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World AMR Awareness Week 2023

- The **World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week** takes place from **November 18 to 24**, 2023, with the aim of enhancing awareness and comprehension of AMR while advocating best practices among One Health stakeholders.
- The chosen theme for WAAW 2023 will stay consistent with the previous year – “**Preventing Antimicrobial Resistance Together**,” just as it was in 2022.
- The **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)** warns that, if not addressed, AMR could push 24 million people into extreme poverty in the next decade and lead to **trillions of dollars in lost GDP**.

Midhili

- **The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD)** declared about the development of Cyclone Midhili in the northwest Bay of Bengal on 18 November.
- There is no direct threat to India as the cyclone is headed towards Bangladesh and hit the coast during the early hours of Saturday. However, strong winds with speeds 30 to 40 km/hr gusting to 50 km/hr could hit Tripura, Mizoram, Manipur and Assam on Nov. 19.

Sheyannis Palcios

- **Nicaragua’s Sheyannis Palcios**, a 23-year-old TV host and model, achieved a significant milestone by being crowned **Miss Universe 2023**.
- The **72nd Miss Universe** event concluded with a grand ceremony at the Jose Adolfo Pineda Arena in San Salvador, El Salvador on **18th November 2023**.

International Tourism Mart

- The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India is organizing the 11th edition of International Tourism Mart at Shillong, Meghalaya from 21st to 23rd November 2023.
- The International Tourism Mart is an annual event held by the Ministry in one of the North Eastern States on rotation basis, with an objective to provide a bigger platform to the North Eastern stakeholders to interact with their counterparts from both within the country and overseas markets as well as to create awareness about the tourism potential of North East Region (NER) and highlight its unique tourism products, rich bio diversity, unique intangible heritage including local traditions, dance forms, arts, handicrafts and handlooms to a domestic and international audience.

Luc Frieden

- Luc Frieden, ex-finance minister of the Christian Social People’s Party, is now the new prime minister of Luxembourg. Former PM Xavier Bettel will transition to the role of foreign affairs minister.
- **Global Fisheries Conference 2023**
- The first ever Global Fisheries Conference India 2023 kicked off at Science City in Ahmedabad. Under the theme ‘Celebrating Fisheries and Aquaculture Wealth,’ the conference aims to bring together key stakeholders for fruitful discussions, market insights, and networking.
- **Uttar Pradesh**, has secured a notable ‘**Best State**’ award for inland fisheries (plain areas).

Deepti Babuta

- **Deepti Babuta** has etched her name in literary history by becoming the first woman to clinch the prestigious **Dhahan Prize**, the largest international literary award for fiction in the Punjabi language. Her outstanding achievement is attributed to her compelling short story collection, ‘**Bhukh Eon Sah Laindi Hai**’ (‘**Hunger Breathes Like This**’).

'Fire Bird'

- Tamil writer **Perumal Murugan** has garnered a significant literary achievement with his novel '**Fire Bird**', skillfully translated into English by **Janani Kannan**, securing the prestigious **2023 JCB Prize for Literature**.

Brand Ambassador of Bengal

- Chief Minister **Mamata Banerjee** declared former cricketer and ex-president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), **Sourav Ganguly**, as the "**Brand Ambassador of Bengal**."

VAJRA PRAHAR 2023

- The **14th edition** of the **Indo-US Joint Special Forces exercise**, known as "**VAJRA PRAHAR 2023**," commenced at the Joint Training Node in Umroi, **Meghalaya**.
- The exercise focuses on the exchange of best practices and experiences, with a primary emphasis on joint mission planning and operational tactics.
- The inaugural edition of VAJRA PRAHAR took place in 2010, with subsequent editions reinforcing the commitment to mutual learning and interoperability. The ongoing 14th edition, spanning from November 21 to December 11, 2023, is hosted at Umroi Cantonment, Meghalaya.

