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#### Defence Minister Rainath reviews security situation

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#### parade on Patel's birth anniversary

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#### 19 passengers burnt to death as sleeper bus catches fire in A.P.

A motorcycle rider was also killed: the bus, travelling from Hyderabad to Bengaluru with 44 passengers, is believed to have hit and dragged the motorcycle, triggering sparks that ignited its fuel tank; DNA tests ordered to identify charred bodies

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drivers. Police confirmed that 27 people, including both drivers, escaped the inferno, while 19 charred bodies were retrieved from the guited bas. The motor cycle rider was also killed.

The injured survivors were rushed to the Government General Bospital in Rurnool, where seven were treated as outpu-tients, while four were ad-mitted for treatment. The

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Friday afternoon.

The police said that the bus was registered in Daman and fits, and held per-mits from Odisha. The bus management had report-edly flouted rules by converting a bus with sents in-to a sleeper coach. The police have registered a case under Sections (28(a) and 1090) of the BNS.



Experts from the And-tra Presleab Poremis Science Laboratory tho-roughly examined the burnt bus at the accident spot to accrtain the cause behind the fire.

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Investigators: believe that an ancoming metercycle rammed the bus. He was flung into the air and fell on the right side of the road, dying instantly, Police are also verifying as points that the metercycle. ports that the medicitycle may have been lying on the highway fidhowing a lui-and-ran accident, and was the control of the control timeling at high speed. "The blue got stuck un-derneasts the two front whosh of the bus, it got dragged for march 170 metree, Anniha Pradash Home Minister Aniths said. Forensic experts said

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Most corrupt families had and Bengaluru started rushing to the site as the news apread about the accident.

(With Inputs from K. Umarhanker in Chitisor) RELATED REPORTS

#### NDA to contest Bihar poll under Nitish's leadership, says Modi



Prime Minister Narendra Mordi began his compalger for the Bilbar Assembly election from Karpoori-gram on Friday, asserting that the National Comp-cratic Allamore (Wild) \*un-der the leadership of Chief Minister, Nitch & Kenner\* Minister Nitish Kumar would produce a record-breaking electoral performance.

His confirmation of the leadership of Mr. Kumar president of the Januta Dal (United), the BP's alliance bloc formally selected Bashtriya Janata Dal leader Tejashwi Yadav as ita Chief Ministerial face.
"In this election, Bihar will give the NDA its biggest ever mandate so far," Mr. Modi said.

Modd said.
Hours later, Home Mi-nister Anni Shah echoed his words, "Nitish Kurnar has made efforts to get it-har back on track, and for the past to years, Farendra Ment J. has murranted hi-tor," Mr. Shah and.

The PM chose to launch his campaign at the birthplace of late socialist leader and Bharst Rotne awardee Karpoor! Thakur in Samasti-pur district, noting that it was because of Thakur that people like him, from back-ward and poor families,

were able to stand on the platform, At a second rally in Beguserai, Mr. Modé at-tacked the Opposition for trying to appropriate Tha-lair's legacy.

"The RID family is sib-har's most corrupt family and the Congress family is the country's most corrus.

the country's most corrupt family. Most of the family members of these two par-fles are out on ball and now they are trying to steal the Jamesyak title of Kar-

the Jamespok title of Kar-pourt Thakur; he said. Mr. Modi alleged that the RID and Congress are only concerned about the political fuure of their own families. Law and or der cannot exist when the

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trast to the discord in the INDIA bloc. "In this maha-gathandhan (grand al-liance), there is complete shaoe," he said.

#### National Conference bags three Rajva Sabha seats in J&K; BJP pulls off a surprise victory

#### Peerzada Ashiq

Sabha seats in Jamoui & Kashmir, and the Bharatiya lanata Party (BIP) won one seat after voting on Friday. The BJP registered a dramatic victory on the fourth seat by bagging 32 votes despite having 28 legisla-tors in the J&K Assembly. Three senior NC leaders

former Ministers Choud hary Mohammad Ramzan and Sajiad Ahrmed Richleo, and party treasurer Cairwinder Singh Obserol with the Right Rate president Rat Sharina won the fourth seat, defeating NC candidate Innan Sabi Ear, who polled 22 votes.

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"I thank all those who science. I had reached out to all legislators irrespretive of their party affiliation," Mr. Sharma said.

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policies. Our legislators, who were elected by peo-ple, showed that they re-ject what happened on Au-gust 8, 2019, Mr. Ramean said.

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The party accused the HIP of "bores trading". "The BIP did not have manhers thorse trading is evident. All resources were employed by the BIP to win the seat. They bought votes," Mr. Dar zaid. J&K Chief Minister said the NC's votos fernained in-tact, as witnessed by the election agent who saw

the wrong preference number while voting? Do they have the gots to put their hands up and own up to helping the BUP after promising as their votes? What pressure or induce-ment helped them make this choice? Let's see if any of the BiP's secret team own up to selling their souls," for said.

Benides the five Inde-pendents who are pair of the Abdullah government, the NC, with 41 legislators, was backed by the Con-gress (six members), the PDF (three), and the Awa-PHP (three), and the Awa-mi htebad Party and the CPI(M) who have one member each. J&K Peoples Conference chair Sajad Lone abstained from voting, incarcurated Aam Audent Party MiA Mehraj Mullik voted from jult.

#### Woman doctor found dead in Maharashtra; policeman accused of rape suspended

A 28-year-old woman med-ical officer was found hang-ing in a hotel room in Maharashtra's Phaltan town late on Thursday night with a note scribbled on her palm accusing a police officer of rape and her lan-dlord of harassment.

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Hailing from Bood dis-trict, she had been serving as a medical officer at the Sub-District Hospital in Satara for the past two years. Police have regis-tered a case of accidental death and are investigating the motion.

