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## Telangana State Regional News

<p><b>TSRTC staff to get 43.2 % DA</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The existing <b>31.8 per cent DA</b> will be merged into the <b>basic pay</b> of the employees, which roughly will work out to <b>43.2 per cent DA</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TSRTC finalizes a <b>43.2% Dearness Allowance (DA)</b> for employees in a wage revision.</li> <li>The revised DA will be calculated on the post-revision basic salary and included in the pay.</li> <li>Additionally, State government's recently revised <b>House Rent Allowance (HRA)</b> will apply to <b>RTC employees</b>.</li> <li>DA dues, paid promptly due to consistent demands from labour unions and efforts by TSRTC Managing Director VC Sajjanar.</li> <li>With all past dues cleared, <b>Telangana RTC employees are set to receive salaries based on the revised DA</b>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Benefits of Biochar Utilisation with Farm Residue for Farmers</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>ICRISAT researchers</b> introduce <b>decentralised biochar production systems</b> for <b>farm-level sustainability</b>.</li> <li>Solution aimed at addressing farm residue challenges.</li> <li>Design of affordable, operable kiln explored to support smallholder farmers.</li> <li><b>Low-cost technology</b> to offer <b>sustainable solution for crop residues</b>.</li> <li>Aligns with government incentives for voluntary carbon markets and environmental initiatives.</li> </ul> <p><b>ICRISAT:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Established in <b>1972</b>, the <b>International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT)</b> is headquartered in <b>Hyderabad, India</b>.</li> <li>It focuses on agricultural research for semi-arid tropics. <b>Dr. Jacqueline Hughes</b> is the <b>current Director General</b>, leading efforts in sustainable farming practices and food security in vulnerable regions worldwide.</li> </ul>
<p><b>EFLU hosts French festival for</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p>

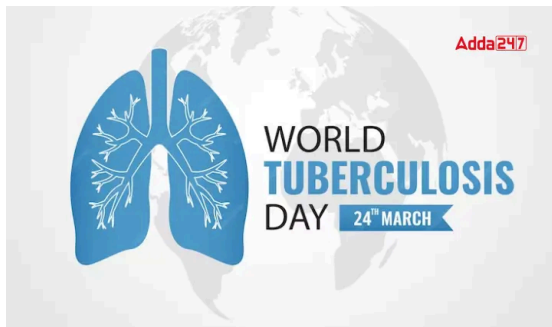


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## International Francophonie Day

- The Department of **French and Francophone Studies at EFLU organised a four-day French festival for International Francophonie Day.**
- Francophonie Day celebrates French language and culture, uniting people from 28 countries where French is spoken.
- International Francophonie Day (**La Journée De La Francophonie**), which is celebrated on **March 20 every year.**

## World Tuberculosis day



## Context:

- Every year on **March 24th, World Tuberculosis (TB) Day is observed worldwide to raise awareness about the devastating health, social, and economic consequences of TB, and to step up efforts to end the global TB epidemic.**
- This day commemorates the date in **1882 when Dr. Robert Koch announced his discovery of Mycobacterium tuberculosis**, the bacteria that causes tuberculosis, a disease that still affects millions globally.

## It aims to:

- Raise Awareness:**
  - a. World TB Day serves as a platform to educate individuals, communities, policymakers, and healthcare professionals about the signs, symptoms, transmission, prevention, and treatment of tuberculosis.
- Mobilize Resources:**
  - a. World TB Day mobilises resources from governments, international organisations, civil society, the private sector, and other stakeholders to support TB research, innovation, and implementation of evidence-based interventions aimed at ending the TB epidemic.
- Empower Communities:**
  - a. Empowering communities and engaging affected individuals as advocates and agents of change are key components of TB control efforts. World TB Day encourages community involvement, active participation,
- Promote Partnerships:**
  - a. Collaboration and partnerships among governments, non-governmental organisations, academia, communities, and affected individuals are essential to achieve the ambitious targets set for ending TB.



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**Theme:**

- The theme for World Tuberculosis (TB) Day 2024 is "Yes! We can end TB!"

**Telangana Government Withdraws Vehicle Subsidy Under T-PRIDE Initiative**

**Context:**

- Telangana Government halts subsidy for vehicles under T-PRIDE scheme aimed at Dalit entrepreneurship.
- Scheme initiated in 2015 to promote self-employment among SC, ST, and disabled individuals.
- Male beneficiaries eligible for 35% subsidy, while women eligible for 45% subsidy to start small-scale industries or purchase vehicles.
- Subsidy discontinued for vehicles after scheme review; priority shifted to industrial establishment.
- Congress government responds to beneficiary requests, redirects focus to industry setup under T-PRIDE initiative.



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