Ghol

- The '**Ghol**' fish has been officially **declared the state fish of Gujarat**.
- The announcement was made by Gujarat Chief Minister **Bhupendra Patel** during the inaugural ceremony of the first Global Fisheries Conference India 2023 held at Gujarat Science City.
- The Ghol fish, scientifically known as *Protonibea diacanthus*, is widely distributed in the Indo-Pacific region, spanning from the Persian Gulf to the Pacific Ocean.

ICC Cricket World Cup 2023

- ICC Cricket World Cup 2023, Australia has lift the world cup trophy by defeating India.
- Australia's **Travis Head** was declared the **Player of the Match in his side's 2023 ODI World Cup final**.
- With this win Australia has won the World Cup title 6 times viz. **1987, 1999, 2003, 2007, 2015 and 2023**.
- **Virat Kohli** earned the "**Player of the Tournament**" title for his exceptional performance.

Javier Milei

- Libertarian outsider Javier Milei pulled off a massive upset on November 20 with a resounding win in Argentina's presidential election, a stinging rebuke of the traditional parties that have overseen decades of economic decline.
- India is the 4th largest trading partner of Argentina, with bilateral trade touching a historic peak of USD 6.4 billion in 2022, recording a growth rate of 12% over 2021.

Indira Gandhi Peace Prize for 2022

- The prestigious **Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for the year 2022** was jointly awarded to the **Indian Medical Association (IMA)** and **Trained Nurses Association of India**.

Saffron

- **Kishtwar saffron**, a prized **spice** cultivated and harvested in the **Kishtwar Region of Jammu and Kashmir**, has recently been bestowed with the prestigious **Geographical Indication (GI) tag** by the Geographical Indications Registry.

Indian Navy deploys INS Sumedha in Mozambique to boost interoperability

- As a part of the ongoing Extended Operational Deployment to Africa, Indian Naval Ship Sumedha arrived at Maputo, Mozambique on 21 November 2023. The port call is aimed at strengthening long standing diplomatic relations, reinforce maritime co-operation and boost interoperability between both the navies.
- Mozambique and India have traditionally enjoyed warm and friendly bilateral relations, share common values of democracy, development and secularism. There have been regular high-level exchanges and interactions in numerous fields between both countries. Bilateral Defence Cooperation is also being progressed through regular Joint Defence Working Group (JDWG) meetings.

Water Smart Kid Campaign

- In a significant move to instill a sense of responsibility and awareness among the younger generation regarding water conservation, Meghalaya Chief Minister **Conrad K. Sangma** launched the ‘**Meghalaya**

Water Smart Kid Campaign.’

- This initiative, operating under the **Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)**, aims to educate children about the **vital importance of water conservation.**

Exercise AUSTRAHIND-23

- **The Indian Armed Forces contingent, comprising 81 personnel, departed for Australia to take part in the second edition of Joint Military Exercise AUSTRAHIND-23.**
- **Exercise AUSTRAHIND-23** was instituted in 2022, and the **first edition** was conducted in Mahajan, **Rajasthan.**
- It is planned to be an annual training event to be conducted **alternatively in India and Australia.**
- The aim of the exercise is to **foster collaborative partnerships** and share best practises between the two sides.
- This year, the exercise will be conducted in Perth, Australia, from November 22nd to December 6th, 2023.

Rapid Innovation and Startup Expansion (RISE)

- **Recently, AIM, NITI Aayog launched a new accelerator called Rapid Innovation and Startup Expansion (RISE) to support Australian and Indian circular economy startups.**
- The India Australia RISE Accelerator is delivered in **partnership between CSIRO**, Australia’s national science agency, and **Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)**, the Government of India’s flagship initiative to promote a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship.
- This initiative focuses on **startups and small to mid-sized enterprises (SMEs)** in India and Australia working on **circular economy technologies** and solutions.

