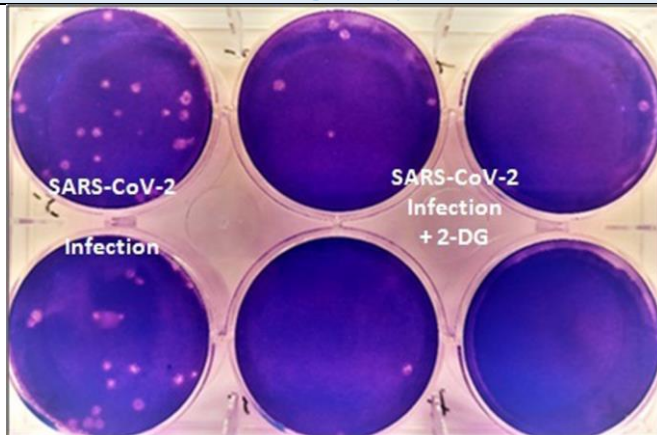
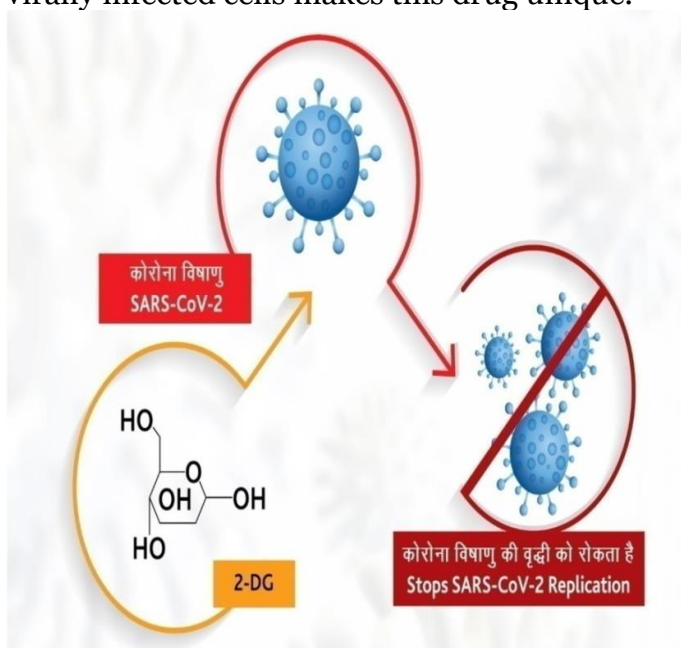


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1. DCGI approves anti-COVID drug '2-DG' developed by DRDO for emergency use



- The Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) has granted permission for emergency use of **anti-COVID-19 therapeutic application of the drug 2-deoxy-D-glucose (2-DG)**.
- An anti-COVID-19 therapeutic application of the drug 2-deoxy-D-glucose (2-DG) has been developed by Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (INMAS), a lab of **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)**, in collaboration with Dr Reddy's Laboratories (DRL), Hyderabad.
- Clinical trial results have shown that this molecule helps in faster recovery of hospitalised patients and reduces supplemental oxygen dependence.
- The drug comes in powder form in sachet, which is taken orally by dissolving it in water.
- It accumulates in the virus infected cells and prevents virus growth by stopping viral synthesis and energy production. Its selective accumulation in virally infected cells makes this drug unique.



2. Labour and Employment Ministry notifies section 142 of Social Security Code, 2020



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- The Ministry of Labour and Employment has notified section 142 of the Social Security Code, 2020 which covers the applicability of Aadhaar.
- The notification of section will enable the Ministry of Labour and Employment to collect Aadhaar details for the database of beneficiaries under various social security schemes.
- National Database for Unorganised Workers (NDUW) is at an advanced stage of development by the National Informatics Centre.
- The section under the Social Security Code has been notified only for collection of data of workers including migrant workers. No benefit will be denied to workers for want of Aadhaar.
- **The Social Security Code, 2020** is a code to amend and consolidate the laws relating to social security with the goal to extend social security to all employees and workers either in the organised or unorganised or any other sectors.

3. Ayush Ministry launches nationwide distribution campaign of AYUSH 64 & Kabasura Kudineer



- In a concerted response to the second surge of COVID-19 infection in the country, Ministry of Ayush is launching a massive nationwide campaign to distribute its proven poly herbal Ayurvedic drugs AYUSH 64 and Sidha drug Kabasura Kudineer for the benefit of the vast majority of out of hospital COVID patients.

