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National Vaccination Day



Context:

- On 16 March 1995, the government of India started the pulse polio Immunization Programme as the first attempt of eradicating the disease from the country.
- Since then, March 16 has been celebrated as National Vaccination Day.

About:

- National Vaccination Day aims to raise awareness about the importance of vaccines.
- It recognizes the life-saving benefits of vaccination in preventing serious diseases.
- This day encourages people to get vaccinated and stay up-to-date on their immunizations.

Key Points:

- The vaccination campaign, "Do Boond Zindagi Ki," has targeted children between the ages of 0 and 5, and two drops of the vaccine orally are administered at public health centers.

Theme:

- The theme for National Vaccination Day 2024 is "Vaccines Work For All"

NDSA orders monitoring of cracks in NSP



Context:

- A report by a National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) team that visited the Nagarjuna Sagar Project (NSP), said that the cracks in the NSP piers should be mapped thoroughly and closely monitored for further analysis and investigation.

About:

- The report also highlighted exposed reinforcement cover on the girder bridge near Spillway Gates and seepage in the right bank powerhouse.
- The NDSA recommends a comprehensive dam safety evaluation and installation of seepage measuring devices.

NDSA:



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) is a relatively new agency in India, established in 2021 under the Ministry of Jal Shakti. • Its creation stemmed from the Dam Safety Act of the same year. <p>Nagarjuna Sagar Dam:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Nagarjuna Sagar Dam is a colossal masonry dam on the Krishna River • It holds the title of the world's largest masonry dam • It is built between the Nalgonda district of TS and Guntur district of AP • It is 124 meters tall and stretches to about 1.6 kilometers. • It provides irrigation water to five districts, including Khamman District, Nalgonda District, Guntur District, Prakasam District, and Krishna District. • This dam also supports the national grid with its electric power. • It is also one of the earliest projects built in post-independence India for irrigation and hydroelectricity generation • It derives its name from a nearby hillock and island called Nagarjunakonda, where an ancient Buddhist monk once lived.
<p>At 33.6%, Telangana has highest count of Muslim students pursuing higher education</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telangana has emerged as the Indian state with the highest Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER) for Muslim students pursuing higher education. • This ratio, at 33.6%, surpasses all other states, with Tamil Nadu coming in second at 27.6%. • The data also reveals that Muslim girls in the state have a slightly higher GER (34%) compared to boys (33%).
<p>TS govt to ensure effective implementation of ECBC</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Telangana government is taking steps to ensure strong implementation of the Energy Conservation Building Code (ECBC), particularly in urban areas. • This focus on energy efficiency in buildings has environmental and economic benefits. <p>Key Initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration: The government is working with organizations like Life Mission BEE to enforce ECBC effectively



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- **Technical Expertise:** A Technical Committee involving government officials and specialists was formed to guide implementation
- **Monitoring:** Mechanisms for monitoring and verifying energy performance in buildings are being developed
- **Focus on Cool Roofs:** Telangana recognizes cool roofs as a vital addition to ECBC, promoting their use in both commercial and residential buildings

Telangana govt. to take up comprehensive caste survey

Context:

- The TS government has decided to **launch a comprehensive door-to-door household survey (Kulaganana) to ascertain the socio-economic, educational, employment, political and caste status of the people across the State.**

About:

- The caste survey has been **proposed for effective planning and implementation** of various socio-economic, employment and political opportunities for **amelioration of problems of Backward Classes, SC and ST communities and other weaker sections of the State.**
- The government has issued orders for **taking up Kulaganana caste survey at a cost of ₹150 crore**

World Sleep Day

Context:

- **World Sleep Day is observed on the Friday before the March equinox** (This year it is 15th March)
- It is a global event raising awareness about the importance of sleep.

Key Points:

- It is **organized by the World Sleep Day Committee of the World Sleep Society, formerly World Association of Sleep Medicine (WASM)**
- The **first World Sleep Day was held on 14 March 2008.**

Theme:

- The **theme for this World Sleep Day is “Sleep Equity for Global Health”**



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- The day promotes the benefits of adequate sleep and the negative consequences of sleep disorders.
- It aims to educate people about sleep medicine, prevention, and management of sleep problems.

About:

- The March equinox or northward equinox is the equinox on the Earth when the subsolar point appears to leave the Southern Hemisphere and cross the celestial equator, heading northward as seen from Earth.
- The March equinox is known as the vernal equinox (spring equinox) in the Northern Hemisphere and as the autumnal equinox (autumn equinox) or fall equinox in the Southern Hemisphere.



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