Resident doctors association will hold a Statewide black ribbon protest today

nounced a Statewide black ribbon pretest on Satur-day. "Her suicide note names both men, who re-main absconding. Despite directives from the Chief Minister for immediate ac-tion, no arrests have been made so far. Gentral MARD has demanded the imme-Santar for the past two
years. Police have regist
of the matter.

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The Malasadura Association of Resident Doctors
(Central MARI) has an Prashant Burslar, as res-ponsible for her ordeal. The note alleged that Mr. Hadame raped her multiple times for over five months, while Mr. Burslar subjected her to relentless mental

Chief Minister Devendra Padnavis spoke to the Satara Superintendent of Pol supersion of the officer named in the note. He di-rected the 5P to take strict action against all accused. The victim's consic said.

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#### HC withdraws protection granted to Bengal BJP leader

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#### Delhi Police arrest kingpin of inter-State drug cartel

The kingpin of an inter-State drug syndicate was accested by the Delhi Police crime branch for being allegedly involved in amuggling hybrid gorga into India through international carge-consignments routed via Mumbai and Dellu airports. A native of Koghikode in Kerala, Zamjith alias Samjins, 38, was operating the symbolic from Thaliand, the police said on Friday. Three members of the syndicate were arrested in July this year. "After finishing his Class 12 from de, he went to Cambodia on a work visa, where he resided for around nine years and engaged in robacco trade. "said Pankaj Kumar, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Crime IV.

#### **Gyan Bharatam Mission** to ink pact with institutes

It is a flagship initiative of Culture Ministry for identifying, digitising, preserving, and promoting India's manuscripts; the institutes will be categorised as cluster centres and independent centres

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#### commanders, reviews security situation The Hindu Bureau NEW DELIG

Rajnath meets Army

Defence Minister Rainath Singh reviewed the securi-ty dination and operation at preparedness of the Army during the Army Commanders' Conference in Jaisalmer, followed by visits to the forward areas of Tanot and Laungewals in Rajasthan on Friday. During the conference,

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the retained Minister de-scribed Operation Sindoor as an embodiment of In-ila's military provess and national character. "Operation Sindoor will go down in history as not

pust a military operation but also a symbol of the nation's courage and res-traint," the Minister said. Emphasising that the



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would continue "as long as even a single terroris mindset remains alive", he added that the operation reflected a new strategic

"Our policy is clear — there will be dialogue, and our readiness on the bar-der will remain intact," be hald.

nister stated.
Commending the Army's role in ensuring peace and development in immu and Kashmir post the altrogation of Article 370, he said the situation along the northern bor-ders reflected india's ba-lanced and firm foreign

#### Manipur Nagas declare restrictions ahead of Muivah's visit to Senapati

The Hindu Bureau

The Nagas in Manapur have declared a "Genna" in ho-nour of National Socialist Council of Nagalim (NSCN) leader Truingaleng Maistali aband of his visit to the

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DESCRI leader Thumpstery Mulvah is exheduled to visit Senapati i Manipur on October 25. etn; xx.; roower

The LINC and the 'Ger na' requires all educational institutions and shops in senapati to remain closed on the day of Mr. Muivah's

visit.
The council also asked The council also asked all community members to abstain from all other forms of economic and commercial activities, par-ticipate in community gath-erings and programmes to celebrate the occasion.

#### Judicial panel to begin inquiry into Leh violence todav

Peersada Ashiq

The judicial commission constituted by the Union Home Miniarry will start in-quiring into the circumstances that resulted in violence and the deaths of four civilians during street protests on September 24 in Ladakh's Leh district

An official said Justice B.S. Chauhan, heading the judicial commission, will start meeting people from October 25 in Leh. The probe panel will begin hearings at Melongthang, Leh, from October 25 to 28.

The Department of Law ad Justice, Leb, urged in-rested and apprieved perand fustice, Leb, urged in-terested and sugriceed per-sons "to record their tent-mony before the members of the pudicial inspiry". The Senior Superinten-dent of Police, Leb, has been directed "to monitor all the security measures to the taken conserving the br-quiry Proceedings sche-duled to be held from the choose 28 and provide appropriate security at the secution.

Four civilians were titled and around 80 were

injured during the protests on Reptember 24, fuelling tension and anger in the re-gion. It was followed by the arrest of climate activist 80-nam Wangchuk on Septem-ber 26 and the imposition of several spells of curfew and internet outage. He wever, the Ladakh adminis tration claims that the sit-uation has normalised

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#### EC warns parties against misuse of AI-generated content during elections

#### The Hindu Bureau New Delin

Ahead of the upcoming Bi-har Assembly election, the lloction Commission on Friday issued an advisory to all political purities on responsible use and disclo-sing of synthetically generated information and Algenerated content during election.

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digitisation, linguistics and translation, research, pu-blication, and outreach.

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In a letter to the heads of all political parties, the pell body said that it had been brought to its notice that "the misuse of hyper realisthe synthetically generated information, including depicting political leaders making electorally sensi-

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just before the general elections regarding responsible and ethical use of social media platforms, and an advisory, dated lanuary 16, 2028, specifically address-ing concerns around labell-ing of symbotic and Al-gen erated content used by political parties for election campaigning. The poli bo dy asked political parties candidates, and campaig representatives to ensu

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#### Mylai, heaven on earth

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## Gyan Bharatam Mission to ink pact with institutes

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#### Sreeparna Chakrabarty NEW DELHI

he Gyan Bharatam Mission on manuscripts, under the Union Culture Ministry, will on Saturday sign Memorandums of Understanding with around 20 institutes across the country for conservation, upkeep, and digitisation of manuscripts.

While the 20 institutes will sign the MoUs on Saturday, 30 more will do so over the next few days, a senior official of the Union Culture Ministry told *The Hindu*. Some of these institutes are Asiatic Society Kolkata, University of Kashmir, Srinagar, Hindi Sahitya Sammelan, Prayagraj, and Government Oriental Manuscript Library, Chennai.

