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World Autism Awareness Day



Context:

- **World Autism Awareness Day** is observed annually on **April 2nd**
- It is a **UN-sanctioned day** to highlight the needs and rights of people with **Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)**.

It's a day to:

- **Raise awareness:** Increase public understanding of autism and the challenges faced by autistic individuals.
- **Promote acceptance:** Foster a more inclusive society where autistic people can thrive.
- **Celebrate strengths:** Recognize the unique talents and perspectives of the autistic community.

About:

- **Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)**, or simply autism, is a developmental condition that impacts how people interact with the world around them.
- **It's characterized by:** Social communication challenges: Difficulty with social interaction, understanding nonverbal cues, or expressing oneself clearly.
- **Restricted interests and repetitive behaviors:** A focus on specific topics, repetitive movements (stimming), or an insistence on routines.

Theme:

- The theme of World Autism Awareness Day 2024 is **'Empowering Autistic Voices'**
- It aims at **providing more support and power to the individuals** with this condition, in order to ensure they lead a meaningful life and even pursue successful careers.

Aurobindo Pharma commissions four plants in Andhra Pradesh including Pen-G facility

Context:

- Indian pharmaceutical giant **Aurobindo Pharma** has **commissioned four new manufacturing facilities in Andhra Pradesh**.
- This expansion includes a **significant Penicillin-G (Pen-G) plant(located at SEZ,Kakinada)**, aiming to strengthen domestic production of the antibiotic.

Key Points:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four new plants including Pen-G, 6-Amino Penicillanic Acid (6-APA), injectable products, and granulation facilities. • Pen-G plant boasts a capacity of 15,000 tonnes annually. • Facilities to cater to domestic supply, exports, and captive use (for Aurobindo's own formulations). • The Pen-G plant is expected to begin trial production in April 2024.
<p>Andhra Pradesh's first human milk bank</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andhra Pradesh is set to inaugurate its first human milk bank on April 3rd in Tirupati. • Established by the Rotary Club of Tirupati, the milk bank will be located at the Government Maternity Hospital. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The initiative aims to collect milk from mothers with excess supply and distribute it to infants who are unable to receive breast milk from their mothers. • This can include babies who are premature, ill, or whose mothers are facing challenges breastfeeding. • Donated milk will be rigorously tested, pasteurized, and stored for later use. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This launch is a significant step for Andhra Pradesh in providing vital nutrition to vulnerable infants. • Breast milk offers numerous health benefits for babies, and the milk bank will ensure access to this essential source of nourishment.
<p>Vijayawada leads in tax collections</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vijayawada has emerged as the leader in tax collection among cities in Andhra Pradesh for the 2023-24 fiscal year • The Vijayawada Municipal Corporation (VMC) achieved an impressive collection rate of 79.10%, surpassing other major cities like Visakhapatnam and Guntur. • This translates to a total collection of Rs 124.35 crore from a demand of Rs 157.26 crore. • Compared to the previous year, this marks a significant increase of 7.20%.



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