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Press Note on WHO Medical Product Alert regarding Maiden Pharmaceuticals Ltd

WHO on 29.09.2022 informed DCGI, the National Drug Regulator of India, that WHO is currently providing technical assistance and advice to Gambia, where children have died and where a contributing factor, is suspected to be the use of medicines which may have been contaminated with Diethylene glycol or Ethylene glycol (in some of the samples it was claimed to have been confirmed by further analysis conducted by WHO).

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Quick OPD registrations now possible under Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission

The National Health Authority (NHA) under its flagship scheme Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) is undertaking a pilot for faster OPD registration service at the new OPD block of Lady Hardinge Medical College (LHMC) & Smt. Sucheta Kriplani Hospital (SSKH) in New Delhi. This service allows old as well as new patients to simply scan a QR Code and share their demographic details like name, father name, age, gender, address, mobile number, etc. with the hospital. This helps to reduce the time taken at the OPD registration counter, provides accurate data in the hospital record, and, most importantly, avoids the wait in the long queues. The service is planned to be extended to other health facilities and departments soon.

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All India Institute of Ayurveda signs MoU with the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology, Japan

The All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), the apex institute of Ayurveda in India under the Ministry of AYUSH, and the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST), Japan have signed an MoU for academic establishment. AIST is a reputed and one of the largest public research organizations in Japan, focusing on technologies and on “bridging” the gap between innovative technological seeds and commercialization.

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Union Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar addresses the Second meeting of the High-Level Coalition on Health and Energy

Union Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar addressed the Second meeting of the High-Level Coalition on Health and Energy virtually from Nirman Bhawan. The first High-Level Coalition on Health and Energy was convened by the WHO Director-General in 2019 to strengthen the cooperation between health and energy sectors, increasing political momentum, spurring investments, mobilizing public support, and driving practical solutions.

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News report suggesting inaccuracies in National Health Accounts (NHA) estimates especially out-of-pocket expenditure reduction misleading and inaccurate

The news report suggesting inaccuracies in National Health Accounts (NHA) especially the out-of-pocket expenditure reduction claim is misleading and incorrect. National Health Accounts (NHA) provide detailed information on expenditures incurred within the country's health sector. These estimates are crucial as they reflect not only the country's existing health system but also enable the government to monitor the progress made in different health financing indicators.

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