Gyan Bharatam is a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Culture for identifying, documenting, conserving, digitising, preserving, and promoting India's vast manuscript heritage.

It was announced during the Union Budget this year.

The mission's mandate



Preserving history: The mission is an initiative to identify, document and digitise India's vast manuscript heritage. FILE PHOTO

is to preserve and establish a dedicated digital platform – known as the National Digital Repository
(NDR) – to share India's
manuscript heritage
worldwide.

The institutions set to sign MoUs have been categorised into cluster centres and independent centres.

In the case of a cluster centre, the institution shall be responsible for executing all manuscript-related activities of its own centre, as well as those of its designated cluster partner centres, which shall not exceed 20. In the case of the independent centres, the institution shall be respon-

sible for executing all manuscript-related activities pertaining solely to its own collection.

Gyan Bharatam shall provide the overarching framework, guidance, monitoring, and support for the execution of activities under this partnership. In addition, it shall also provide funding, necessary equipment, and budgetary allocations to the designated Centres, subject to approval of work plans, milestones, and quality verification.

The various activities to be provided by the institutes with GB's support have been categorised into survey and cataloguing, conservation and capacity building, technology and digitisation, linguistics and translation, research, publication, and outreach.

The centres have also been asked to constitute a dedicated Gyan Bharatam Cell experienced in each vertical, in the spirit of voluntary service, to represent the Centre with sincerity, while also serving as a vital channel of communication to foster collaboration and ensure smooth coordination.

#### Funds in instalments

As far as finances are concerned, funds shall be released in phased instalments in accordance with the implementation schedule and milestones outlined in the approved work plan.

The first instalment (70%) shall be disbursed upon the annual budget, the second (30%) instalment shall be released only upon submission of progress reports, detailed financial report, submission of utilisation certificates (UCs) and other important documents.

## What is a Manuscript?

- A Hand written book or document is called manuscript.
- This means that never has been printed.
- The term manuscript is derived from Latin manus 'hand' and scribo 'I write', which means 'some thing written with the hand.'
- Each nook and corner of the world has manuscripts where people put their thoughts and experiences in a written form.
- A written document, dated back at least to seventy five years, achieves the status of a rare manuscript.

- The Union Ministry of Culture is launching Gyan Bharatam Mission a flagship initiative for identifying, digitising, preserving, and promoting India's manuscript heritage.
- Around 20 institutes across India will sign MoUs (Memoranda of Understanding) with the Ministry to act as cluster and independent centres under this mission.

## Objective of the Mission

- ☑ To preserve, conserve, and digitise India's ancient manuscripts.
- ☑ To document and promote traditional knowledge preserved in written heritage.
- ✓ To build a National Digital Repository (NDR) a centralised platform to share India's manuscript heritage worldwide.

## Institutional Framework

Type of Centre	Description & Role
Cluster Centres	<ul> <li>Each cluster centre executes manuscript-related activities for itself and its partner institutes (up to 20).</li> <li>Responsible for coordination, training, digitisation, and reporting.</li> </ul>
Independent Centres	<ul> <li>Function autonomously.</li> <li>Handle conservation, digitisation, and cataloguing of their own manuscript collections.</li> </ul>

### **Examples of Partner Institutes:**

- Asiatic Society, Kolkata
- University of Kashmir, Srinagar
- Hindi Sahitya Sammelan, Prayagraj
- Government Oriental Manuscript Library, Chennai

## **Aspect**

## Details

**Funding Model** 

Released in **two instalments** — 70% upfront and 30% after progress verification.

**Implementation Support** 

Gyan Bharatam provides guidance, framework, and budgetary allocation.

**Conditions for 2nd Instalment** 

Submission of progress reports, utilisation certificates (UCs), and financial audit documents.

**Monitoring** 

Periodic reports, milestones, and quality verification required.

**Aspect** 

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**Mission Name** 

Objective

**Launch Context** 

**Implementation Mechanism** 

Institutions Involved

Structure / Categorisation

**Digital Platform** 

**Core Activities** 

**Institutional Mechanism** 

**Funding Pattern** 

**Monitoring & Support** 

**Overall Vision** 

#### **Details**

Union Ministry of Culture, Government of India

**Gyan Bharatam Mission on Manuscripts** 

To **identify, document, conserve, digitise, preserve, and promote** India's vast manuscript heritage.

Announced during the Union Budget 2024–25.

20 institutes to sign **MoUs** for conservation, upkeep, and digitisation of manuscripts. Additional 30 institutes to join soon.

Asiatic Society (Kolkata), University of Kashmir, Hindi Sahitya Sammelan (Prayagraj), Government Oriental Manuscript Library (Chennai), etc.

- **Cluster Centres**: Execute manuscript-related activities and coordinate with up to 20 partner centres. - **Independent Centres**: Execute tasks related only to their own collection.

**National Digital Repository (NDR)** — to share India's manuscript heritage worldwide.

Survey & cataloguing, conservation, capacity building, technology & digitisation, linguistics & translation, research, publication, and outreach.

Each centre to form a dedicated Gyan Bharatam Cell for coordination and communication.

- Released in **phased instalments**. - **First instalment (70%)**: upon annual budget approval. - **Second instalment (30%)**: after submission of progress reports, UCs, and financial verification.

Mission to provide framework, guidance, and budgetary allocations with periodic review of plans, milestones, and quality checks.

To create a **national network of manuscript centres** and a **digital repository** to preserve and promote India's cultural heritage globally.



#### Sleeping deathtraps

Modifications at body shops make sleeper buses vulnerable

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## Respect the health rights of India's children

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That all this happened despite the Union Health Ministry having banned certain cough syrup formulations for children under the age of four years - as recently as April 2025 - citing the risk of contamination, is shocking. There has also been much discussion on responsibility - which agency failed in its duty to monitor and prevent the distribution of the syrup. The regulatory agencies in India responsible include the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation under the Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India which handles large manufacturers of drugs and export approvals, and State drug control officers who handle the regulation, care, manufacture, sale and distribution of drugs by small- and medium-scale manufacturers.

