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Telangana Current Affairs

1. Telangana's Per-Capita Income: Growth and Inclusive Development – TG State portal

Why in News?

Recently, during Praja Palana Dinotsavam, the Chief Minister cited Telangana's per-capita income at ₹4,18,931, approximately 91% above the national average.

Economic Significance

- **Indicator:** Per-capita income represents average income per person and provides a broad measure of economic prosperity.
- **Growth drivers:** IT and other services, industrial activity, investment and urbanisation, particularly around Hyderabad.
- **Development context:** Telangana's economic performance creates opportunities for employment, infrastructure expansion and improved living standards.

Challenges

- **Regional disparities:** Hyderabad-led growth may not translate into equal prosperity across rural and less-developed districts.
- **Income inequality:** Average income does not reveal how income is distributed among households.
- **Employment quality:** High income levels must be accompanied by productive jobs, skill development and secure livelihoods.
- **Sectoral imbalance:** Agriculture and informal-sector workers may not benefit equally from services-led growth.

Way Forward

- Promote district-level industrialisation and rural enterprises.
- Strengthen agriculture, MSMEs, skill development and labour-intensive sectors.
- Improve access to education, healthcare and social protection.
- Track district-wise income, employment and poverty indicators to assess inclusive growth.

2. Telangana's GST Collections Rise 18% in September 2026 – Deccan Chronicle

Why in News?

Telangana recorded GST collections of ₹5,327 crore in September 2026, an 18% year-on-year increase from ₹4,512 crore in September 2025. The report was published on 1 October 2026.

Economic Significance

- **Revenue mobilisation:** Higher GST collections can strengthen the State's own-tax revenue and support expenditure on infrastructure, welfare and public services.
- **Economic activity:** Growth may indicate increased taxable transactions, consumption and improved tax compliance.

- **State economy:** Hyderabad's IT and services sectors, industrial activity and commercial networks contribute to Telangana's economic base. However, the specific drivers of September's growth require further evidence.
- **Fiscal autonomy:** Stronger tax revenues can improve the State's capacity to finance development, although actual fiscal health also depends on expenditure, debt and other revenue sources.

Key Concepts

- GST is a destination-based indirect tax introduced on 1 July 2017.
- CGST: Central tax on intra-State supplies; SGST: State tax on intra-State supplies; IGST: Tax on inter-State supplies and imports.
- The GST Council, constituted under Article 279A, recommends key GST-related measures.

Challenges

- Revenue fluctuations due to changing consumption and business cycles.
- Uneven distribution of economic activity across districts.
- Tax evasion and compliance gaps among businesses.

Way Forward

- Strengthen data-driven tax administration and e-invoicing compliance.
- Expand the formal tax base while supporting MSMEs.
- Promote balanced economic growth beyond Hyderabad.

3. El Niño and Telangana's Drought Concerns – Telangana Today

Why in News?

On 18 September 2026, the Telangana Legislative Assembly unanimously adopted a resolution seeking a ₹20,000-crore Central assistance package to address rainfall deficits, agricultural distress and drought-related challenges.

Key Impacts

- **Rainfall deficit:** August recorded a 38% rainfall deficit, intensifying concerns over agricultural and water security.
- **Agriculture:** Kharif cultivation declined to 123.74 lakh acres from 139.29 lakh acres in the previous year, while paddy cultivation fell by approximately 18%.
- **Water security:** Low reservoir and tank storage threatens irrigation, drinking-water availability and livestock livelihoods.
- **Power and employment:** Increased irrigation demand and crop losses can intensify electricity requirements and rural livelihood distress.

Assembly Resolution

- Sought ₹20,000 crore for drought mitigation, drinking water and irrigation.

- Requested 50 additional employment days beyond the existing 125 days under the employment scheme cited in the resolution.
- Sought crop-loss assistance, fertiliser supplies, additional electricity and restoration of water resources.
- Requested an increase in the FY 2026–27 borrowing limit from 3% to 3.5% of GSDP.

Way Forward

- Promote drought-resistant crops, micro-irrigation and watershed development.
- Restore tanks, recharge groundwater and strengthen crop insurance.
- Improve early-warning systems and Centre–State coordination.

4. Telangana's Unified Water-Security Model – Times of India

Why in News?

Telangana presented its integrated water-security model at the Departmental Summit on Water organised by the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti in New Delhi on 1–2 September 2026.

Key Features

- **Unified planning:** One water-security plan, a designated lead agency, accountable financing and measurable outcomes.
- **Digital monitoring:** A comprehensive, geotagged water-asset register identifying each asset's location, funding source, implementing agency and intended benefits.
- **Tank restoration:** Telangana has nearly 44,000 minor irrigation sources, of which approximately 28,000 tanks have reportedly been mapped, geotagged and restored.
- **Conservation outcomes:** These interventions reportedly stabilised irrigation across 25.7 lakh acres and recovered approximately 9.7 TMC of storage capacity. Water-conservation structures increased from 5.61 lakh to 15.88 lakh.

