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<p>Green Tax</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vehicles that are 15 years old or older and fail to pass the required fitness tests will no longer be permitted to be registered or operate on roads from Jan 1, 2025. Vehicles that successfully pass the fitness test would be allowed to continue operating for an additional 3-5 years by paying green tax. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green tax, which is also known as pollution tax or environmental tax, is a tax paid on all commodities that pollute the environment. The government imposed a green levy on vehicles to discourage people from using older vehicles that create a lot of pollution.
<p>Places in news: Kolanupaka</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Around 6,000-year-old prehistoric ruins of ancient inhabitants were discovered by the members of the Kotha Telangana Charitra Brundam (KTCB) at Kolanupaka in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> They include Neolithic (6,000 years old) stone, Megalithic (4,000 years old) black and red wares, early historic (2,000 years old) black and red ware pottery items, Satavahana broken terracotta figurine, beads, shell used as money (Vishnukundin period) cowries, stone pestles, sandstones, the top of Visururai (stone grinder) and heaps of pottery shells. These remains were found on the banks of the Peethambaram stream in the Kolanupaka site.
<p>MSME</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government of Telangana will facilitate access to land via construction of dedicated industrial infrastructure for MSMEs and making land available at affordable prices. The policy identifies six core areas to spur MSME growth — access to land, funds, raw material, labor, technology and markets. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) are businesses that process, produce, and preserve



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	<p>goods and commodities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Government of India introduced the concept of MSMEs in 2006 through the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development (MSMED) Act.
<p>"Top 2% Most-Cited Researchers: Stanford and University of Hyderabad"</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A global study by John PA Ioannidis revealed that the Professor of Medicine, of Epidemiology and Population Health at Stanford University and 29 retired and present faculty members/associates from the University of Hyderabad are among the top 2% of most-cited researchers worldwide. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This prestigious ranking is based on standardized citations, h-index, co-authorship adjusted hm-index and a composite indicator (c-score). The August 2024 update includes over 2,17,000 researchers across 22 scientific fields and 174 subfields.
<p>Places in news: Pakhal Wildlife Sanctuary</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Telangana Fiber Grid project aimed at providing internet connectivity to households across the state is set to impact 5.6 hectares of wildlife habitat in the Pakhal Wildlife Sanctuary. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was established in the year 1952 and is located around 50 km away from the town of Warangal, in the state of Telangana. It is situated adjacent to the Pakhal Lake, an artificial lake. It is home to a variety of wildlife, including tigers, leopards, sloth bears, chital, nilgai, and four-horned antelope.

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