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<p>Tuberculosis (TB)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MIDHANI, the public sector enterprise of the Ministry of Defence, has sponsored a ₹16.55-lakh TRUENAT machine to aid in the early detection of tuberculosis (TB). The machine will help accelerate diagnosis and enable timely intervention. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuberculosis (TB) is a bacterial infection spread through inhaling tiny droplets from the coughs or sneezes of an infected person. It mainly affects the lungs, but it can affect any part of the body, including the tummy (abdomen), glands, bones and nervous system. India's National TB Elimination Programme is strengthened to meet the goal of ending the TB epidemic by 2025 from the country, five years ahead of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) for 2030. The National Strategic Plan for Tuberculosis Elimination(2017-2025) was developed to achieve the goal. Though the National Strategic Plan for Tuberculosis Elimination (2017-2025) outlined a paradigm shift in approach and strategy to achieve the ambitious goal, by 2020, it became clear that the NSP will not be able to meet these objectives. A new National Strategic Plan for Tuberculosis Elimination (2020-2025) to end TB was launched.
<p>Telangana Caste Survey</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The State government has decided to give another chance for those who missed the previous BC caste survey to enroll between February 16 and 28. Telangana BC Commission Chairman and members will actively participate in the program to raise awareness. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Telangana government conducted a comprehensive Socio Economic, Educational, Employment, Political, and Caste survey. It covered 3,54,77,554 individuals and 96.9% of households. The process involved 94,863 enumerators and 9,628 supervisors across 94,261 enumeration blocks. Data entry was performed by 76,000 operators within



	<p>36 days.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Population Breakdown <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ According to the survey, Backward Classes constitute 56.33% of the population. ○ Scheduled Castes (SC) account for 17.43% while Scheduled Tribes (ST) make up 10.45%. Other Castes (OC) account for 15.79%.
<p>Avian influenza</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● As a precautionary measure following reports of chicken deaths in neighboring states due to suspected Avian Influenza, the Nehru Zoological Park in Hyderabad has stopped supplying chicken and eggs to its carnivores. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Avian influenza, or bird flu, is a highly contagious viral infection that primarily affects birds. ● The H5N1 avian influenza virus was first detected in 1996 in China ('H' and 'N' stand for hemagglutinin & neuraminidase, the proteins on the virus's surface that regulate entry and exit in host cells). ● These viruses (Type A) occur naturally among wild aquatic birds worldwide and can infect domestic poultry and other bird and animal species. ● Migrating waterfowl, most notably wild ducks, are the natural carriers of bird flu viruses. ● Strains of avian influenza viruses can generally be classified into two categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Low pathogenicity avian influenza (LPAI) that typically causes little or no clinical signs; ○ High pathogenicity avian influenza (HPAI) can cause severe clinical signs and possible high mortality rates. ● Human cases of H5N1 avian influenza occur occasionally, but it is difficult to transmit the infection from person to person.
<p>All India Police Duty Meet (AIPDM)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Telangana Police emerged as an Overall Team Champion by delivering an outstanding performance at the 68th All India Police Duty Meet (AIPDM) held in Ranchi, Jharkhand, from February 10 to 15, securing a total of 18 medals across various categories. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The All India Police Duty Meet (AIPDM) is a unique event that brings together police officers from across the country to showcase their skills, exchange ideas, and compete in a range of activities. ● One of the key objectives of the AIPDM is to promote



	<p>greater collaboration and cooperation among police officers from different parts of India.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is achieved through a range of team-based competitions that require officers to work together to solve complex problems and complete challenging tasks. • The event also provides an opportunity for police officers to showcase their skills and expertise in front of their peers and senior officials, which can contribute to their career advancement.
<p>UGC Draft Regulations 2025</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telangana Council of Higher Education Chairperson V. Balakista Reddy has stated that the UGC Draft Rules reflect the Centre's larger agenda of controlling institutions, emphasizing that the role of Vice Chancellor is not merely symbolic but an endorsement of an individual's contribution to academics, research, and leadership in guiding an educational institution towards its goals. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key features of the guidelines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Chancellor or Visitor of the university will have the authority to form a three-member Search-cum-Selection Committee responsible for appointing the Vice-Chancellor (VC). • Composition of the Search-cum-Selection Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chairperson: A nominee of the Visitor/Chancellor. ○ Nominee from UGC: A nominee from the Chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC). ○ Nominee from University's Apex Body: A nominee from the university's apex body (e.g., Syndicate, Senate, Executive Council, Board of Management, or equivalent). • Eligibility Criteria for Vice-Chancellor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Professional Background: Minimum of 10 years of senior-level experience in academia, industry, public administration, public policy, or public sector undertakings, with a proven track record of significant academic or scholarly contributions. ○ Inclusivity: Encourages candidates from economically weaker sections (EWS), SC, ST, OBC, and persons with disabilities. ○ Academic Background: Candidates no longer need to be professors but must show leadership in academic or research fields.



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