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Launch of India's First Indigenous Antibiotic Drug

- Union Minister of Science and Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh has launched the first indigenous antibiotic drug named Nafithromycin for resistant infections.
- The three-day treatment regimen of Nafithromycin is a game-changer against drug-resistant pneumonia, a condition responsible for over two million deaths worldwide annually.

Significance:

- Nafithromycin is the first indigenously developed antibiotic in India to combat Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR).
- Aimed at treating drug-resistant pneumonia, which causes over 2 million deaths globally each year.
- Developed with the support of Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) under the Department of Biotechnology.
- Trade Name: Mignaf
- Marketed by Wockhardt Pharma Company.

Features:

- Three-day treatment regimen, 10 times more effective than azithromycin.
- Effective against typical and atypical pathogens.

Q. Which is India's first indigenously developed antibiotic drug launched to combat antimicrobial resistance (AMR)? **Nafithromycin**



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National Public Broadcaster Prasar Bharati launches its OTT platform- WAVES

- National Public Broadcaster Prasar Bharati has launched its OTT platform, WAVES. It was unveiled at the opening ceremony of the 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa.

Features:

- Content Library: Timeless shows like Ramayan, Mahabharat, Shaktimaan, and Hum Log.
- Diverse Content: Available in 12+ languages and 10+ genres, including news, documentaries, animation, regional, and women-centric content.
- Live Streaming: Offers Doordarshan, Akashvani, live events like Mann Ki Baat, Prabhu Shriram Lalla Aarti, and sports events like the US Premier League Cricket Tournament.
- Unique Services: Includes video on demand, free-to-play gaming, radio streaming, 65 live channels, and e-commerce integration through ONDC (Open Network for Digital Commerce).

Objective:

- To revive nostalgia, preserve India's cultural and emotional heritage, and provide clean, family-friendly entertainment.

Q. What is the name of the OTT platform launched by Prasar Bharati during the 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI)? **WAVES**



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India and Guyana sign ten agreements to enhance cooperation in health, hydrocarbons, agriculture and other sectors

- India and Guyana have signed ten agreements to enhance cooperation in several areas including health, hydrocarbons, agriculture and allied sectors.

Key Sectors of Cooperation:

- Health: Collaboration on medical products and establishment of Jan Aushadhi Kendras in Guyana.
- Hydrocarbons: Strengthening energy ties.
- Agriculture: Promotion of allied sectors.
- Technology: Deployment of UPI-like digital payment systems in Guyana.
- Broadcasting: Partnership between Prasar Bharati and Guyana's National Communications Network.
- Defense: Continued cooperation, including India's supply of two Dornier aircraft to Guyana.
- Education: MoU between Guyana's National Defence Institute and India's Rashtriya Raksha University, Gujarat.

Q. Which country signed 10 agreements with India during PM Modi's visit to enhance cooperation in health, hydrocarbons, agriculture, and other sectors? **Guyana**



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Hockey: India wins Women's Asian Champions Trophy beating China

- In hockey, India clinched the Women's Asian Champions Trophy at Rajgir Hockey Stadium in Bihar.
- With this victory, India has equalled South Korea with three titles each.

Outcome:

- India defeated China 1-0 to clinch their third title, equalling South Korea's record.
- India also secured their second consecutive title in this tournament.

Key Highlights:

- Decisive goal scored by Deepika in the 31st minute from a penalty corner.
- Deepika emerged as the tournament's leading scorer with 11 goals and was awarded Player of the Tournament.
- India had previously beaten China 3-0 during the league phase.

Q. Which team won the Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2024 in hockey by defeating China in the final? **India**

Government's Contribution of SEAN for Myanmar



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Cambodia's National Assembly approved appointment of Prak Sokhonn as Deputy PM and Foreign Minister

- Cambodia's National Assembly approved the appointment of Prak Sokhonn as Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister.
- Approval: Unanimous vote of confidence by all 112 lawmakers, including Prime Minister Hun Manet.
- Reason: Part of a minor cabinet reshuffle aimed at improving Cambodia's foreign policy implementation.

Foreign Policy Goals:

- Strengthening traditional relations and multi-sectoral cooperation with regional and global partners.
- Active contribution to peace and stability globally.

Background:

- Prak Sokhonn previously served as Cambodia's Foreign Minister (2016–2023).
- This is the second cabinet reshuffle under PM Hun Manet's leadership since he assumed office in August 2023 for a five-year term.

Q. Who was recently appointed as the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Cambodia? **Prak Sokhonn**



ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

**Friday, 22 November 2024**

ADB approves 200 million dollar loan to strengthen Sri Lanka's financial sector

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a 200 million dollar policy-based loan to support Sri Lanka in strengthening its financial sector.

