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Stree Swabhiman

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- Stree Swabhiman is an initiative under Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology for women's health and hygiene.
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- It aims to create a sustainable model for providing adolescent girls and women an access to affordable sanitary products by leveraging Common Service Centres (CSCs) established under digital India.
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- The initiative is driven by awareness and personalised outreach by women entrepreneurs who produce and market sanitary napkins themselves.
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ITEWS

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- Indian Tsunami Early Warning System (ITEWS) is established by Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), under ministry of earth sciences.
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- The ITEWS comprises a real-time network of seismic stations, tsunami buoys and tide gauges to detect tsunami genic earthquakes and to monitor tsunamis.
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- It detects globally occurring earthquakes of 5 magnitude and above within 5-10 minutes of the event.
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- The system is capable of displaying ticket messages related to tsunami events and triggering of a built-in siren alert system audible for up to 1 km.
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AEFI

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- Union Health Ministry has released a report on deaths due to Adverse Events Following Immunisation (AEFI).
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- It is estimated that for every 1,00,000 children immunised, there would be at least 10 serious adverse events (including deaths and hospitalisation).
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- India’s AEFI data is compiled by district officers, and the Union Health Ministry’s national AEFI committee follows up on reports, sifting out deaths that may have a link with vaccine administration.
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- The WHO has recommended the use of performance indicators for AEFI functionality assessment.
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Project Sunrise

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- Project Sunrise was launched in 2015, by union government to tackle the increasing HIV prevalence in the North-Eastern states.
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- It aims to provide treatment and care facilities free of cost for people living with HIV/AIDS and create more awareness about the disease in these N-E states.
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- The project is a five-year programme (2015-2020) aimed at complementing the ongoing National AIDS Control Programme (NACP).
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- The project has been sponsored by US based Centre for Disease Control.
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Prompt Corrective action (PCA)

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- Union Finance Ministry as a part of reforming process about to initiate a performance review for public sector banks.
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- These reforms will be under the RBI’s Prompt Corrective Action (PCA).

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- The PCA is invoked when certain risk thresholds are breached, there are three risk thresholds which are based on
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1. Asset quality.
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2. Profitability.
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3. Capital and the like.
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- The third threshold is the maximum tolerance limit, which has set NPA at over 12% and negative return on assets for four consecutive years.
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- Under PCA there are two type of sanctions restrictions on dividend, branch expansion and directors compensation are of mandatory type and curbs on lending and deposit are discretionary type.
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Intellectual property Index

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- The index is published by US Chamber of Commerce.
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- It evaluates the intellectual property (IP) environment and grades countries on patents, trademarks, copyright, trade secrets, enforcement, and international treaties.
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- The Index is released for 50 countries with 40 indicators, primarily focusing intellectual property.
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