#### Where the focus needs to be

Rather than apportion blame, it would be wise to allow the law to take its course. The focus must be on the regulatory framework behind the distribution of paediatric medicines in India, and the challenges India faces in ensuring the protection it has guaranteed to its children in Article 39(f) of the Constitution, which is also listed as an important Directive Principle of State Policy.

Children (the age group under 18 years) make up 39% of India's population. There are a catena of laws and policies in India — approximately 13—that are specifically designed to protect children, from the seminal National Policy for Children 1974 to the India Newborn Action Plan 2014. There are also about 10 pieces of legislation with special provisions for children such as the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act to The Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act.

Significantly, while these are critical interventions, they focus heavily on protecting children in the workforce (Jabour laws), and preventing and punishing the sexual exploitation of children. There are important initiatives for children in health and education, but the specific



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In a similar context, Dr. Harry Shirkey called children "therapeutic orphans". Children are not small adults. The pharmacodynamic responses of children and adults are vastly different due to a spectrum of different physiologies. Further, clinical trials of drugs are usually conducted on adults and for ethical and other reasons almost never on children, resulting in an alarming lack of paediatric guidelines of dosage and administration. All too often, the dosage and administration of drugs for children are extrapolated from guidelines for adults, leaving children in much danger of overdosage and more serious consequences. Special development strategies of drugs for children are a cornerstone of their health-care needs, particularly public health care.

Overseas, the regulatory framework for children-related pharmaceuticals is an eye-opener. In the European Union, it is under the Paediatric Use Marketing Authorisation and in the United States, under the Best Pharmaceuticals for Children Act (BCPA). Inter alia, such legislation also provides incentives for research into paediatric drugs. India does not have a specific policy or legislation and operates on general guidelines. Since children are totally dependent on their parents or guardians for their health needs, it is necessary that the government frames clear guidelines.

Health-care-related financial burdens often cause many impoverished families to fall into deeper poverty, making it even more vital that the pharmaceutical needs of children are made affordable.

#### The essential medicine concept

Therefore, the introduction of the essential medicine concept in the health-care sector contributes significantly to the greater availability and affordability of life-saving medicines. Essential medicines are those which satisfy the priority health-care needs of the population, are intended to be available in all health-care systems and are of quality and affordable. Several years ago, the World Health Organization (WHO) introduced an essential Medicine list for children (EMLc). This is used by policy makers to update the EMLc lists in their own countries. Although EML for adults are periodically revised, the EMLc for children is not addressed regularly. This requires immediate attention of policymakers.

Other basic safe practices in the distribution of children's pharmaceuticals include constant education for care-givers and pharmacists, and making it mandatory to read the label, dispense the correct dosage and watch for side-effects particularly when buying over-the-counter medication.

Regulation of over-the-counter medication for children especially for cough, cold and fever is an important dimension of public health care. The use of OTC medication varies in rural and urban areas, but is more common in an urban setting.

Public health-care outlets are another area of focus where clear guidelines need to be enforced in dispensing pharmaceuticals to children. A zero tolerance policy must be adopted against substitute or substandard medication. In the case of teenagers, attention must be paid to prevent the misuse of drugs.

Over the last three years, WHO has issued several warnings on contaminated cough syrup. Some of these are related to cough syrup made in various places in India. Children have also died in the Gambia, Uzbekistan, Indonesia and Cameroon as a result of these contaminated syrups. India has emerged as the pharmacy to the Global South with huge exports of cough syrups, but this carries with it a responsibility to ensure the absolute safety of the medicines exported.

#### Need for India data

India's health policy with regard to paediatric medicines cannot be framed only on the basis of data on children available from other countries. Our genetics are unique to us and our research needs to be based on wholly Indian data. Nor should data on paediatric medicines be extrapolated from data that is related to adults.

We owe a fiduciary duty to our children to take care in framing a health policy for them. We expect responsible policymakers to take into account diverse factors including awareness of environmental pitfalls such as how toxicity of a cough syrup may be exacerbated by malnutrition in children.

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Clearly, monitoring safe medicine use in children is of utmost importance. The use of medicines not proven to be safe for children is a violation of the rights of voiceless children. India urgently needs a robust and holistic infrastructure to monitor and promote awareness of safety protocols with regard to medicines given to children.

- The article discusses the recent deaths of 25 children in Madhya Pradesh after consuming contaminated cough syrup.
- It highlights India's regulatory failures, policy gaps in child health governance, and the urgent need for a child-specific pharmaceutical framework.

### The Core Issue

- The Health Ministry banned several cough syrups for children below four years of age (April 2025)
   after contamination risks were detected.
- Despite these bans, adulterated medicines continue to circulate revealing lapses in regulation, manufacturing oversight, and quality monitoring.
- The tragedy underlines the absence of a robust pharmacovigilance system for paediatric drugs.

## **Agency / Institution**

## **Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO)**

**Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS)** 

**State Drug Control Offices** 

## Responsibility

Approves new drugs; oversees manufacturing & marketing authorisation.

Implements drug safety policies.

Enforce quality standards and inspect small/medium manufacturers.

### Legal & Policy Framework

- Article 39(f) of the Constitution Directs the State to ensure children grow in conditions of freedom and dignity, protected from exploitation.
- National Policy for Children (1974) & National Plan of Action for Children (2014) Guarantee children's right to health.
- POSH Act, PCPNDT Act, Juvenile Justice Act, etc., provide sector-specific protection but lack pharmaceutical focus.

The need is for a "Children's Medicines Protection Act"— defining accountability from manufacture to retail.

