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## Andhra Pradesh State Regional News

## World Tobacco Growers' Day celebrated



## In News:

- The Federation of All India Farmer Associations (FAIFA) in association with the International Tobacco Growers Association (ITGA) celebrated World Tobacco Growers' Day at the Tobacco Auction Centre-2.

## Key points:

- FAIFA and ITGA are celebrating the World Tobacco Growers' Day for the twelfth consecutive year.

## About World Tobacco Growers' Day:

- World Tobacco Growers' Day is celebrated annually to recognize the **contributions of tobacco farmers** and their families.
- Tobacco is a **major cash crop** for many farmers around the world.
- The objective of celebrating this day is:
  1. To raise awareness of the **health risks** of tobacco use
  2. To promote the **economic importance** of tobacco farming
  3. To encourage tobacco farmers to switch to growing other crops

## Theme of World Tobacco Growers' Day 2023:

"Crop substitution: A better future for tobacco farmers and their communities"

## 'Amrit Kalash' special train from Vijayawada to Delhi

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- As part of **Na Bhoomi.. Naa Desam** campaign, **Amrit Kalasyatra special train left from Vijayawada Railway Station to Delhi**
- It was done as a **part of the year-long Azadi Ka Amrit mahotsavam**, which is being held on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the country's independence.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 25th <b>ICID(International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage)</b> Congress will address agri-sector challenges, irrigation innovations, and future water management.</li> <li>• City hosts the 7th <b>IEC(International Executive Council (IEC))</b> meeting of ICID to explore water resource solutions from November 2 to 8.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Andhra flavors in France and Belgium chocolates</b></p>	<p><b>In News:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government's efforts to bring world-class branding to <b>Andhra 'cocoa'</b> are bearing fruit as Andhra flavors are now in <b>France and Belgium chocolates</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With the success of exporting premium cocoa beans <b>produced by the Farmer Producers Association (FPO)</b> to France as a pilot project, preparations are being made to export to France and Belgium along with five more FPOs in Chennai, Mumbai and Kerala.</li> </ul> <p><b>Cocoa production in India</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cocoa is an important <b>plantation crop</b> grown for chocolates around the world.</li> <li>• In India Cocoa is being cultivated in the <b>States of Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu</b> in an area of 1,03,376 ha with total production of 27,072 MT.</li> <li>• <b>Andhra Pradesh ranks first</b> in area with 39,714 ha and production of 10,903 MT.</li> <li>• The highest productivity is also in <b>Andhra Pradesh which is 950 kg/ha</b> .</li> <li>• The average productivity of cocoa in India is <b>669 Kg/ha</b>.</li> </ul>



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Major cocoa growing districts of AP

West Godavari - 20,595 hectares

East Godavari - 5,920 hectares

Krishna - 760 hectares

Srikakulam - 576 hectares

Visakhapatnam - 300 hectares

Vizianagaram - 171 hectares



AP is major producer of cocoa

28,375 hectares: Area under cocoa cultivation in State

8,155 metric tonnes of annual production of cocoa beans in State

5,000 hectares of new plantation being raised every year

4% reservation for disabled persons in jobs and promotions

Context:

- APPSC has issued orders to implement 4 percent reservation in job appointments and promotions for disabled persons.
- It has suggested that disabled persons in the state can register on the website.



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