

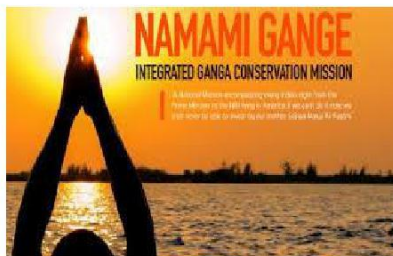
AYUSH Minister Shripad Yesso Naik to inaugurate the International Convention on World Homoeopathy Day tomorrow



Minister of State (Independent Charge), for AYUSH Sh. Shripad Yesso Naik, will inaugurate the National Convention on World Homoeopathy Day on 10 April 2017 at New Delhi tomorrow.

- Member of Parliament and Parliamentary Standing Committee of Ministry of AYUSH, Health and Family Welfare Dr. Manoj Rajoria will preside over the function.
- The event is being organized to commemorate the 262nd birth anniversary of the founder of Homoeopathy, Dr. Christian Friedrich Samuel Hahnemann, a German physician, who was a great scholar, linguist and acclaimed scientist.
- A special session is also being organised to pay tribute to him.
- The theme of the convention is “Enhancing Quality Research in Homoeopathy through scientific evidence and rich clinical experiences”.
- The convention will have around five scientific sessions where experts of national and international repute shall be deliberating on key areas of homoeopathic research, strengthening college infrastructure for undertaking research along with latest trends in drug validation, prognostic factor research, role in public health and epidemics by means of high quality research including NABH accreditation of homoeopathic hospitals.
- The main objective of sessions is to educate all stakeholders to understand the intricacies of Homeopathic research and to provide adequate exposure of quality research environment to medical colleges, practitioners, clinicians and researchers.

NMCG approves Sewage Treatment Projects Worth Rs. 2100 Crore



In a major push to Namami Gange programme, National Mission for Clean Ganga has approved 26 projects at an estimated cost of Rs 2154.28 Crore.

- This amount will be spent in the states of UP, Uttarakhand, Jharkhand and Delhi for creation of new sewage treatment capacity of 188 Million Liters per Day (MLD) (approx.), rehabilitation of 596 MLD of existing STP capacity, upgradation of 30 MLD of existing STP capacity, Interception and Diversion works and sewerage network of 145.05 km.

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- Under Namami Gange Programme, 100% central funding is being made for new projects.
- The completion of these projects will help in reducing the pollution load on the river Ganga as discharge of untreated effluent is one of the major source of pollution in river Ganga.

Omkar Modi's short film Avyakta selected for Cannes



Growing up, city-based Omkar Modgi (26) shared a non-confrontational and a complex bond with his father.

- Though it was filled with love and care, it remained unexpressed for a long time. However, gradually, the father-son bond strengthened and they came to understand each other, without the need for speaking regularly.
- Modgi found this transformation, of an unresponsive obligation into an amenable relationship, very intriguing.
- The festival would be held from May 17 to 28.
- Avyakta is the story of 14-year-old Aaditya, who shares a complex and awkward relationship with his father Shirang who runs a grocery store.
- Both of them are coping with the recent death of Aditya's mother Aarti, who was the only woman in the house and a bridge between them.
- The untimely demise of Aarti, increased their individual struggle with the daily chores and the gap between them.
- In a twist of fate, this father and son relationship found a new intimate meaning, which was the first step into bridging the gap between them.

PM Modi Lays Foundation Stone of Ganga Bridge Connecting Sahibganj & Manihari



Jharkhand's Sahibganj will be getting a Ganga Bridge and the foundation stone for the same was laid by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Sahibganj in Jharkhand today.

