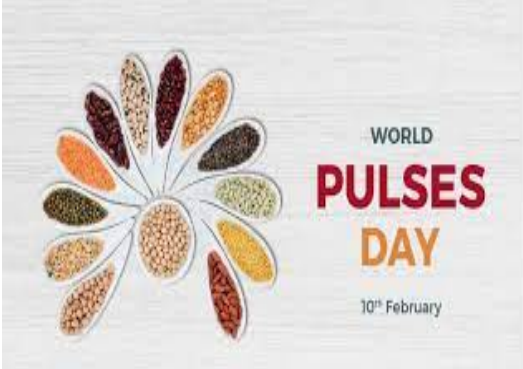





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<p><b>World Pulses Day</b></p> 	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In 2018, the United Nations General Assembly declared February 10 as World Pulses Day.</li> <li>• This day was established to emphasize the importance of pulses in mitigating global food challenges, improving human health, and improving soil health.</li> <li>• This includes dry edible seeds like lentils, chickpeas, beans, and dry peas.</li> <li>• The theme for World Pulses Day 2024 is 'Pulses: Nourishing soil and people.'</li> <li>• This theme emphasizes the positive impact of pulses on both soil health and human nutrition.</li> </ul> <p><b>Did you Know?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Burkina Faso proposed the observance of World Pulses Day.</li> <li>• The Year 2016 was declared as the International Year of Pulses.</li> <li>• India is the largest producer of pulses in the world</li> </ul>
<p><b>TS Govt considering Rs. 12,000 annual sustenance allowance to autorickshaw drivers</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Telangana government is actively considering providing an annual sustenance allowance of Rs. 12,000 to auto rickshaw drivers in the state.</li> <li>• It aims to support drivers facing economic challenges due to factors like rising fuel prices and competition from ride-hailing apps.</li> <li>• While the modalities of the scheme are still being worked out, it has garnered mixed reactions.</li> </ul>
<p><b>New sand policy soon</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stating that the present sand policy in Telangana has become a scourge of corruption, CM has announced that a new sand policy would be unveiled with the interests of the consumers in mind apart from generating revenue for the government.</li> <li>• He also said that surprise inspections were already conducted in Nizamabad and Warangal with the transport department on February 3.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During the inspections 83 sand lorries were checked and 22 lorries were found to be unauthorized.</li> <li>• Four to five lorries were found transporting sand with the same permit and same number.</li> <li>• The surprise inspection revealed 25% of the sand was being moved illegally and all these irregularities were taking place with the epicenter being Telangana State Mineral Development Corporation (TSMDC).</li> </ul>
<p>BioAsia 2024 to feature MSME pavilion</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BioAsia 2024, Asia's leading life sciences summit, promises to be a hub for groundbreaking advancements and impactful collaborations.</li> <li>• The 21st edition of the BioAsia 2024 event is scheduled from February 26-28 in Hyderabad.</li> <li>• Among its highlights is the dedicated MSME pavilion, specifically designed to showcase the ingenuity and potential of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) within the life sciences and healthcare sectors.</li> </ul>
<p>National Deworming Day</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Deworming Day (NDD) is observed annually on February 10th in India</li> <li>• It aims to make every child in the country "worm-free."</li> <li>• It was launched in 2015, and the initiative targets children aged 1-19 years, both enrolled and non-enrolled in schools, through platforms like schools and Anganwadi centers.</li> <li>• Theme of National Deworming Day 2024 is "Eliminate STH: Invest in a healthier future for children"</li> <li>• It revolves around public health, with a specific focus on preventing and controlling parasitic worm infections, particularly in children</li> </ul> <p>Significance:</p> <p>Reduces worm infections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soil-transmitted helminths (intestinal worms) are prevalent in India, leading to health issues like anemia, malnutrition, impaired cognitive development, and reduced school attendance. NDD tackles this by mass deworming children.</li> </ul> <p>Improves overall health:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By eliminating worms, NDD improves children's overall health, nutritional status, and quality of life,</li> </ul>



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