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# **OTT Platform- WAVES**

National Public Broadcaster Prasar Bharati has launched its OTT platform, WAVES.

#### **Key Points**

It was unveiled on 20thNovember 2024 at the



opening ceremony of the 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa.

- It aims to cater to the growing demand for digital streaming services and as well aims to revive nostalgia while embracing modern digital trends.
- It features timeless shows like Ramayan, Mahabharat, Shaktimaan, and Hum Log.
- It offers clean and family-oriented entertainment along with other services.
- It will showcase content in 12 languages and over ten genres.

## First AI Data Bank

On 20th November 2024, the Ministry of Science and Technology on Wednesday launched India's first Artificial Intelligence (AI) data bank.

#### **Key Points**

- It was launched by Minister of Science and Technology Minister (Independent Charge) Jitendra Singh at the 7th Edition of the ASSOCHAM AI Leadership Meet 2024.
  - The event, themed "Al for India: Advancing India's Al Development Innovation, Ethics, and Governance", showcased India's strategic roadmap for harnessing the transformative potential of Al.

- It aims at propelling innovation and boosting the country's national security.
- The initiative will provide researchers, startups, and developers access to highquality, diverse datasets essential for creating scalable and inclusive Al solutions.

#### **Benefits**

- The AI Data Bank will enhance "national security through real-time analytics of satellite, drone, and IoT data".
- It also aligns with the country's goal to utilize AI for predictive analytics in disaster management and cyber security.

# **Nafithromycin**

The Union Minister of Science and Technology has launched the first indigenous antibiotic drug named Nafithromycin for resistant infections.

#### **Key points**

The Made in India Antibiotic Nafithromycin has been developed with the support of Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC), a unit of the Department of Biotechnology and has been brought to market under the trade name Mignaf.



It is the country's first indigenously developed antibiotic aimed at tackling Antimicrobial Resistance-AMR.



## **Person in News- Appointments**

#### Justice D. Krishnakumar

He has been appointed as the Chief Justice of the High Court of Manipur consequent upon the superannuation of Justice Siddharth Mridul, the present Chief Justice of the High Court of Manipur, on 21 November 2024



# **Person In News-Sports**

#### Rafael Nadal

- He is one of tennis's greatest icons. He has retired from professional tennis recently.
- He won 22 Grand Slam titles in 23 years across all three tennis surfaces, with an Olympic gold medal and 92 ATP titles in all.



## Reports/Indexes

- Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI 2025) report
- It is published by think tanks Germanwatch, New Climate Institute, and Climate Action Network International.
- The CCPI tracks the progress of the world's largest emitters in terms of emissions, renewables, and climate policy.

- The CCPI 2025 report was released at the annual UN climate conference in Baku.
- India ranked 10th on a list of over 60 countries assessed for efforts to fight climate change despite dropping two spots compared to last year.
- India's per capita emissions stand at 2.9 tons of CO2 equivalent (tCO2e), far below the global average of 6.6 tCO2e.
- The report leave the first three places empty followed by Denmark (fourth place) and the Netherlands while the largest two emitters, China and the U.S., remain very low at 55th and 57th place, respectively.

## Awards/Prizes

- Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace,
  - Disarmament, and
    Development for
    2023

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It was presented to classical pianist and conductor Daniel



- Barenboim and Palestinian peace activist Ali Abu Awwad on November 19, 2024.
- ❖ The prize was given to Mr. Barenboim for his contribution to foster peace through musical and cultural dialogue initiatives and to Mr. Awwad for his advocacy for dialogue through his organisation Roots, an outfit that he started after spending time in an Israeli jail.
- The awardees were selected by a distinguished jury headed by former Chief Justice of India T S Thakur.

# **About the Prize**

- The Indira Gandhi Prize, or the Indira Gandhi Peace Prize, also known as Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development.
- It is the prestigious award accorded annually by Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust since 1986.



- The award recognizes individuals or organizations for their exceptional contributions to international peace, disarmament, and development.
- It consists of a monetary award of 25 lakh rupees along with a citation.

# **Important Days/Dates**

### November 21

### World Fisheries Day



- World Fisheries Day is observed every November 21st.
- It is a global event that underscores the critical importance of sustainable fisheries and the need to protect aquatic ecosystems and the livelihoods of fishing communities.
- The Day originated in 1997 when the "World Forum of Fish Harvesters & Fish Workers" convened in New Delhi. During this meeting, representatives from 18 countries came together to establish the "World Fisheries Forum" and signed a declaration advocating for adopting sustainable fishing practices and policies worldwide.
- This year's World Fisheries Day 2024 theme is India's Blue Transformation: Strengthening Small-Scale and Sustainable Fisheries.

#### **November Month**

## **Adoption Awareness Month**



- Adoption Awareness Month is celebrated annually in November.
- It is an initiative led by the Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) and its stakeholders to raise awareness about the legal adoption process.
- Organised by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, this month promotes the importance of legal adoptions across India.
- The 2024 theme, "Rehabilitation of Older Children through Foster Care and Foster Adoption," focuses on finding homes for children in foster care, especially older children and those with special needs.

## **Important News-Other States**

- Nagaland
- The 25th edition of the iconic Hornbill Festival, scheduled to commence in December 2024, will have Peru, Japan, and Wales participating as partner countries.
- Hornbill Festival is the "Festival of Festivals" which showcases Naga culture.
- \* Telangana
- The Telangana government has introduced a 100% exemption on road tax and registration fees for electric vehicles (EVs) in the state.

# **Important News-Worldwide**

- ❖ Ecuador
- Ecuador's government has declared a 60-day national emergency due to forest fires, with a severe drought worsening the situation, risk management.



#### Iran

- Iraq began its first nationwide population census in decades on 20th November 2024, aimed at modernising data collection and planning in a country hit by conflict and political divisions.
- The last nationwide census in Iraq was held in 1987.

# Miscellaneous

Prime Minister Narendra Modi gifted Nigerian President Bola Ahmed Tinubu a 'Silofar Panchamrit Kalash'. The pot is a stunning example of traditional craftsmanship from Kolhapur in Maharashtra. This 'kalash' is made from high-quality silver, shaped with skill and precision.

- India is set to host the first-ever Kho Kho World Cup at the iconic IGI Stadium in New Delhi from January 13-19, 2025, marking a landmark moment in the world of traditional sports.
- President Droupadi Murmu paid tributes to Utkal Keshari, Dr. Harekrushna Mahtab in New Delhi. Dr. Harekrushna Mahtab was born on 21 November 1899, in Agarpara, Odisha. He was a multifaceted leader in Indian history, known as a freedom fighter, politician, historian, writer, social reformer, and journalist. Dr. Mahtab is remembered for his strong will, determination, and influence, earning recognition as one of the state's foremost leaders.

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