### Gaps in Paediatric Drug Regulation

- Most clinical trials are conducted on adults; children's physiology differs, making dose extrapolation dangerous.
- 2. Few incentives for pharma firms to develop or test paediatric formulations.
- 3. Over-the-counter (OTC) sales of cough syrups and antibiotics without prescription remain rampant.
- 4. Pharmacovigilance (post-market safety monitoring) for children is almost absent.
- Awareness deficit among parents, pharmacists, and rural health workers on proper dosage and side effects.

## Region / Law

**EU** (Paediatric Use Marketing Authorisation)

**US (Best Pharmaceuticals for Children Act)** 

WHO "Essential Medicines for Children" List (EMLc)

## **Feature**

Mandatory child-specific testing before approval.

Tax & patent incentives for paediatric trials.

Promotes affordability & safety of child-tested drugs.

### Health Rights & Policy Implications

- Child health = Public health priority: Children < 18 years make up ≈ 39 % of India's population.</li>
- Government must treat safe paediatric medication as a right, not a welfare service.
- Essential Medicine Concept: Drugs vital for survival should be continuously available, affordable, and quality-assured for children.

### Need for India-specific Action Plan

- 1. Develop Paediatric Drug Standards: Include dosing, formulation, and toxicity guidelines.
- Regulate OTC Cough Syrups: Ban untested formulations; monitor exports (past incidents in Gambia, Uzbekistan).
- 3. National Database for Paediatric Adverse Events: Ensure early detection.
- 4. Mandatory Labeling: Indicate age-appropriate dosage and clinical validation.
- 5. Funding & Incentives: Encourage domestic R&D for child-safe formulations.
- 6. Public Awareness Campaigns: Train caregivers and pharmacists.
- 7. Holistic Monitoring Mechanism: Integrate with Ayushman Bharat and National Health Mission frameworks.

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#### Children's fiction to get its first Booker Prize debut in 2027

Associated Press

Saturday, October 35, 2038

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in there. Let the yelling commence," he said.
Funded by the arts, environment, and education tharty ASO Foundation, the new award will be open to fiction from any country aimed at chil-dren aged 8 to 12, either written in English or tran-dated, and published in the U.K. or Ireland.

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2016, it has gone to a single work of translated hi tion, with the prize money split between author and translator. Past winners include Nobel literature laureates Olga Tokarczuk of Poland and Han Eang of South Korea.

#### Mamdani's rise signals a shift in New York's pro-Israel political landscape

Zohran Mamdani's campaign has exposed a growing divide within the Democratic Party as public opinion shifts on Israel's actions in Gaza; while rivals like Andrew Cuomo cast the race as a referendum on Israel, Mamdani's consistency and focus on affordability have struck a chord with voters

Associated Press

A few weeks before his stunning loss to Zohran Mamdani in the Democratic mayoral primary, former Governor Andrew Cammo pur forth a Andrew Casesso pur forth a politicat calculus lang ac-scepted as fact in New York. "Being a Democra," he said, "It's synonymous that you support tarsel." Mr. Marndani, who would be the city's first Marndani, and the con-traction mayor, could be or Muslim mayor, could be or conversion.

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From the beginning, Mr. Cuomo has staked much of his political comeback on painting himself as a defen-der of lewish security, both

In New York and the West

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still, with less than two weeks to go before the election. Mr. Guomo has only leaned into the lawse, claiming at Wednesday's debute that Mr. Mamdarit had "stoked the flames of harred against the jewish secools."

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The broadsides have won support from the An-ti-Defamation League and pro-larsel donors. But there is little indication that the strategy is working among ordinary New Yorkers.

Views and votes

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#### Bracing the storm



#### U.S. military sends supersonic B-1 bombers near Venezuela's coastline

Associated Press

The U.S. military flew a pair of supersonic, heavy bumbers up to the chast of Venezuela on Thursday, a little over a week after another group of Ameri-can bombiers made a simi-lar journey as part of a training overcise to simuraining exercise to simu-

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The B-1 bomber can carry more bombs than any other plane in the U.S. inventory. PLE PROTO

strikes on vessels in the wa-ters off Venezuels that Mr. Trump says are trafficking

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on Venezuela, he said, "It's false, but we're not happy with Venezuela for a lot of reasons. Drugs being one

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#### U.S. border policies leave Afghan family dispersed across multiple countries

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## Children's fiction to get its first Booker Prize debut in 2027

#### Associated Press

LONDON

The Booker Prize Foundation announced Friday that it is setting up the Children's Booker Prize alongside its existing awards for English-language and translated fiction.

Like its sister prizes, the children's award comes with a 50,000-pound (\$67,000) purse.

The prize will open for submissions early next year, and the inaugural award will be handed out in 2027, with the winner picked by a jury of children and adults led by writer Frank Cottrell-Boyce, Britain's current children's laureate.

Mr. Cottrell-Boyce, whose books include the Carnegie Medal-winning "Millions," said he was "buzzing" about the prospect.

"It's going to be – as they say – absolute scenes in there. Let the yelling commence," he said.

Funded by the arts, environment, and education charity AKO Foundation, the new award will be open to fiction from any country aimed at children aged 8 to 12, either written in English or translated, and published in the U.K. or Ireland.

Booker Prize Foundation Chief Executive Gaby Wood said the prize aimed to inspire more young people to read and be "a seed from which we hope future generations of lifelong readers will grow." The original Booker Prize was founded in 1969 and has established a reputation for transforming writers' careers. Its winners have included Salman Rushdie, Margaret Atwood, Ian McEwan, Arundhati Roy, and Hilary Mantel.

The International Booker Prize was established in 2005 as a lifetime achievement award. Since 2016, it has gone to a single work of translated fiction, with the prize money split between author and translator. Past winners include Nobel literature laureates Olga Tokarczuk of Poland and Han Kang of South Korea.

