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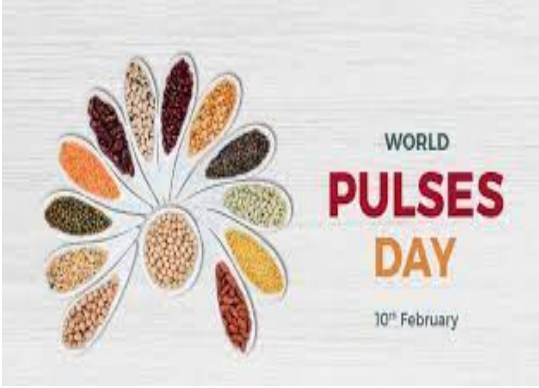| National Deworming Day	Context:
	National Deworming Day (NDD) is observed **annually on February 10th** in India - It aims to **make every child in the country "worm-free."** - It was **launched in 2015**,and the initiative targets **children aged 1-19 years,** both **enrolled and non-enrolled in schools,** through platforms like **schools and Anganwadi centers.** - Theme of National Deworming Day 2024 is **"Eliminate STH: Invest in a healthier future for children"** - It **revolves around public health**, with a specific **focus on preventing and controlling parasitic worm infections,** particularly in children **Significance:** **Reduces worm infections:** **Soil-transmitted helminths (intestinal worms)** are prevalent in India, leading to health issues **like anemia, malnutrition, impaired cognitive developmen**t, and reduced school attendance. **NDD tackles this by mass deworming children.** **Improves overall health:** - By eliminating worms, **NDD improves children's overall health, nutritional status,** and quality of life, contributing to better educational outcomes and future potential.

World Pulses Day WORLD PULSES DAY 10ᵗʰ February	**Context:** ● In **2018, the United Nations General Assembly declared February 10 as World Pulses Day.** ● This day was established to **emphasize the importance of pulses in mitigating global food challenges, improving human health,** and improving soil health. ● This **includes dry edible seeds like lentils, chickpeas, beans, and dry peas.** ● The **theme for World Pulses Day 2024 is 'Pulses: Nourishing soil and people.'** ● This **theme emphasizes the positive impact of pulses on both soil health and human nutrition.** **Did you Know?** ● **Burkina Faso proposed** the **observance of World Pulses Day.** ● The Year **2016** was declared as the **International Year of Pulses.** ● **India** is the **largest producer of pulses** in the **world.**
Acharya Nagarjuna University enters into an MoU for AI and machine learning	**Context:** ● **Acharya Nagarjuna University (ANU)** has taken a significant step towards equipping its students with **in-demand AI and machine learning skills** by signing a Memorandum of Understanding **(MoU) with the Artificial Intelligence Medical and Engineering Researchers Society (AIMERS) and Indian Servers Private Limited.** ● This **collaboration opens up exciting opportunities** for students in the Department of MBA Hospital Administration and Department of MBA Technology Management. ● The agreement, signed at ANU, is **aimed at providing internships, skill programmes such as artificial intelligence and machine learning,** IOT for students of these departments, and fostering collaboration.
Andhra Pradesh, in partnership with Amazon India, launches Future Engineer programme	**Context:** ● **Andhra Pradesh government and Amazon India joined forces to launch the Future Engineer Programme (AFEP),** a **transformative initiative aimed at equipping**

students with essential computer science **(CS) skills** and fostering future generations of tech talent.

- This **collaboration marks a significant step towards bridging the digital divide** and enhancing employability prospects for youth in the state.

Key Programme Features:

- The **program kicks off in Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, and Visakhapatnam districts**, targeting **10,000 students and 500** teachers during the 2024-25 academic year.
- By 2026-27, it's projected to **impact over 100,000 students statewide.**
- **500 teachers will undergo rigorous training** in computational thinking and **21st-century skills,** empowering them to deliver the CS curriculum effectively.
- This ensures high-quality instruction and student engagement.
- Opportunities to connect with A**mazon employees and industry experts will be facilitated, giving students valuable insights** into the tech industry and career paths.
- This exposure can **spark interest and guide their aspirations.**

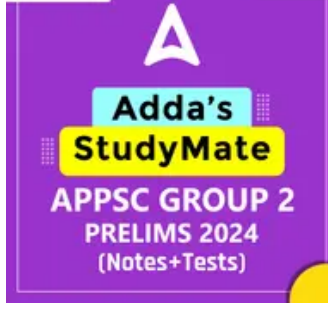|	
Rela Pandoom festival showcases cultural diversity of tribals thriving along River Godavari	**Context:** - The **Rela Pandoom festival**, held along the **banks of the Sabari River,** serves as a vibrant stage for showcasing the **rich cultural tapestry of tribal communities thriving along the Godavari River in South India**. - This **annual event, organized by the Adivasi Samkshema Parishad (ASP)**, aims to: - **Celebrate the diverse cultural heritage** - **Raise awareness about tribal issues** - **Promote cultural exchange and understanding**

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