Significance

- **Agriculture:** Improves irrigation reliability and supports farmers' livelihoods.
- **Governance:** Strengthens transparency, interdepartmental coordination and outcome-based monitoring.
- **Sustainability:** Supports rainwater harvesting, local water storage and climate resilience.
- **Rural development:** Complements the Catch the Rain campaign and efforts to sustain rural drinking-water supplies.

Challenges and Way Forward

- Ensure regular desilting, maintenance, groundwater recharge and equitable water distribution.
- Integrate surface-water management with aquifer monitoring and community participation.

5. Yadadri Thermal Power Plant: Coal Supply and Energy Security – Times of India

Why in News?

A Telangana government review in September 2026 highlighted the need for suitable G-9 grade coal for the Yadadri Thermal Power Plant and the additional transportation costs of sourcing coal from outside the State.

Key Issues

- **Coal quality:** G-9 is a non-coking coal grade classified by gross calorific value (GCV). Matching coal quality with boiler specifications is essential for efficient power generation.
- **Logistics burden:** Long-distance coal transportation increases freight expenditure, supply-chain dependence and the risk of delays.
- **Power-sector finances:** Higher fuel and transport costs can raise generation expenses and place pressure on electricity utilities and State finances.
- **Energy security:** Reliable fuel supplies are essential to meet Telangana's electricity demand from households, agriculture and industry.

Significance for Telangana

- **Economic growth:** Dependable electricity supports industrial investment, commercial activity and agricultural operations.
- **Infrastructure planning:** Efficient coal procurement, transport coordination and inventory management can improve plant reliability.
- **Environmental concerns:** Coal-based generation contributes to greenhouse-gas emissions, air pollution and fly-ash management challenges.

Way Forward

- Secure long-term coal-supply arrangements and optimise rail-based transportation.
- Improve plant efficiency, fuel monitoring and inventory planning.
- Complement thermal power with solar, wind, storage and other cleaner energy sources.

6. PMAY-G: Rural Housing Expansion in Telangana – Times of India

Why in News?

On 18 September 2026, the Union Rural Development Minister announced the release of the first instalment for constructing 2 lakh rural houses in Telangana, highlighting renewed efforts to strengthen rural housing security.

Key Features of PMAY-G

- **Launch:** 2016; implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development.
- **Objective:** Provide pucca houses with basic amenities to eligible rural households that are houseless or living in inadequate housing.
- **Beneficiary identification:** Based on prescribed deprivation and eligibility criteria, subject to applicable verification and inclusion procedures.

- **Financial assistance:** Generally ₹1.20 lakh per unit in plain areas and ₹1.30 lakh in specified hilly and difficult areas, with applicable Centre–State cost-sharing arrangements.
- **Convergence:** Supports linkages with sanitation, LPG, electricity, drinking water and wage employment through relevant government programmes.

Significance for Telangana

- **Social justice:** Improves housing security and dignity for vulnerable rural families.
- **Rural economy:** Generates construction employment and demand for local materials and services.
- **Inclusive development:** Supports better living conditions and reduces housing deprivation.

Challenges and Way Forward

- Address beneficiary exclusion, land constraints, construction-cost inflation and delays in fund transfers.
- Strengthen transparent beneficiary verification, geo-tagged monitoring, quality checks and timely instalments.

7. Bhu Bharati and Digital Land Governance in Telangana – TG State portal

Why in News?

Telangana's Praja Palana Dinotsavam address on 17 September 2026 highlighted land-administration reforms, including Bhu Bharati, Bhu Dhar and AI-based Bhu Mithra services.

Key Initiatives

- **Bhu Bharati:** Telangana's land-records and registration framework, established under the Telangana Bhu Bharati (Record of Rights in Land) Act, 2025, aims to improve land-record management and grievance redressal.
- **Bhu Dhar:** Highlighted as part of the State's land-administration initiatives; its precise functions should be verified against official documentation.
- **Bhu Mithra:** The reported AI-based service represents the use of emerging technology to improve citizen access to land-related information and services.

Significance

- **Transparency:** Digitised records can improve traceability and reduce administrative discretion.
- **Farmers' welfare:** More accessible records can facilitate land transactions and access to eligible institutional benefits.
- **Dispute resolution:** Updated records and accessible grievance mechanisms can help address land-record discrepancies.
- **Ease of governance:** Technology can reduce delays, paperwork and repeated visits to revenue offices.

Challenges and Way Forward

- Address inaccurate legacy records, disputed ownership, data privacy and digital exclusion.
- Combine digitisation with field verification, legal safeguards, assisted service centres and time-bound grievance redressal.

8. Telangana's Crop-Loan Waiver and Rythu Bharosa – TG State Portal

Why in News?

Telangana's Praja Palana Dinotsavam address on 17 September 2026 highlighted farmer-welfare expenditure, crop-loan waivers and agricultural assistance, underscoring the State's focus on farm-income support.

