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<p>World Health Day</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Health Day is celebrated annually on April 7th. • It was established by the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1948. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 1948, the WHO held the First World Health Assembly. • The Assembly decided to celebrate 7 April of each year, with effect from 1950, as the World Health Day. <p>Theme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The theme for World Health Day 2024 is "My health, my right". • This theme emphasizes the importance of ensuring everyone, everywhere has access to healthcare services, information, and education to live a healthy life.
<p>Vijayawada archer eager to shine at Paris Olympics</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vijayawada city's archery prodigy, Bommadevara Dhiraj, has emerged as a shining star on the international stage, securing prestigious titles and medals while leaving an indelible mark on Indian archery history. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the age of just 23, Dhiraj has cemented his position as India's top-ranked archer in the recurve category, holding the esteemed title of India No 1. • His journey began at the renowned Cherukuri Volga Archery Academy in Vijayawada, where he received guidance from trainers, Late Ch Lenin and Ch Satyanarayana.
<p>YVU to train on Mushroom cultivation</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yogi Vemana University (YVU) in India has launched a program to train people in mushroom cultivation • This program targets a variety of groups, including students, researchers, faculty, women entrepreneurs, and unemployed youth. • The initiative aims to empower individuals by equipping them with the skills to grow mushrooms, a nutritious and profitable agricultural product.



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About:

- Mushrooms belong to a separate kingdom of life called Fungi.
- Unlike plants, mushrooms don't contain chlorophyll and cannot photosynthesize
- The mushroom itself is the reproductive part of a much larger organism, the fungus
- Mushrooms are a good source of vitamins, minerals, and protein, and their cultivation can be an eco-friendly way to produce food.

IMA-A.P. releases 'Health Manifesto' for equal access to healthcare

Context:

- The Indian Medical Association's Andhra Pradesh chapter (IMA-A.P.) released a "Health Manifesto" on April 6th, 2024.
- This manifesto highlights existing gaps in the state's healthcare system and proposes measures to ensure everyone has equal access to quality care.

About:

- The first in the manifesto is **Universal Health Care** which should be an **entitled provision in the basic health package of every citizen.**
- The government should not only provide appropriate medical care but also address all the health determinants, including drinking water and sanitation.
- The **IMA demanded that the minimum allocation for health, which at present varies from 1.1 to 1.6% of GDP, one of the lowest in the world, should be increased to 2.5%**

AMR threat

- Highlighting that **Antimicrobial Resistance is an emerging threat in communicable diseases**, the IMA members said it has to be **tackled with urgency.**
- **The responsible use of antibiotics is a fundamental and effective strategy in containing AMR.**
- The members also **advocated the revival of the Indian Medical Services, which was discontinued in 1948**, to address the issue of paucity of professionalism in health management.



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