- The multi stakeholder campaign being launched by Shri Kiren Rijiju, Minister of State (independent charge) for Youth Affairs and Sports and Minister of Ayush (additional charge) will ensure that medicines reach the needy in a transparent and efficient manner. The main collaborator in the campaign is Sewa Bharati.
- **Note:** The Ministry has also set up an Interdisciplinary Committee for Inclusion of Ayurveda and Yoga Interventions in the 'National Clinical Management Protocol: COVID-19, which was chaired by Dr V M Katoch, former Director General ICMR.

4. Armed Forces launch Operation 'CO-JEET' to fight COVID-19 in India



- The armed forces (the Army, the Indian Air Force and the Navy) have launched operation "CO-JEET" to aid anti-COVID-19 efforts, like strengthening medical infrastructure and oxygen supply chains, as well as take measures to ensure mental wellbeing of people.
- Deputy Chief of Integrated Defence Staff (Medical) Lieutenant General Dr Madhuri Kanitkar, who is the third woman to become a three-star general in the armed forces, is working round the clock to strategise and monitor steps to provide relief to COVID-19 patients.
- "CO-JEET stands for co-workers of all the three services who will finally achieve 'Jeet' (victory) over COVID.

5. RBI joins Network for Greening the Financial System



- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has joined the Central Banks and Supervisors Network for Greening the Financial System (NGFS) as a Member on April 23, 2021.

- The Reserve Bank expects to benefit from the membership of NGFS by learning from and contributing to global efforts on Green Finance which has assumed significance in the context of climate change.
- **Note:** Launched at the Paris One Planet Summit on December 12, 2017, the NGFS is a group of central banks and supervisors willing to share best practices and contribute to the development of environment and climate risk management in the financial sector, while mobilizing mainstream finance to support the transition towards a sustainable economy.

6. Himanta Biswa Sarma sworn in as new Assam Chief Minister



- Senior BJP leader Himanta Biswa Sarma was sworn in as the 15th Chief Minister of Assam.
- Governor Jagdish Mukhi administered him the oath of office.
- Along with Mr. Sarma, 13 ministers also took oath. 10 ministers from the BJP, while 2 ministers from Asom Gana Parishad and 1 from UPPL are included in the Himanta Biswa Sarma ministry.
- A writer and sports administrator, Shri Sarma is also holding the post of Convenor of the North East Democratic Alliance, NEDA.

7. Laureus World Sports Awards 2021



- Japan's Naomi Osaka has been named Sportswoman of the Year at the Laureus World Sports Awards 2021, with fellow tennis player Rafael Nadal Sportsman of the Year.
- **Laureus award winners:**
World Sportswoman of the Year Award : Naomi Osaka
World Sportsman of the Year Award : Rafael Nadal

World Team of the Year Award	: Bayern Munich
World Breakthrough of the Year Award	: Patrick Mahomes
World Comeback of the Year Award	: Max Parrot
Sport for Good Award	: Kickformore by Kickfair
Lifetime Achievement Award	: Billie Jean King
Athlete Advocate of the Year Award	: Lewis Hamilton
Sporting Inspiration Award	: Mohamed Salah
Sporting Moment of the Year Award	: Chris Nikic

- **About the Laureus World Sports Awards:** It is an annual award ceremony honouring individuals and teams from the world of sports along with sporting achievements throughout the year. It was established in 1999 by Laureus Sport for Good Foundation founding patrons Daimler and Richemont.

8. Olympian and former India hockey coach MK Kaushik passes away



- Maharaj Krishan Kaushik was a member of the India national field hockey team and coach of the Indian hockey team.
- He was a member of the team when it won the gold medal at the 1980 Summer Olympics in Moscow.
- In 1998, he received the Arjuna Award.
- For his coaching contribution to Indian hockey he received the Dronacharya Award in 2002.

9. May 11, National Technology Day



- This year the theme of the National Technology Day 2021 is “Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future”.

- On May 11, 1998, India successfully fired an Operation Shakti missile at the Indian Army's Pokhran Test Range in Rajasthan.
- This made India the sixth country to join the nuclear club of nations.
- Based on these immense breakthrough achievements by the engineers, scientists and technicians of the country, Atal Bihari Vajpayee announced May 11 as National Technology Day in 1999.

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