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IIMR to introduce rice-like millets



Context:

- **Indian Institute of Millets Research (IIMR)** said that millets research has thrown up a variety of **millets that look just like rice**.
- Millets are being altered into the shape of rice, to attract those averse to consuming millets into eating these food grains.
- It is an initiative to earn more acceptability for the **3,000-year-old group of cereals**.
- While reconstituting **millets into rice**, it can fortify them to address a particular **nutritional demand** for a particular set of consumers, and to increase the shelf-life and digestion

About Millets:

- India has been the **largest producer of millets** in the world
- It has **19 percent of the global area** under millet cultivation
- India produces 11 out of 18 millets cultivated in 131 countries around the world.
- Millets could help prevent heart ailments, colon cancer, and type-2 diabetes
- It could also aid in weight loss
- Millets are gluten-free food which is good for pregnant and lactating mothers and prevents malnutrition in children.


VIIth Nizam's reverse glass painting in Telangana



Context:

- A **glass painting of the seventh Nizam Mir Osman Ali Khan** is preserved in the **Nizam's Museum in Purani Haveli**.
- It is a **unique and rare reverse glass painting made with precious and semi-precious stones, which was gifted by Queen Victoria to the Nizam in 1936**.
- The painting was **made by Glass Craft Company Limited** which was based in London.
- Several types of precious stones which were powdered and mixed were used in the painting. For Example,
 - To make the **white pigment diamond, pearl and white lead** were used



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For green color - It was made using emerald, jade, turquoise, moss and agate. ○ The pink color - It was made by combining ruby, cinnabar and spinel ○ The yellow - It was made of topaz, corundum and cats eye. ○ The sky blue color - It was made using lapis lazuli ○ The black - It was made of sang-e-musa and fine coal.
<p>Open Defecation Free (ODF) Plus Strategy</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Open Defecation Free (ODF) Plus Strategy is an extension of the ODF program, which was launched in 2014 with the goal of making India free from open defecation. ● The ODF Plus Strategy aims to sustain the gains made under the ODF program and ensure that villages remain free from open defecation in the long run. <p>The ODF Plus Strategy focuses on the following key areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Solid and liquid waste management: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The ODF Plus Strategy aims to ensure that all solid and liquid waste generated in villages is managed in a safe and sustainable manner. ○ This will involve the construction of individual household toilets, community toilets, and solid waste management facilities. 2. Sanitary behavior change: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The ODF Plus Strategy will focus on promoting sanitary behavior change among communities. ○ This will involve education and awareness campaigns, as well as the promotion of the use of toilets and handwashing facilities. 3. Capacity building: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The ODF Plus Strategy will focus on building the capacity of local communities and stakeholders to manage and maintain sanitation infrastructure.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This will involve training and support for village sanitation committees, panchayats, and other stakeholders.
GI Tag to Protein's Powerhouse - Tandur Red Gram	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tandur Redgram is the 16th product to bag a geographical indication (GI) tag. ● The Tandur Redgram is a local variety of pigeon pea that is primarily grown in the rain-fed tract ● of Tandur and nearby places in the State. ● This variety of dal contains 22-24% of protein, which is three times more than the other varieties. ● The specific quality traits of Tandur redgram have been attributed to the fertile, deep black soil containing huge deposits of attapulgitte clay mineral soils along with huge limestone deposits in this region. ● It has a good taste, better cooking quality and long storable nature.
Telangana State-Industrial Project Approval and Self-Certification System (TS-iPASS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● TS-iPASS was enacted in 2014 which provides clearances to all projects within 30 days and as per Invest India portal, it is recognized as one of the shortest periods across the country. ● The introduction of TS-iPASS has eased the administrative burden of setting up industries in the state to a great extent. ● This system is crucial to implementing the 'Right to Clearance' guaranteed to industrialists by the state. ● This guarantee is unique to Telangana and has been instrumental in Telangana's consistently high ranking in Ease of Doing Business (EoDB), compiled by the Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), since 2016

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