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<p>Indian Wild Ass</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 10th Wild Ass Population Estimation (WAPE) conducted by the Gujarat government earlier this year estimated the wild ass population in Gujarat at 7,672. <p>About Indian Wild Ass:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Species: Sub-species of Asian Wild Ass (<i>Equus hemionus</i>), locally called Khur in Gujarat. • Characteristics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Adapted to survive extreme conditions in Gujarat's Wild Ass Sanctuary. ○ Primary food: Grass from islands in the desert. • Distribution: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Historically found across northwestern India, Pakistan, and central Asia. ○ Currently limited to the Little Rann of Kutch in Gujarat. • Habitat: Desert and grassland ecosystems. • Conservation Status: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ IUCN: Near Threatened. ○ CITES: Appendix II. ○ Wildlife Protection Act (1972): Schedule I. • Ecological Significance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Helps in seed dispersal, promoting vegetation growth and diversity. ○ Creates habitats for other species by clearing grasses. • Threats: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Human activities such as salt farming, agriculture, and cattle grazing. ○ Irrigation canals increase soil salinity, impacting the ecosystem.
<p>Nikshay Poshan Yojana (NPY)</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Union Ministry of Health has increased the monthly nutrition support for all TB patients under the Ni-Kshay Poshan Yojana from Rs 500 to Rs 1,000 during treatment. <p>About NPY:</p>



- **Scheme:** NPY (Nikshay Poshan Yojana) launched by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoH&FW) under the National Health Mission (NHM) in April 2018.
- **Type:** Centrally sponsored Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) scheme under the National Tuberculosis Elimination Program (NTEP).
- **Objective:** Provide financial incentives for nutritional support to tuberculosis (TB) patients.
- **Beneficiaries:** All notified TB patients are eligible for the scheme.
- **Eligibility:**
 - All TB patients notified on or after April 1, 2018.
 - Includes patients already receiving TB treatment.
 - Must be registered or notified on the NIKSHAY portal.
- **Benefits:**
 - ₹1000/- per month for each notified TB patient during their anti-TB treatment.
 - Incentives are distributed via DBT (preferably through Aadhaar-linked bank accounts) or in-kind.
- **Coverage:** Implemented across all States and UTs in India.

State of Global Water Resource Report 2023

Why in the news?

- The 2023 State of Global Water Resources Report highlights that 2023 was the driest year for global rivers in over 30 years.

About State of Global Water Resource Report 2023:

- The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) has published an annual water resources report since 2021, providing a global overview of water resources.
- **Highlights of the 2023 Report:**
 - Five consecutive years have seen widespread below-normal river flows and reservoir inflows.
 - All glacier regions reported ice loss for the second consecutive year in 2023.
 - Glaciers experienced the largest mass loss in 50 years, with over 600 gigatons (Gt) of water lost globally.
 - 6 billion people face inadequate water access for at least one month annually, projected to rise to over 5 billion by 2050.



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Daily Current Affairs Encyclopedia

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The world is off-track in achieving Sustainable Development Goal 6 on water and sanitation.
<p>Advanced Glycation End Products (AGEs)</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Consumption of ultra-processed and fast foods leading cause of diabetes in India, reveals new study <p>About AGEs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AGEs (Advanced Glycation End Products) are harmful molecules, also called glycotoxins, formed by glycation and oxidation of lipids and proteins. ● Glycation: The process where molecules combine with sugars. ● Oxidation: The process where molecules combine with oxygen. ● AGEs are produced in the body through metabolism, but the primary source is food. ● High-temperature cooking methods like grilling, toasting, roasting, broiling, and frying generate AGEs in food. ● Tobacco use is an additional source of AGEs.
<p>World Mental Health Day</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● World Mental Health Day is observed annually on October 10. <p>About World Mental Health Day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● It was first initiated in 1992 by the World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH). ● The day aims to raise awareness about mental health issues globally. ● It encourages efforts to improve mental health care worldwide. ● The day highlights the growing recognition of the impact of mental health on individuals, families, and communities.



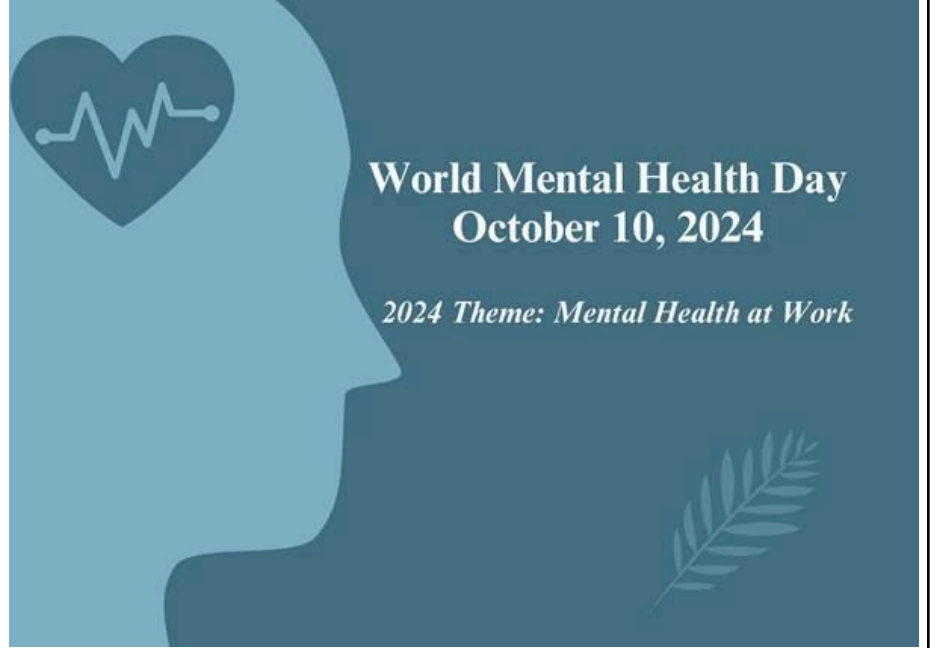
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