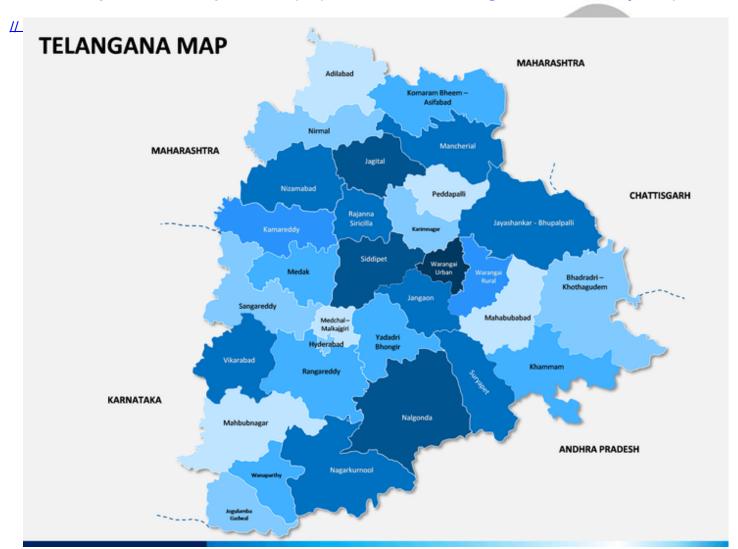


Telangana Formation Day

Why in News?

■ Telangana's Governor greeted the people of the state on <u>Telangana formation day</u> (2nd June).



What are the Key Points about Telangana?

About:

- On 2nd June, 2014 the northwestern part of Andhra Pradesh was separated and 29th state Telangana was created.
- The Andhra State Act (1953) formed the first linguistic state of India, known as the state
 of Andhra, by taking out the Telugu speaking areas from the State of Madras (now Tamil
 Nadu).

- The **States Reorganisation Act (1956)** merged the Telugu-speaking areas of Hyderabad state with the Andhra state to create the enlarged Andhra Pradesh state.
- The Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act (2014) bifurcated Andhra Pradesh into two separate states, namely, the Andhra Pradesh (residuary) and the Telangana.

Capital:

Hyderabad

Borders:

 Telangana is surrounded by Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh in the North, Karnataka in the West and Andhra Pradesh in the South and East directions.

Four Icons of Telangana:

- State Bird Palapitta (Indian Roller or Blue Jay).
- State Animal Jinka (Deer).
- **State Tree** Jammi Chettu (Prosopis Cineraria).
- State Flower Tangedu (Tanner's Cassia).

Popular Festivals:

- The Hindu festivals like Ugadi, Srirama Navami, Bonalu, Vinayaka Chaturthi,
 Dasara, Deepavali, Sankranti, Holi, Mahashivaratri are celebrated with pomp, gaiety and devotion.
- **Dasara** is the main festival with the epithet 'pedda panduga'.

Global Recognition:

- Ramappa Temple, at Mulugu district presents the distinct style of Kakatiyas. The foundation of this temple is "sandbox technique". It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Sadarmatt anicut across river Godavari in Nirmal district and Pedda Cheruvu in Kamareddy district are in the <u>ICID Register of Heritage Irrigation Structures</u>.

National Parks:

- Kasu Brahmananda Reddy National Park
- Mahavir Harina Vanasthali National Park
- Mrugavani National Park

Wild Life Sanctuaries:

- Kinnersani Wildlife Sanctuary
- Eturnagaram Wildlife Sanctuary
- Kawal Tiger Reserve
- Lanja Madugu Siwaram Wildlife Sanctuary
- Manjeera Crocodile Wildlife Sanctuary
- Nagarjuna Sagar-Srisailam Wildlife Sanctuary
- Pakhal Wildlife Sanctuary
- Pocharam Wildlife Sanctuary
- Pranahita Wildlife Sanctuary

Water Dispute:

Krishna River Dispute

Other Related Initiative:

Telangana approved the use of the <u>Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)</u>
 <u>devised Drone-Based Vaccine Delivery Model, i-drone</u> for delivering vaccines in remote areas.

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