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Metal bangle to track malnutrition

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- A mid-arm bangle with a 23 cm circumference is devised to inform health workers in Bihar if a woman is malnourished.
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- If the thickness of the arm is more than 23 cm, a woman above 19 years can be called healthy.
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- But if the arm’s thickness in 23 cm or less, she would be categorised as “malnourished” and advised dietary correctives.
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- The method is indicative and not a replacement of existing methods — Body Mass Index and sundry pathological tests to know health status.
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Asia Africa Growth Corridor

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- India and Japan proposed for the Asia Africa Growth Corridor.
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- Unlike China’s One Belt One Road (OBOR) project, the Asia Africa Growth Corridor is conceived as a more open and inclusive programme.
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- It proposes four key elements that leverage the strengths of India and Japan.
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- They are enhancing capacity and skills; building quality infrastructure and connecting institutions; development and cooperation projects in health, farming, manufacturing and disaster management; and people-to-people partnerships.
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African Development Bank Group (AfDB)

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- It is a multilateral development finance institution established to contribute to the economic development and social progress of African countries.
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- The AfDB was founded in 1964 and comprises of The African Development Bank, the African Development Fund and the Nigeria Trust Fund.
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- It is a financial provider to African governments and private companies investing in the regional member countries.
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