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Digital Intelligence Platform and CHAKSU

- Union Minister for Communications **Ashwini Vaishnav** launched the **Digital Intelligence Platform and CHAKSHU - Report Suspected Fraud Communication Facility** on **Sanchar Saathi Portal** at a function in New Delhi.
- **Digital Intelligence Platform (DIP)** developed by the Department of Telecommunications aims at facilitating coordination among the Stakeholders to Curb the **Misuse of Telecom Resources in Cybercrime and Financial Fraud**.



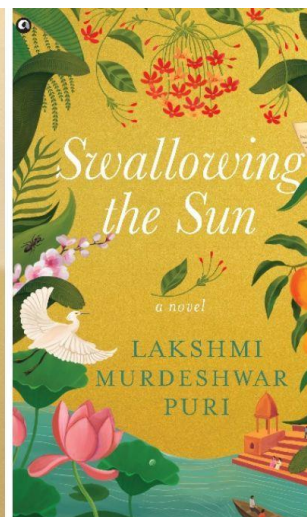
- While the **Chakshu facilitates citizens to report suspected** fraud communication received over call, SMS or WhatsApp to defraud. These include **KYC expiry** or update of bank account, gas connection and impersonation as a government official or relative for sending money and disconnection of all mobile numbers by the Department of Telecommunications.
- Mr Ashwini Vaishnav said that the Government has laid **special focus on cyber security** to provide safeguards against cyber frauds.
- These two initiatives will further strengthen the Government's efforts in the fight against **cyber fraud**.



- Mr Vaishnaw said that since the launch of the Sanchar Saathi Portal in May last year, more than **one core fraudulent mobile connections** were delisted.
- The Portal detects fraudulent connections and triggers re-verification. He said, every day more than 2 thousand 500 such connections are being disconnected.
- On the occasion, Union Minister of State for Communications Devusinh Chauhan was also present.

Swallowing The Sun

- **Lakshmi Murdeshwar Puri**, former Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations and wife of Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, celebrated the launch of her debut book **“Swallowing the Sun” in Mumbai.**
- The novel, set during the time of independence, draws inspiration from Puri’s parents and her roots in Maharashtra, aiming to illuminate themes of women empowerment and cultural heritage.



- “**Swallowing the Sun**” is deeply rooted in Lakshmi Puri’s personal history and heritage, drawing inspiration from her upbringing in Maharashtra.
- The novel explores **themes of women empowerment** through its protagonist, shedding light on the struggles and triumphs of women during a pivotal period in Indian history.
- Puri expressed that the book is influenced by various **Abhangas, spiritual hymns composed by renowned Maharashtrian saints and poets**, enriching the narrative with cultural depth and resonance.
- The launch event in Mumbai was attended by prominent figures, including industrialist Anand Mahindra, who commended Lakshmi Puri’s talent and celebrated the successful release of “**Swallowing the Sun.**”
- Puri’s literary debut marks a significant milestone in her career, showcasing her multifaceted talents beyond her distinguished tenure at the United Nations.

Pharmacopoeia Recognition

- **India and Nicaragua** have forged a significant partnership in the field of pharmaceutical regulation through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Pharmacopoeia recognition.
- This milestone agreement marks **Nicaragua as the first nation in the Spanish-speaking world** to recognize the Indian Pharmacopoeia, showcasing the growing global recognition of India’s pharmaceutical standards.