**Feature** 

Name

**Debut Year** 

**Prize Money** 

**Funded By** 

**Languages Eligible** 

**Publication Region** 

**Target Age Group** 

**Jury Composition** 

**Details** 

Children's Booker Prize

2027

£50,000 (≈ ₹67 lakh)

**AKO Foundation** – an arts, environment & education charity

**English or Translated Fiction** 

Must be published in the **U.K. or Ireland** 

Children aged 8 to 12 years

Combination of **children and adults**, chaired by **Frank Cottrell-Boyce** (current U.K. Children's Laureate)

Award	Established	Focus / Eligibility
Booker Prize	1969	English-language fiction; has launched careers of writers like Salman Rushdie, Margaret Atwood, Arundhati Roy, Hilary Mantel, lan McEwan, etc.
International Booker Prize	2005	Initially for lifetime achievement; since 2016 — awarded for a single work of translated fiction, with prize shared between author and translator.
Children's Booker Prize	2027 (announced 2025)	First time recognising <b>fiction for children</b> aged 8–12.

Cyclone Montha Set to Intensify Over Bay of Bengal, IMD Issues Orange Alert for Tamil Nadu A new cyclonic system forming over the southeast Bay of Bengal is expected to develop into Cyclone Montha early next week, the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) confirmed on Friday.

With the system gaining strength, the IMD has issued an Orange Alert for several Tamil Nadu districts, warning of very heavy to extremely heavy rainfall beginning October 27.

Cyclone	Dates (IMD)	Basin / Affected area (short)	Name given by
Shakhti	1–7 Oct 2025	Arabian Sea; offshore impacts near western India and Oman	Sri Lanka (from the WMO/ESCAP list) (Wikipedia)
Remal	24–28 May 2024	Bay of Bengal; Sundarbans (WB, India) & Bangladesh	Oman ("Remal" = sand) ( <u>Wikipedia</u> )
Michaung	1–6 Dec 2023	Bay of Bengal; Tamil Nadu-Andhra Pradesh coasts (India), Bangladesh	<b>Myanmar</b> (pronounced <i>Migjaum</i> ) ( <u>Wikipedia</u> )
Midhili	15–18 Nov 2023	Bay of Bengal; Bangladesh & NE India	Maldives (Wikipedia)
Hamoon	21-25 Oct 2023	Bay of Bengal; Bangladesh, Myanmar, NE India	<b>Iran</b> (Persian word for desert lakes) (Wikipedia)

Cyclone Name	Naming Country	Area Affected	Dates
Fengal	Saudi Arabia	Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Sri Lanka	Nov 25-27, 2024
Expected Severe	India	Odisha, West Bengal	Oct 24-25, 2024
Madhya Pradesh Storm	Bangladesh	Madhya Pradesh	Aug 25-Sep 3, 2024
Biparjoy	Bangladesh	Gujarat, Rajasthan, Pakistan	Jun 6-19, 2023
Mocha	Yemen	Myanmar, Bangladesh, Andaman Sea	May 6-15, 2023

## What Are Carbide Guns? The Diwali Toy Behind Over 300 Eye Injuries in Madhya Pradesh

## Deadly 'Carbide' Crackers Blind 14 Children In MP





A dangerous new Diwali trend in Madhya Pradesh has left more than 300 children injured, with several losing their eyesight, after playing with devices known as "carbide guns."

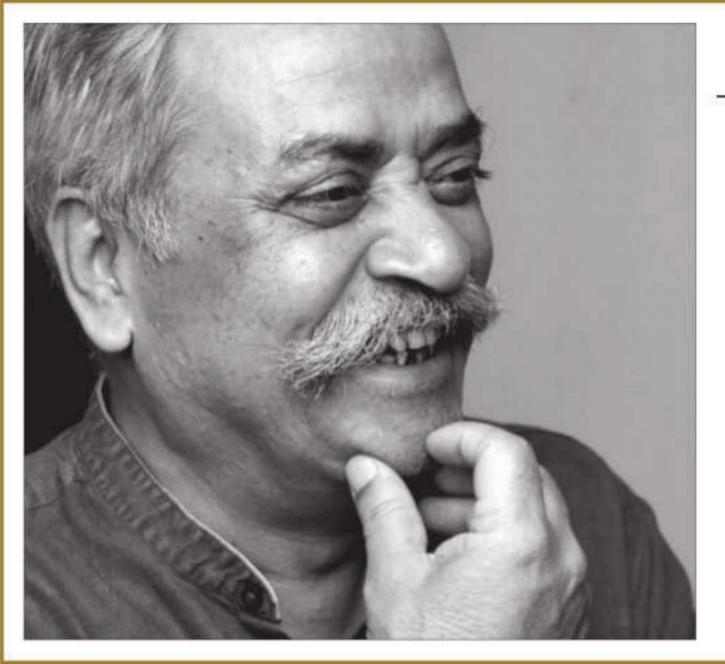
These makeshift "toys,"
resembling harmless
firecrackers, are in fact
hazardous chemical explosives
now banned across the state.

#### **How Carbide Guns Work**

A carbide gun is typically constructed from a PVC or metal pipe fitted with a small chamber for calcium carbide. When water is added, it reacts to release acetylene gas, which, upon ignition, explodes with significant force.

The resulting blast mimics the sound of a firecracker but also propels shrapnel-like fragments of plastic or metal that can cause devastating injuries to nearby users. Despite their crude design, these devices are extremely dangerous due to the uncontrolled chemical reaction they create.

Advertising Legend Piyush Pandey, Creator of "Abki Baar Modi Sarkar", Fevicol and Cadbury Ads, Passes Away at 70



## HE SCRIPTED OUR SMILES

Abki Baar Modi Sarkar

Kuch Khaas Hai Zindagi Mein

Fevicol Ka Jod Hai Tootega Nahi

Hamara Bajaj

Har Ghar Kuch Kehta Hai

Chal Meri Luna

Do Boond Zindagi Ke

- Piyush Pandey, one of India's most celebrated advertising minds and a transformative figure in the creative industry, passed away on Thursday at the age of 70. Known for his deep understanding of Indian culture and his ability to connect emotion with commerce, Pandey's work reshaped the country's advertising narrative over four decades.
- The Creative Force Behind India's Most Memorable Ads
- As the driving force at Ogilvy India, Pandey was responsible for crafting some of the most beloved campaigns in Indian advertising history. His creations, such as Cadbury's "Kuch Khaas Hai" and Fevicol's humorous, memorable ads, transcended marketing—they became cultural symbols. His relatable storytelling and focus on everyday Indian life brought authenticity to brands, replacing elitist tones with heartwarming narratives rooted in the vernacular.

