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Let's check this news about (Indonesia's new capital city) Then, we will move ahead.

Indonesia's new capital city

Indonesia celebrated Independence Day in Nusantara, its future capital on Borneo, with scaled-back festivities due to ongoing construction delays. The grand inauguration was postponed because of incomplete infrastructure. The move from Jakarta, facing severe flooding, pollution, and sinking issues, aims to establish a 2,600-square-kilometre green city. Outgoing President Joko Widodo attended the event with successor Prabowo Subianto, while Vice-President Ma'ruf Amin marked the day at Jakarta's Merdeka Palace.



[Image Source: BBC News]

Thailand's new Prime Minister

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Paetongtarn Shinawatra, Thailand's new Prime Minister, received a royal endorsement on August 18. At 37, she is the country's youngest premier and the third Shinawatra to hold the position. Leading the Pheu Thai Party since 2023, she replaced Srettha Thavisin and heads a coalition including military parties. Shinawatra, daughter of former PM Thaksin and niece of ex-PM Yingluck, faces challenges in revitalising Thailand's economy and distancing herself from her family's political legacy.



[Image Source: BBC News]

Assam's Eri Silk earns prestigious Oeko-Tex certification

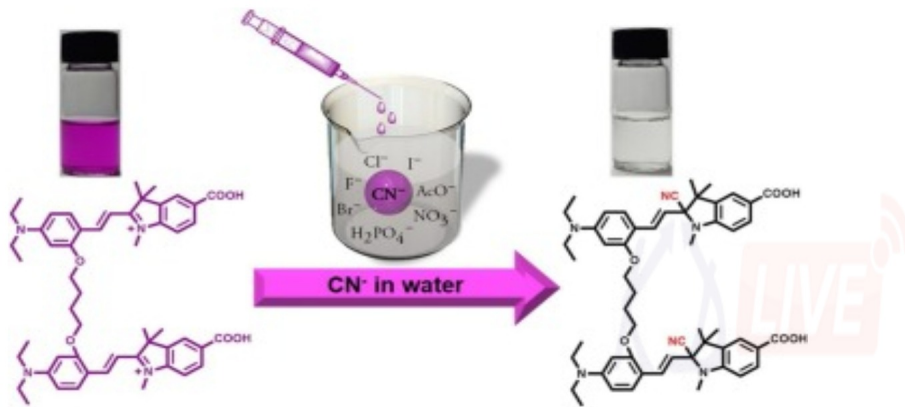
The North Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corporation (NEHHDC) has earned the Oeko-Tex Standard 100 certification for its Eri Silk, a vegan silk product from Assam. This certification confirms the textile's safety and eco-friendly production. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia praised the achievement, highlighting Eri Silk's authenticity and its potential for global export. Additionally, Eri rearing is boosting economic sustainability in Nalbari, benefiting local communities.



[Image Source: Mint]

Cyanide sensors

Dr. Ravi Kumar Kanaparathi's research team at the Central University of Kerala has developed a groundbreaking cyanide sensor to enhance safety in drinking water and food. Cyanide, a dangerous toxin in foods like cassava and apple seeds, poses significant health risks. The new sensor changes from yellow to colourless upon detecting cyanide, allowing for easy identification. This advancement addresses urgent needs highlighted by recent cyanide poisoning incidents, offering a reliable detection method.

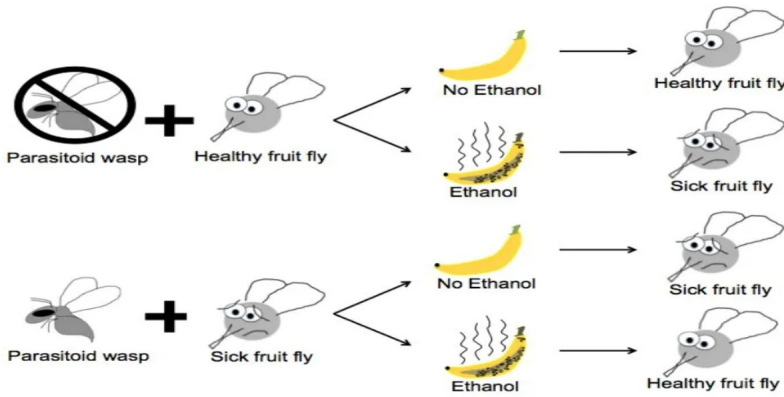


[Image Source: Wikipedia]

Zoopharmacognosy

Nature article, Laumer et al. describe how a male Sumatran orangutan in Indonesia self-treats a facial wound using a paste made from the plant *Fibraurea tinctoria*. This follows a 2012 study by Kaplan revealing Neanderthals used plants like yarrow and chamomile for health. The term 'zoopharmacognosy,' coined by D.H. Janzen, refers to animals self-medicating with plants. Traditional use of medicinal plants spans over 3,000 years, reflecting deep-rooted knowledge across cultures.

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[Image Source: Wikipedia]

INS Shivalik in Guam Island

INS Shivalik arrived in Guam for an Operational Turnaround following its participation in RIMPAC 2024, the world's largest multinational maritime exercise. This visit is part of the Indian Navy's Eastern Fleet's deployment to the South China Sea and the Pacific Ocean. The information was confirmed by the Eastern Naval Command in an official release. The deployment highlights India's strategic engagement in key international maritime exercises and operations.



[Image Source: India Today]

RBI Issues New NBFC-P2P Directives

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued new directives for non-banking financial company-peer-to-peer (NBFC-P2P) lending platforms, prohibiting them from promoting P2P lending as an investment product with assured returns or liquidity options. NBFC-P2Ps cannot use a lender's funds to replace other lenders' funds and must adhere to transparent pricing policies. They can only cross-sell loan-specific insurance and must disclose all fees upfront. The cap on a lender's exposure to P2P platforms remains ₹50 lakh.

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[Image Source: India Today]

India's Satellite Launch Market Expands

ISRO's Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) is ready for commercialization, with Skyroot's Vikram and Agnikul Cosmos's Agnibaan set to enter the market. The Indian satellite launch industry is projected to grow significantly, from USD 720 million in 2022 to USD 3.5 billion by 2033. Start-ups like Pixxel and Satsure are planning to deploy small satellites for various uses. Skyroot's Vikram-1, featuring the Kalam-250 engine, and Agnikul's Agnibaan will enhance India's space capabilities with their forthcoming launches.



[Image Source: India Today]

Young India Sports University Cultivating Future Champions

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Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy announced plans to establish the Young India Sports University on a 200-acre campus in Hakimpet, near Hyderabad, to develop athletes for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics. The state is also evaluating whether to use the existing sports school in Hakimpet or the sports complex in Gachibowli for the university's location. The university will be part of a larger integrated sports hub, which will feature modern infrastructure, sports science, and medicine centres.



[Image Source: India Today]

ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup

Defending champions India will open their campaign against the West Indies in the 2025 ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup, set to be held in Malaysia from January 18 to February 2. India is placed in Group A with Malaysia, West Indies, and Sri Lanka. The tournament features four groups, with the top three teams from each advancing to the Super Six stage. Teams will carry forward their points and Net Run Rate (NRR) from earlier rounds.



[Image Source: India Today]

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