Key Initiatives:

- **Crop-Loan Waiver**
  - **Maximum benefit:** Waiver of eligible crop loans up to ₹2 lakh per farmer family, including principal and interest.
  - **Eligible loans:** Short-term crop loans obtained between 12 December 2018 and 9 December 2023 from eligible scheduled commercial, rural and district cooperative banks.
  - **Implementation:** Governed by G.O. Rt. No. 567, dated 15 July 2024; beneficiary verification and grievance redressal mechanisms support implementation.
  - **Reported achievement:** The State Government reported waiving ₹20,677 crore in agricultural loans for 25.35 lakh farmers in its June 2026 announcement.
- Rythu Bharosa
  - **Objective:** Provides direct investment assistance to eligible farmers to meet cultivation expenses and support agricultural productivity.
  - **Financial assistance:** ₹12,000 per acre annually, generally disbursed in two seasonal instalments of ₹6,000 per acre.
  - **Implementation:** Funds are transferred directly to beneficiaries' bank accounts to support timely access to agricultural working capital.
  - **Reported achievement:** In June 2026, the State launched a disbursement phase, releasing ₹2,482.02 crore initially to benefit 41.37 lakh farmers and announcing a total release of ₹9,000 crore over nine days.
- **Agricultural support:** Complements broader interventions aimed at improving farm livelihoods and rural economic security.

Significance

- **Farm income:** Investment assistance can help farmers manage seasonal cultivation costs.
- **Rural economy:** Debt relief and agricultural spending can support rural consumption and local economic activity.
- **Financial inclusion:** Loan waivers can help eligible borrowers regain creditworthiness, subject to lending institutions' procedures.

- **Social protection:** Provides short-term relief to indebted farmers facing crop losses, price volatility and rising input costs.

Challenges

- Recurring indebtedness, tenant-farmer exclusion and uneven access to formal credit can limit effectiveness.
- Large fiscal commitments may constrain spending on irrigation, research and agricultural infrastructure.

Way Forward

- Strengthen transparent beneficiary verification, timely payments and tenant-farmer coverage.
- Complement welfare support with irrigation, crop diversification, market access, insurance and sustainable farming.

9. Telangana's Women's Self-Help Groups: Financial Inclusion and Economic Empowerment – TG State Portal

Why in News?

On 17 September 2026, the Telangana government highlighted bank linkages worth ₹60,487 crore and interest support of ₹1,900 crore for 4.54 lakh women's Self-Help Groups (SHGs).

Key Initiatives

- **Bank linkages:** Connect SHGs with institutional credit to support savings, entrepreneurship and livelihood activities.
- **Interest support:** Reduces borrowing costs and improves access to affordable credit.
- **Indira Mahila Shakti:** Promotes women-led enterprises and aims to make women economically self-reliant.
- **Income generation:** Women's marts, petrol pumps and RTC rental buses create opportunities beyond traditional livelihood activities.

Significance

- **Economic empowerment:** Enhances women's income, financial independence and decision-making power.
- **Rural development:** Supports micro-enterprises, local employment and livelihood diversification.
- **Financial inclusion:** Strengthens access to formal banking and reduces dependence on informal lenders.
- **Social transformation:** Encourages collective leadership, entrepreneurship and participation in local governance.

Challenges

- Limited market access, business skills, digital literacy and enterprise sustainability can constrain SHG growth.
- Credit expansion must be matched by repayment capacity and viable business opportunities.

Way Forward

- Strengthen skill development, digital payments, branding, market linkages and professional management.
- Expand access to affordable credit, mentoring and public procurement opportunities.

10. Telangana Praja Palana Dinotsavam 2026: Welfare and Inclusive Development – TG State portal

Why in News?

Telangana observed Praja Palana Dinotsavam on 17 September 2026. The Chief Minister highlighted welfare delivery, social justice and the vision of building a modern Telangana. 17 September 1948 marks the integration of Hyderabad State into the Indian Union.

Key Highlights

- **Agriculture:** ₹2 lakh crop-loan waiver benefited 25.35 lakh farmer families; Rythu Bharosa supports farm investment.
- **Women's Empowerment:** Mahalakshmi free bus travel, Gruha Jyothi and financial support to women's Self-Help Groups promote economic independence.
- **Housing and Social Security:** Indiramma housing, ration benefits and social-security pensions target vulnerable households.
- **Education and Healthcare:** Young India Integrated Residential Schools, Skills University and enhanced Rajiv Aarogyasri coverage strengthen human development.
- **Economic Growth:** Telangana's reported per-capita income reached ₹4,18,931. Telangana Rising 2047 aims to build a $3 trillion economy.
- **Infrastructure:** Bharat Future City, Metro expansion and Musi rejuvenation feature in the State's development agenda.

Significance and Challenges

- Significance: Strengthens welfare-oriented governance, financial inclusion, human capital and regional development.
- Challenges: Fiscal sustainability, equitable access, quality of public services, employment generation and effective implementation.

Way Forward

- Link welfare spending with measurable outcomes, transparent beneficiary selection, social audits and sustainable job creation.

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