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Cabinet Approves Rs.5 Lakh Health Insurance for Senior Citizens.

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the health coverage to all the senior citizens aged 70 years and above irrespective of income under the flagship scheme Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY). This aims to benefit approximately 4.5 Crore families with six (6) crore senior citizens with 5 Lakh rupees free health insurance cover on a family basis.

Mission Mausam'

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved 'Mission Mausam' with an outlay of Rs.2,000 crore over two years. Mission Mausam, to be chiefly implemented by the Ministry of Earth Sciences, is envisaged to be a multi-faceted and transformative initiative to tremendously boost India's weather and climate-related science, research, and services. It will help to better equip stakeholders, including citizens and last-

mile users, in tackling extreme weather events and the impacts of climate change. The ambitious program will help broaden capacity and resilience across communities, sectors, and ecosystems in the long run.

1. Mission boosts an extra edge in tackling extreme weather events and impacts of climate change
2. Next-generation radars and satellite systems with advanced sensors and high-performance supercomputers to be included

Palestine takes seat among UN member states at 79th General Assembly Session

The 79th session of the UN General Assembly began in New York, marking a historic moment as Palestine was given a seat next to UN member states. The session, led by new President Philemon Yang, will focus on resolving global conflicts and addressing issues like poverty, inequality, and climate change.

Discovery of a new Myristica swamp in the northern Western Ghats of India

Myristica swamps are one of the world's unique freshwater ecosystems. A group of researchers from Dodamarg, a few kilometers away from Goa-Maharashtra border have discovered a sacred grove—a Myristica swamp forest in Kumbhalgarh, which is protected by the local community.

Myristica magnifica is a species of plant native to Karnataka and Kerala, and is classified as endangered.

Earlier in Hewale-Bambarde in Sindhudurg district, researchers had come across the Myristica swamp forest making Kumbhalgarh the second village in Maharashtra to have such a unique forest patch.

Australia to legislate minimum age for social media usage

Anthony Albanese, the Prime Minister of Australia, said that they will legislate a minimum age for social media to keep children safe. The minimum age for children to log into sites such as Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok has not been decided but is expected to be between 14 and 16 years, Australian Prime Minister said. The prime minister also said Tuesday, vowing to get kids off their devices and "onto the footy fields".

Federal legislation to keep children off social media will be introduced this year, Anthony Albanese said, describing the impact of the sites on young people as a "scourge".



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