Brahmani River

- **The Odisha government has roped in IIT, Guwahati, for a physical and mathematical modelling study for the rejuvenation of the Brahmani River Delta.**
- **Brahmani River** is a major inter-state east-flowing river amongst the peninsular rivers in India.
- The river is **known as Dhamra** in its lower reaches.
- **Origin:** It is **formed by the confluence of the Sankh and South Koel rivers** near the major industrial town of **Rourkela in Odisha. Both the sources of the Brahmani River are on the Chota Nagpur Plateau.**
- The **Sankh River** has its origins near the **Jharkhand- Chhattisgarh border**, along with the **South Koel River**, which **also rises in Jharkhand.**
- The Brahmani River **basin is bounded** in the north by the **Chhotanagpur plateau**, in the west and south by the **Mahanadi basin**, and in the east by the **Bay of Bengal.**

Gambusia fish

- Recently, various government and non-governmental organisations in Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, and Punjab

have released Gambusia fish into local water bodies to address a mosquito menace.

- It is known as **mosquitofish** and, is widely used as a biological agent for controlling mosquito larvae.
- It is **native** to the waters of the **south-eastern United States**.

Tantalum

- Recently, a team of researchers from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Ropar, found the presence of tantalum, a rare metal, in the Sutlej river sand in Punjab.
- It is a rare metal with the **atomic number 73**—the number of protons found in one atom of the element.
- It is most prominently used in the **electronic sector**.
- The rare metal is also used to **make components for chemical plants**, nuclear power plants, aeroplanes and missiles.
- It does not react with bodily fluids and is used to **make surgical equipment** and implants, like artificial joints.

25th Meeting of the National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan

- The Director General of the Indian Coast Guard, Rakesh Pal, chaired the 25th meeting of the National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan (NOS DCP) on the coast of Vadinagar in Gujarat.
- The NOSDCP serves as a comprehensive plan designed to respond effectively to oil spills in Indian waters.

Girish Chandra Murmu

- Girish Chandra Murmu, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, has achieved a significant position by being elected as the Vice-Chair of the UN Panel of External Auditors.
- The Panel of External Auditors, comprising heads of 12 Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) globally, plays a crucial role in overseeing the external audit of the UN Secretariat, funds and programs, and specialized agencies.

International Emmy Award

- Indian comedian Vir Das has achieved a milestone by winning an International Emmy Award for his Netflix show, “Vir Das: Landing on Monday.” This accomplishment makes him the first Indian to secure a victory in the comedy category.
- Ekta Kapoor, producer, filmmaker, and co-founder of Balaji Telefilms, received this year’s Directorate Award at the International Emmy Awards. The award acknowledges individuals or organizations for their outstanding contributions to international television.

Vidya Samiksha Kendra

- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu inaugurated the Vidya Samiksha Kendra (VSK) in Shimla recently. This innovative data repository is set to transform the state’s education system by incorporating technology and data-driven approaches.

“Ayurveda Gyan Naipunya Initiative” (AGNI)

- The Central Council for Research in Ayurveda Sciences (CCRAS), under the Ministry of Ayush, has introduced the “Ayurveda Gyan Naipunya Initiative” (AGNI) to bolster research, scientific validation, and evidence-based practices in Ayurveda.
- The initiative invites qualified Ayurveda practitioners to express their interest in contributing to the project by submitting the Expression of Interest by December 15, 2023.

ASEAN-India Millets Festival

- India has launched a five-day “ASEAN-India Millets Festival” in Jakarta, Indonesia, aimed at raising awareness about millets as a farmer-friendly and sustainable food choice.
- Organized by the Indian Mission to ASEAN and the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare, the festival features a millet-centric exhibition with participation from Millet-based Farmer Producer Organizations

(FPOs), start-ups, and Indian chefs.

Inter Command Ocean Sailing Race 2023

- In a vibrant celebration of maritime skill and adventure, the Indian Navy kicked off the second edition of the Inter Command Ocean Sailing Race 2023 from Kochi to Goa in a grand ceremony at Naval Base, Kochi on November 22, 2023.

Deepor Beel

- The Assam Environment and Forest Minister recently said the state government will simplify rules to allow water sports and tourism-related activities in 'Deepor Beel'.
- Deepor Beel is a perennial freshwater lake located 10 km southwest of Guwahati city, Assam.
- It is a permanent freshwater wetland in a former channel of the Brahmaputra River.

