PM-KISAN Scheme</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approximately <b>8 million farmers in Telangana</b> benefited from the <b>Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme</b> to support the financial needs of landholding farmers.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The PM-KISAN is a Central Sector Scheme launched in <b>2019</b> with <b>100% funding</b> from the Government of India.</li> <li>It is being implemented by the <b>Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare</b>.</li> <li><b>Objective:</b> To provide eligible farmers with an annual financial assistance of ₹6,000. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This assistance is distributed in <b>three equal installments of ₹2,000 each every 4 months</b>, via <b>Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)</b> into beneficiaries' bank accounts.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Think</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is a <b>Direct Benefit Transfer Scheme</b>?</li> </ul>
<p><b>World Bank-Telangana Partnership</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>Telangana government and the World Bank</b> have agreed to form a cross-functional team to develop practical projects.</li> <li>The projects include <b>skill development, urban revitalization, Net Zero initiatives</b>, and improvements in citizen healthcare, diagnostics, and electronic records.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The World Bank was created in <b>1944</b>, as the <b>International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)</b> along with the IMF. The IBRD later became the World Bank.</li> <li>It is one of the United Nations' specialized agencies.</li> <li><b>Members:</b> 189 member countries. <b>India</b> is also a <b>member country</b>.</li> <li><b>Major Reports:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ease of Doing Business (Stopped publishing)</li> <li>Human Capital Index</li> <li>World Development Report</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



<p>Sitarama Lift Irrigation - Launch</p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>Sitarama lift irrigation scheme</b> was inaugurated by Telangana CM Revanth Reddy.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is constructed at <b>Dummugudem village</b> in Bhadradri kothagudem District.</li> <li>It is the <b>third largest</b> biggest project after <b>Kaleshwaram</b> and <b>Palmuru Ranga Reddy lift irrigation scheme</b>.</li> <li>This project aims to divert <b>Godavari river water</b> to irrigate 2.72 lakh hectares in <b>three districts of Bhadradri Kothagudem, Khammam and Mahabubabad districts of Telangana</b>.</li> <li>It also aims to generate 280 megawatts of hydro-electric power, store 36.57 tmc ft of water, and irrigate 1.13 lakh acres in Yellandu, Pinapaka, and Wyra constituencies.</li> </ul> <p><b>Think</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme</li> </ul>
<p>Reports in News: 'Empowering Telangana education system'</p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)</b> has released a report titled '<b>Empowering Telangana education system</b>'- which recorded the latest trends in school and higher education in the state.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key findings:</b></p> <p><b>Comparative Lagging:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Telangana lags behind its peer states in South India in terms of education.</li> <li>PwC recommends a <b>higher allocation of the state budget to education</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Issues in School Education:</b></p> <p><b>Decline in Reading Skills and PGI:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Over the past decade, a decline in reading skills was observed among school students.</li> <li>The <b>Performance Grade Index (PGI)</b> dropped in <b>19 districts across the state</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Low Budget Allocation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Telangana has the <b>lowest percentage of state budget allocated to education</b>, with a <b>continuous decline over the years</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Concerns in Higher Education</b></p> <p><b>Overcapacity in Professional Institutes:</b></p>



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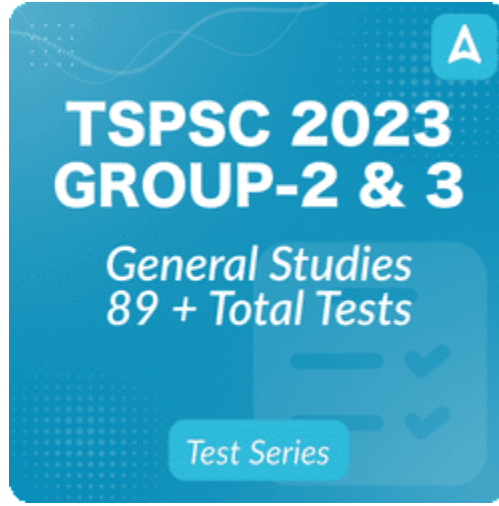
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- Many professional institutes are facing overcapacity, with one in three seats remaining vacant.
- Only a few state institutes rank among the top, and less than half of higher educational institutions are accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC).
- Only 50% of students enrolled in professional courses complete their education.



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