## 2 Million Deaths in India Linked to Air Pollution in 2023: State of Global Air (SoGA) 2025 Report

India recorded a shocking two million deaths due to air pollution-related diseases in 2023, according to the State of Global Air (SoGA) 2025 report jointly published by the Health Effects Institute (HEI) and the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME), USA.

The figure marks a 43 per cent increase from 1.4 million deaths in 2000, underlining a worsening national crisis.

The report reveals that nearly nine in ten of these deaths were caused by non-communicable diseases (NCDs) such as heart disease, lung cancer, diabetes, and dementia — highlighting air pollution's silent but deadly grip on India's health landscape.

#### Rising Disease Burden and Mortality

- The SoGA 2025 report finds India's air pollution death rate to be over ten times higher than that of high-income nations, standing at 186 deaths per 100,000 people compared to just 17 in wealthier countries.
- States such as Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Bihar, and West Bengal recorded over 100,000 deaths each.
- Approximately 89 per cent of air pollution-related deaths were linked to NCDs, indicating a shift in the country's disease profile from infectious to chronic conditions.

- Air Pollution and Non-Communicable Diseases
- The report attributes seven in ten chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) deaths, one in three lung cancer deaths, one in four heart disease deaths, and one in five diabetes deaths in India to air pollution.
- Overall, two-thirds of COPD deaths are caused by exposure to polluted air. Among adults over 60 years, 95 per cent of air pollution-related deaths globally stem from NCDs, underscoring the grave risk for India's ageing population.
- While deaths from household air pollution have declined, fatalities linked to ambient PM2.5 and ozone have risen sharply.

# United Nations Day 2025

• The world marks United Nations (UN) Day on 24th October 2025, celebrating 80 years since the UN was established in 1945. The day commemorates the entry into force of the UN Charter, officially bringing the United Nations into being.

- The UN Charter was signed 26 June 1945, in San Francisco, at the conclusion of the United Nations
   Conference on International Organization, and came into force on 24 October 1945, a date now
   celebrated annually as United Nations Day.
- The UN Charter was ratified by 51 nations, including the five permanent Security Council members (US, UK, USSR/Russia, China, France).
- Evolution: Membership has grown from 51 countries(1945) to 193 countries (2025). India is a founding member of the United Nations. Its headquarters is located in New York City, US
  - Expanded focus to include health, environment, gender equality, human rights, and sustainable development.
  - Responded to global crises like pandemics, refugee movements, and climate change.
- Core Goals: Maintain international peace and security.
  - Develop friendly relations among nations.
  - Achieve international cooperation in solving global problems.
  - Act as a center for harmonizing actions of nations to reach common objectives.

#### Organs of the United Nations



# **UN Security Council (UNSC)**

The UN Charter vests the primary responsibility for maintaining international peace and security to the UNSC

#### About

One of the 6 principal organs of UN; established in 1945 by UN Charter

#### Headquarters

New York City

#### **First Session**

17 January 1946 at Church House, Westminster, **London** 

#### Membership

- 15 members 5 Permanent Members (P5), 10
   Non-Permanent Members elected for two-year terms (5 elected each year)
- · P5 the US, the UK, Russia, France and China

#### Presidency

- Rotates every month among the 15 members
- India's Presidency for year 2022 December

#### Voting Powers

- 1 member = 1 vote
- · P5 have veto power
- Members of UN sans membership of UNSC participate without vote

#### **UNSC Committees/Resolutions**

#### Terrorism

- · Resolution 1373 (Counter Terrorism Committee)
- · Resolution 1267 (Da'esh and Al Qaeda Committee)

#### Non-Proliferation Committee

Resolution 1540 (against nuclear, chemical and biological weapons)

#### India and UNSC

- Served 7 times as non-permanent member; elected for the 8th time for 2021-22; advocates for a permanent seat
- · Arguments for a permanent seat:
  - 43 peacekeeping missions
  - Active participation in formulating Human Rights Declaration (UDHR)
  - India's population, territorial size, GDP, economic potential, cultural diversity, political system etc.







G4

Group of 4 countries (Brazil, Germany, India and Japan) which advocate each other's bids for permanent seats in the UNSC

#### Uniting for Consensus (UfC) Movement

- · Informally known as the Coffee Club
- Countries oppose the expansion Permanent Seats of UNSC
- Prime movers of the club Italy, Spain, Australia, Canada, South Korea, Argentina and Pakistan
- Italy and Spain are opposed to Germany's bid; Pakistan India's bid; Argentina - Brazil's bid and Australia - Japan's bid

#### Major Challenges in UNSC

- Usual UN rules don't apply to UNSC deliberations; no records of meetings kept
- · Powerplay in UNSC; anachronistic veto powers of P5
- Deep polarisation among P5; frequent divisions end up blocking key decisions
- · Inadequate representation of many regions among of the world

- Q. With reference to the "United Nations Credentials Committee", consider the following statements: (2022)
  - 1. It is a committee set up by the UN Security Council and works under its supervision.
  - 2. It traditionally meets in March, June and September every year
  - 3. It assesses the credentials of all UN members before submitting a report to the General Assembly for approval.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct? (2022)

- (a) 3 only
- (b) 1 and 3
- (c) 2 and 3
- (d) 1 and 2

# The Sevilla Forum Launched to Tackle Global Debt Crisis

At the 16th United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD16) held in Geneva, a new global initiative, the **Sevilla Forum on Debt**, was launched.