- Modi has again shown that he is dedicatedly working for the development of our country.
- Ganga bridge will be built over the holy river Ganga as a port. Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in a special Air Force plane at Purnia in Bihar and continued his journey to Sahibganj in a helicopter.
- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation for building a bridge on Ganga which will be a 4-lane bridge connecting Sahibganj to Manihari in

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- Bihar, s Katihar district.
- This would be an important step for Jharkhand.
- The distance between Sahibganj in Jharkhand and Manihari in Bihar will reduce drastically with the help of this bridge on Ganga river.

India and Bangladesh Sign 22 Agreements, Discuss Water Sharing



While Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that „only“ his and Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina“s governments that could resolve the intractable Teesta water-sharing issue, he offered \$5 billion in two separate lines of credit the visiting prime minister.

- The two leaders also took implicit pot-shots at Pakistan for „victimising“ both countries with a „terror mentality“.
- After being received by Modi at the airport in a special gesture on Friday, Hasina met her host again at Hyderabad House in Delhi on Saturday morning, where they had one-and-half hours of talks.
- Twenty-two agreements were signed in the area of defence, nuclear energy, cyber security and media, though the two leaders witnessed the signing of only four pacts – on the judicial sector, a \$4.5 billion development assistance line of credit, on outer space and on passenger and cruise services.
- In addition, India has offered a new \$500 million line of credit specifically for defence purchases.
- The two leaders on Saturday released the Hindi translation of the unfinished autobiography of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and also named a road after Bangladesh“s founding father in the middle of Lutyens Delhi.
- Modi announced that both countries will jointly produce a biopic on Sheikh Mujib, which will be released in 2020 on his birth centenary.
- West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee then joined the two prime ministers to launch three new transport links from West Bengal to Bangladesh.

Malala Yousafzai will become youngest person to address Parliament



Malala Yousafzai will address Parliament in Ottawa on April 12 and will make history while doing so.

- Prime Minister Justin Trudeau made the announcement in a statement on Monday.
- Nineteen-year-old Yousafzai is also the youngest person to win a Nobel Peace Prize, which she was a co-recipient of in 2014 for her work in women and girls' education, and for risking her life to help protect children from slavery, extremism and forced labour.
- She will also officially receive her honorary Canadian citizenship, the release said.
- Honorary citizenship was bestowed on her in 2014, by former Prime Minister Stephen Harper, but the ceremony in which she was supposed to receive it was cancelled because of the 2014 Ottawa shooting.

Scientists confirm 'Earth-like' planet with atmosphere discovered 39 light-years from Earth



For the first time ever, scientists announced this week that they have detected an atmosphere around a planet roughly the same size as Earth outside of our solar system, a key factor in the search for life beyond our planet.

- The new study published in the *Astronomical Journal* details the findings around exoplanet GJ 1132b -- which has been dubbed a "Venus twin" -- with a rocky surface and high surface temperature. The newly-discovered thick atmosphere gives the planets another thing in common.
- GJ 1132b orbits around the dwarf star GJ 1132 about 39 light-years away from our solar system.
- Researchers say the atmosphere is probably rich in water vapor or methane.
- The discovery is especially noteworthy because dwarf stars flares and particle streams usually blow away atmospheres of nearby planets.

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Scientists Just Discovered Plastic-Eating Bacteria That Can Break Down PET



We manufacture over 300 million tonnes of plastics each year for use in everything from packaging to clothing. Their resilience is great when you want a product to last.

- But once discarded, plastics linger in the environment, littering streets, fields and oceans alike.
- Every corner of our planet has been blighted by our addiction to plastic. But now we may have some help to clean up the mess in the form of bacteria that have been found slowly munching away on discarded bottles in the sludge of a recycling centre.
- Plastics are polymers, long thin molecules made of repeating (monomer) building blocks. These are cross-linked to one another to build a durable, malleable mesh. Most plastics are made from carbon-based monomers, so in theory they are a good source of food for microorganisms.
- But unlike natural polymers (such as cellulose in plants) plastics aren't generally biodegradable.
- Bacteria and fungi co-evolved with natural materials, all the while coming up with new biochemical methods to harness the resources from dead matter.

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