8th India Water Impact Summit (IWIS)

- **Nitin Gadkari**, the Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways, recently inaugurated the **8th Edition of the Indian Water Impact Summit (IWIS) on 22nd November 2023 in New Delhi**.
- Organized by the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) and the Center for Ganga River Basin Management and Studies (cGanga), the three-day summit from **November 22 to 24, 2023**, brought together scientific experts, stakeholders and government representatives to address the dynamic challenges and opportunities in India's water sector.

World's Largest Single-Site Solar Power Plant

- The **United Arab Emirates (UAE)** has inaugurated the world's largest single-site solar power plant, the **2-gigawatt (GW) Al Dhafra Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Independent Power Project (IPP)**.

Anahat Singh

- At the Senior National Squash Championships 2023, history was rewritten as 15-year-old Anahat Singh secured victory, becoming the tournament's second youngest champion.

World's First 3D-Printed Temple

- **Telangana** has unveiled the **world's first 3D-printed temple**, a groundbreaking structure situated in Burugupally, Siddipet district.

New Education for New India

- The **President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu**, launched the 'New Education for New India' campaign by Brahma Kumaris, Sambalpur, in Sambalpur, Odisha on November 22, 2023.
- The campaign aims to instill moral values in students, contributing to the creation of a better society.

Farlowichnusrapidus

- **Recently, Brazil's geological service announced a new species of dinosaur, Farlowichnusrapidus, that lived in the desert during the early Cretaceous period.**
- **Farlowichnusrapidus**, new species of dinosaur was a **small carnivorous animal** about the size of a modern-day seriema bird, or about 60-90 cm (2-3 feet) tall.

Exercise SURYA KIRAN

- **The 17th edition of Joint Military Exercise SURYA KIRAN will be conducted in Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand, from November 24th to December 7th, 2023.**
- It is a joint military exercise between the Indian army and the Nepali army.

- It is an annual event and is **conducted alternately in the two countries.**

International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women 2023

- **November 25** marks the **International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women**, a pivotal day designated by the **United Nations** to raise awareness and address the global issue of violence faced by women.
- **2023 Theme-** This year's theme, **"UNITE! Invest to prevent violence against women and girls"**, emphasises the need to fund prevention strategies proactively to stop gender-based violence.

Hornbill Festival 2023 (December 1-10) – A Cultural Extravaganza in Nagaland

- The **Hornbill Festival 2023** is scheduled to occur from Friday, **December 1, 2023**, to Sunday, **December 10, 2023**.
- The Hornbill Festival, celebrated at the heritage village of **Kisama**, becomes the epicenter where the **state's 16 major tribes** unite to showcase their rich heritage, diverse traditions, and distinctive customs.

Indian Navy and DRDO Achieve Milestone in Indigenous Naval Anti-Ship Missile Trials

- Indian Navy, in collaboration with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), has successfully conducted Guided Flight Trials of the first indigenously developed Naval Anti-Ship Missile.

Digital Twins

- **Recently, the Survey of India (SoI) and Genesys International, a leading Indian mapping company, announced a strategic tie-up for a three-dimensional (3D) digital twin-mapping programme in India.**
- **Digital Twin** is a **virtual depiction of a real-world entity**, be it a product, process, person or location, capable of comprehending and gauging its tangible counterparts.
- The twin digital copy will also **help policymakers understand how infrastructure will function** in different situations, such as high-footprint events, an increase in population, or natural disasters.

Deepfakes

- The Union Information Technology Minister recently said the government will form regulations to control the spread of deepfakes on social media platforms, terming them a "new threat to democracy."
- Deepfakes are a **compilation of artificial images and audio put together with machine-learning algorithms** to spread misinformation and **replace a real person's appearance, voice, or both** with similar artificial likenesses or voices.
- The term "deepfake" **combines the deep learning concept with something fake. It can create people who do not exist, and it can fake real people saying and doing things they did not say or do.**