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➤ UNESCO and MeitY Partner on AI Readiness Assessment in India

In a significant move to align India's artificial intelligence (AI) ecosystem with global ethical standards, UNESCO's South Asia Regional Office, in collaboration with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and Ikigai Law, organized a two-day stakeholder consultation on the AI Readiness Assessment Methodology (RAM).



➤ U S Withdraws from WHO and Suspends Foreign Aid

On January, 2025, President Donald Trump signed an executive order initiating the United States' withdrawal from the World Health Organization (WHO) and suspending all foreign aid for 90 days. This decision has sparked significant global concern and debate.



In addition to exiting the WHO, President Trump ordered a 90-day suspension of all U S foreign aid programs. This pause aims to reassess and realign aid distribution with U S foreign policy objectives.

➤ Yala Glacier in Nepal Set to Vanish by 2040s Due to Climate Change

Yala Glacier, situated in Nepal's Langtang National Park, has been a focal point for glaciological studies due to its significant retreat over recent decades. Recent analyses predict that this glacier may vanish by the 2040s, underscoring the profound impacts of climate change on the Himalayan cryosphere.





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➤ Nigeria Joins BRICS as Partner, Aims for Global Collaboration

On January, 2025, Nigeria was officially admitted as a partner country of the BRICS bloc, which includes Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa. This strategic move aims to bolster Nigeria's economic and diplomatic ties with leading emerging economies. The announcement was made by Brazil's Foreign Ministry, highlighting Nigeria's significant role in strengthening South-South cooperation and advocating for global governance reforms.



➤ Chhattisgarh CM Launches Rs 10K Annual Aid Scheme for Labourers

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Dev Sai has launched a scheme to provide Rs 10,000 annually to landless labourers in the state, continuing his commitment to support vulnerable sections. This initiative is part of a larger series of welfare measures promised during the pre-poll campaign.



The scheme aims to benefit approximately 7.5 lakh landless agricultural labourers in Chhattisgarh, reflecting the government's focus on improving their financial stability.

➤ DRDL's Groundbreaking Active Cooled Scramjet Engine Test

The Defence Research & Development Laboratory (DRDL), a Hyderabad-based facility under the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), has made significant strides in developing next-generation hypersonic technology. This advanced technology revolves around the Supersonic Combustion Ramjet (Scramjet), a revolutionary propulsion system designed for hypersonic missiles. Recently, DRDL achieved a historic milestone by successfully conducting a ground test of an Active Cooled Scramjet Combustor for 120 seconds, marking a first for India.





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➤ Justice Alok Aradhe Appointed as Chief Justice of Bombay High Court

The central government has issued a notification confirming the appointments of Justice Alok Aradhe as the Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court and Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya as the Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court. These transfers aim to strengthen judicial leadership in two of India's busiest high courts.

