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Sri Lanka swears in new left-leaning president

Sri Lanka's new president Anura Kumara Dissanayake has been sworn into office, promising "clean" politics as the country recovers from its worst economic crisis.



Jordan becomes first country to receive WHO verification for eliminating leprosy

Jordan becomes the first country in the world to eliminate leprosy, receiving official verification from the World Health Organisation (WHO).

Jordan's success is the result of years of public health campaigns, early detection programs, free treatment, and community education. Despite eliminating leprosy, Jordanian health officials stress the importance of continued monitoring to prevent future outbreaks.

Leprosy, also known as Hansen's disease, is a chronic infectious disease caused by *Mycobacterium leprae*. It primarily affects the skin, peripheral nerves, mucosal surfaces of the upper respiratory tract and eyes. Left untreated, leprosy can cause permanent damage to the skin, nerves, limbs and eyes. Early diagnosis and treatment can prevent disability.

Leprosy is a neglected tropical disease (NTD) which still occurs in more than 120 countries. More than 200 000 new cases are reported every year.

ISRO Signs 75 Technology Transfer Deals with Private Companies.

ISRO, IN-SPaCe, and NSIL have signed five Technology Transfer Agreements with private companies, marking a total of 75 agreements since space reforms. This milestone aims to empower India's private sector to utilize advanced space technologies for commercial and societal applications. The agreements were signed with Anabond Ltd, Salvo Industries Pvt Ltd, Micropack Pvt Ltd, and Astra Microwave Products Ltd.

Union Minister Dr. Virendra Kumar to inaugurate the 19th Divya Kala Mela

The 19th Divya Kala Mela was inaugurated in Visakhapatnam, showcasing products from 100 Divyang artisans across 20 states. The event promotes financial independence and inclusion for Divyang entrepreneurs through concessional loans and CSR-supported assistive devices.

The Mela will be showcasing the products and craftsmanship of Divyang entrepreneurs/artisans from across the country, from 19th - 29th September 2024.

The event would present an enthralling experience to the visitors as vibrant products from various parts of the country including Jammu and Kashmir, North Eastern states, handicrafts, handlooms, embroidery works and packaged food etc.

European Union (EU) pledges up to \$39 billion loan to Ukraine

The European Union (EU) pledged on Friday to lend Ukraine up to ₹35 billion (\$39 billion) as part of a loan package organised by the Group of Seven major industrial nations, as it seeks to help the country rebuild its economy and its war-shattered power grid.



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