Program Details:

- The loan is part of the Financial Sector Stability and Reforms Program.
- This is the second subprogram aimed at stabilizing Sri Lanka's economy and managing the financial crisis that began in 2023.

Objectives:

- Structural reforms in the financial sector to ensure long-term growth, resilience, and poverty alleviation.
- Stabilization of macroeconomic conditions and improvement of Sri Lanka's fiscal framework.

Key Reforms:

- Enhanced regulatory oversight by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.

Q. How much loan has the Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved to strengthen Sri Lanka's financial sector? **200 million dollars**



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Bihar govt launches Ayushman Vandan Scheme

- The Bihar government launched the Ayushman Vandan Scheme which is aimed at providing free healthcare benefits to senior citizens aged 70 years and above.
- Launched by Health Minister Mangal Pandey and Urban Development Minister Nitin Naveen at the Maurya Lok Complex, Patna.
- Ayushman cards were distributed to beneficiaries during the launch event.

Key Features:

- The government will bear 100% treatment costs for eligible individuals.
- Target to issue 50 lakh Ayushman Vandan cards by December 12, 2024.
- Free card-making process and door-to-door campaigns for enrollment, especially in Patna's 75 wards.

Implementation:

- Municipal and health officials to actively identify and enroll eligible individuals.
- Applicants must provide an Aadhar Card, residence certificate, ration card, and mobile number for registration.

Q. Which Indian state launched the Ayushman Vandan Scheme to provide free healthcare benefits to senior citizens aged 70 years and above? **Bihar**



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Rajasthan: MoUs worth Rs 6.57 lakh crore signed at energy pre-summit

- Investment MoUs worth INR 6.57 lakh crore were exchanged with investors from the Energy sector at the energy pre-summit in Rajasthan.

Key Focus Areas:

- Projects include solar energy, wind energy, green hydrogen, hybrid systems, pump storage, battery storage, and green ammonia.

Job Creation:

- The investments are expected to generate approximately 70,000 jobs in Rajasthan.

State Vision:

- Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma emphasized making Rajasthan Atmanirbhar in the energy sector and an energy-surplus state.
- Rajasthan aims to meet domestic and international energy demands through renewable energy projects.

Q. How much investment was secured in MoUs at Rajasthan's Energy Pre-Summit 2024? **₹6.57 lakh crore.**



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Delhi's Khan Market Ranked 22nd Among World's Most Expensive Retail Locations

- **Report and Ranking:** According to Cushman & Wakefield's 34th edition of Main Streets Across the World 2024, Delhi's Khan Market has retained its position as the 22nd most expensive retail location globally.
- **Annual Rent:** The annual rent at Khan Market is \$229 per sq ft (approximately ₹19,330), marking a 7% year-on-year growth. It continues to be India's most expensive high-street retail destination.
- **Global Leader:** Via Monte Napoleone in Milan, Italy, has become the most expensive main street globally with an annual rent of \$2,047 per sq ft, beating New York's Upper 5th Avenue (49th to 60th Sts) which commands a rental of \$2,000 per sq ft a year.
- **India's Retail Growth:** India's main streets recorded a leasing of 3.8 million sq ft of retail space in 2024, reflecting an 11% year-on-year growth. Indiranagar 100 Feet Road in Bengaluru reported the highest rental growth in India at 32%.

Q. Which Indian high-street retail location was ranked 22nd globally in Cushman & Wakefield's Main Streets Across the World 2024 report? **Delhi's Khan Market**



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India's First AI Data Bank Launched to Enhance National Security and Innovation

- The Ministry of Science and Technology launched India's first Artificial Intelligence (AI) data bank, aimed at fostering innovation and bolstering national security.

Key Highlights:

- **Inauguration:** The AI data bank was launched by Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh during the 7th Edition of the ASSOCHAM AI Leadership Meet 2024.
- **Objective:** To provide access to high-quality datasets for researchers, startups, and developers, enabling scalable and inclusive AI solutions.
- **Strategic Role:** Enhances national security through real-time analytics of satellite, drone, and IoT data. Supports disaster management and cybersecurity using predictive analytics.
- **Event Theme:** "AI for India: Advancing India's AI Development – Innovation, Ethics, and Governance," outlining India's roadmap for AI-driven growth.
- **Sectors Impacted:** AI's transformative role highlighted in governance, healthcare, education, space exploration, and public service delivery.

Q. Which ministry launched India's first AI data bank to enhance national security and foster innovation?
Ministry of Science and Technology.



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