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<p>World Wetlands Day</p> <p>World Wetlands Day 2 February 2024</p>  <p>Wetlands and Human Wellbeing</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Wetlands Day is celebrated annually on February 2nd It aims to raise global awareness about the vital role of wetlands for both people and the planet. It also commemorates the signing of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands in 1971, an international treaty for the conservation and wise use of wetlands. The theme for 2024 is: "Wetlands and Human Wellbeing" It focuses on the interconnectedness between wetlands and various aspects of human wellbeing, including physical, mental and environmental health <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wetlands are ecosystems where water saturates the land for extended periods, creating unique habitats for diverse plants and animals. Examples include marshes, swamps, bogs, mangroves, and even rice paddies. <p>Did you Know?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The state of Tamil Nadu (14) has the most Ramsar sites in India, followed by the state of Uttar Pradesh with 10 sites. India currently has 80 sites designated as Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Sites).
<p>SCR gets ₹14,232 crore; to spend ₹4,089 crore on doubling, new lines this year</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The South Central Railway (SCR) has been allocated ₹14,232 crore in the current year's budget, marking a significant investment in India's railway infrastructure. A substantial portion of this budget (₹4,089 crore) is earmarked for doubling existing lines and constructing new railway lines, aiming to improve connectivity and cater to growing passenger and freight demands.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other key areas of focus include track renewals, road over and under bridges, and passenger amenities, reflecting a holistic approach to infrastructure development and enhancing the travel experience.
<p>Telangana, A.P. handover Krishna water management to River Board</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telangana and Andhra Pradesh agreed to hand over the operational control of 15 projects on the Krishna River, including the crucial Srisailem and Nagarjunasagar projects, to the Krishna River Management Board (KRMB). This marks a significant development in resolving the long-standing water dispute between the two states. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water release management: KRMB will now be responsible for regulating water releases from the 15 projects and the spillways of the two major reservoirs. This aims to ensure more equitable and transparent water sharing between the states. Operation and maintenance: However, the operation and maintenance of the projects will continue to be handled by the respective states - Srisailem by Andhra Pradesh and Nagarjunasagar by Telangana. Hydropower generation: The decision on managing the hydroelectric units at the projects remains unresolved. Both states will continue to operate them independently for now.
<p>Telangana's largest agri show KISAN 24 commences</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The second edition of KISAN Agri Show 2024 was inaugurated at the HITEX Exhibition Centre. The objective of this three-day event is focused on displaying the latest advancements in agriculture. KISAN Hyderabad 2024 is providing a good platform for exhibitors representing diverse sectors of the agricultural industry. It is an innovative initiative which successfully brought together diverse stakeholders in the agriculture sector. This event not only showcases innovations but also facilitates essential conversations for the sustainable growth of the agricultural sector in the State,



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The exhibition features an extensive range of products and services, including farm machinery, tractors, implements, water and irrigation solutions, etc.,.
<p>Gram panchayats to take over Mission Bhagiratha village water supply</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The State government has placed the operation and maintenance of the water supply system in the villages under the purview of gram panchayats. It has issued a GO directing the gram panchayats to maintain the intra-village water supply system from overhead service reservoir (OHSR) to household connection. The government has also tasked the gram panchayats also with operations such as chlorination and cleaning of OHSRs, issue of new tap connections, and repairs to pipelines <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mission Bhagiratha, launched in 2015, is a flagship program of the Telangana state government It is aimed at providing safe and sustainable piped drinking water to every household in the state, both rural and urban. This ambitious project has significantly improved the lives of millions of people, especially in rural areas where access to clean water was a major challenge.





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