**About the Sevilla Forum** 

The Forum, led by Spain and supported by UNCTAD and the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), aims to create a permanent, inclusive platform for dialogue and coordinated action on sovereign debt challenges.



- It marks one of the first tangible outcomes of the Fourth
   International Conference on Financing for Development
   (FfD4) and is part of the broader Sevilla Platform for Action, which operationalizes the Sevilla Commitment.
  - The Sevilla Commitment lays down a roadmap for strengthening development financing and ensuring debt sustainability in developing economies.

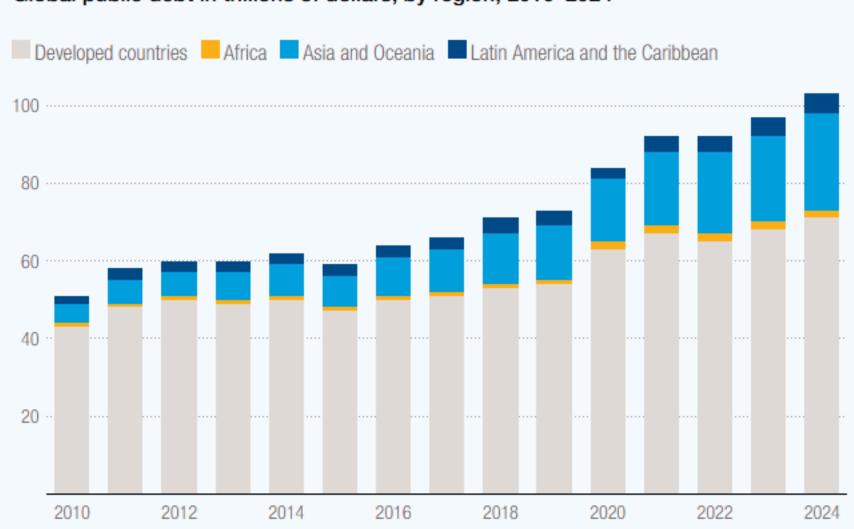
## **Rising Global Debt Levels**

- According to UNCTAD, global public debt reached a record \$102 trillion in 2024.
  - Developing countries accounted for \$31 trillion of this debt.
  - These countries collectively paid \$921 billion in interest payments, a burden exceeding spending on health and education in many cases.
- As per the World Bank 2024 Report, Developing countries spent a record \$1.4 trillion to service their foreign debt as their interest costs climbed to a 20-year high in 2023.
  - Currently, more than half of developing countries allocate at least 8% of government revenues to interest payments, a figure that has
    doubled over the past decade.
- This unsustainable debt trajectory threatens progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and has amplified calls for comprehensive sovereign debt reform.



# Global public debt hit a record \$102 trillion in 2024

Global public debt in trillions of dollars, by region, 2010-2024



**Public debt of India** 

India's public debt-to-GDP ratio has barely increased from 81% in 2005-06 to 84% in 2021-22, and is back to 81% in 2022-23.

As per the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act 2003, the general government debt was supposed to be brought down to 60% of GDP by 2024-25.

The IMF states that India's general government debt, including the Centre and States, could be 100% of GDP under adverse circumstances by fiscal 2028.

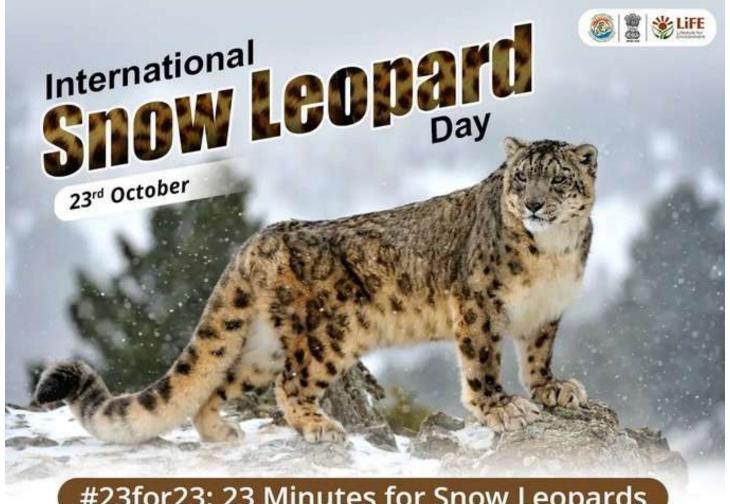
It has projected the ratio at 82.4% for 2024-25.

The UN's Early
Warnings for All
(EW4All) Initiative

- The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) at its Extraordinary Congress in Geneva, rallied its 193 Member States to commit to universal early warning coverage by 2027 under the UN's Early Warnings for All (EW4All) initiative.
  - An Early Warning System (EWS) is an **integrated approach** that combines hazard monitoring, forecasting, disaster risk assessment, communication, and preparedness to enable timely action for saving lives, livelihoods, and assets at risk.

# UN's Early Warnings for All (EW4All) Initiative

- The UN-backed EW4All initiative was launched in 2022 by Secretary-General António Guterres, co-led by WMO, the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).
- Its goal is to ensure that every person regardless of where they live is protected by life-saving alerts for hazards such as cyclones, floods, heat waves or droughts.
- The EW4All initiative aims to address the growing threat of weather, water, and climate-related hazards—from cyclones and floods to heatwaves and droughts.
- · The initiative focuses on strengthening the entire early warning "value chain"
  - Monitoring and forecasting hazards
  - Assessing risks
  - Disseminating alerts
  - · Ensuring communities can act on them



### #23for23: 23 Minutes for Snow Leopards

A global digital campaign that invites individuals, institutions, and communities worldwide to dedicate 23 minutes of physical activity — such as walking, running, cycling, yoga, or stretching — to honour the snow leopard, the ultimate mountain athlete.