- India's Ambassador to Nicaragua, Dr. Sumit Seth, and Nicaragua's Minister of Health, Dr. Martha Reyes, signed the MoU on Pharmacopoeia cooperation between the two nations. This MoU underscores the commitment of both countries to collaborate in regulating medicines and ensuring quality healthcare for their citizens.
- With this MoU, **Nicaragua joins a select group of nations** that recognize the Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP).
- The IP, maintained by the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC), sets standards for drugs in India, ensuring their quality, efficacy, and safety.
- The recognition of IP by Nicaragua reflects its adherence to global standards and its confidence in India's regulatory framework.
- **Pharmacopoeias play a crucial role in regulating** the quality of drugs manufactured and consumed within a country. They provide standards for drug composition, purity, and testing methods, guiding regulatory authorities and pharmaceutical industries in ensuring the safety and efficacy of medications.
- **Major Pharmacopoeias in the world** include the United States Pharmacopoeia (USP), British Pharmacopoeia (BP), European Pharmacopoeia (Ph Eur), and Japanese Pharmacopoeia (JP).
- Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP) **The IP, established in 1955**, is the official book of standards for drugs in India. It defines specifications and testing methods for both crude drugs and finished formulations, ensuring uniformity and quality in the pharmaceutical sector.



Drug & Cosmetic Act 1940 & Rules 1945



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- The IP holds legal status within the **Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940**, and compliance with its standards is mandatory for all drugs imported, manufactured, and distributed in India.

- The IP has gained recognition beyond India's borders, with several nations acknowledging it as a book of standards for pharmaceuticals. Prior to Nicaragua, **Afghanistan, Ghana, Nepal, Mauritius, and Suriname** had recognized the IP.
- With Nicaragua's inclusion, the IP now enjoys recognition in six nations, further enhancing India's standing in the global pharmaceutical landscape.

RIL Signs Deal With Disney

- **Reliance Industries (RIL)** has unveiled a significant merger deal with **Viacom18 Media** and **The Walt Disney Company**, aimed at forming a joint venture (JV) that will integrate the **operations of Viacom18 and Star India**.
- This strategic move is poised to reshape the landscape of the Indian entertainment and sports industry.
- **Merger Agreement and Investment RIL, Viacom18 Media, and Disney** sign binding definitive agreements for the merger. Viacom18's media business to be merged into Star India through a court-approved scheme of arrangement.
- RIL commits to investing **Rs 11,500 crore** (approximately US\$ 1.4 billion) into the JV to support its growth strategy.



- Transaction values the **JV at Rs 70,352 crore** (approximately US\$ 8.5 billion) on a post-money basis, excluding synergies.

- Ownership structure: RIL to control 16.34%, Viacom18 46.82%, and Disney 36.84%.
- Potential contribution of additional media assets by Disney, subject to regulatory approvals.
- **Nita M. Ambani appointed as Chairperson** of the JV, bringing her visionary leadership to the forefront.
- Uday Shankar named Vice Chairperson, providing strategic guidance to the JV based on his extensive industry experience.
- The JV poised to become a leading TV and digital streaming platform for entertainment and sports content in India.
- Iconic media assets from both Viacom18 and Star India, including Colors, StarPlus, StarGOLD, and Star Sports, will be consolidated.
- Potential viewership of over 750 million across India and catering to the Indian diaspora globally.
- **Combination of Viacom18 and Star India's** expertise to offer diverse and appealing entertainment content and sports livestreaming services.
- **Integration of Disney's acclaimed** films and shows with Viacom18's productions and sports offerings to create a novel digital-focused entertainment experience.
- Commitment to delivering innovative and convenient digital entertainment at affordable prices.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. CHAKSU PLATFORM IS LAUNCHED BY

- A. Ministry Of Health
- B. Ministry Of Agriculture
- C. Ministry Of Communications
- D. Ministry Of Home Affairs

ANSWER: C

2. Pars 1' Satellite Is Launched By

- A. China
- B. Japan
- C. India
- D. Iran

ANSWER: D

3. 1st Country In World To Enshrine Right To Abortion In Constitution

- A. Sweden
- B. Italy
- C. France
- D. Denmark

ANSWER: C

4. 1st Green Hydrogen Plant In India in Stainless Steel Sector Made In

- A. Haryana
- B. Gujarat
- C. Kerala
- D. Odisha

ANSWER: A

5. What Is 'Homosep Atom', Recently Seen In The News

- A. Ancient Irrigation Technique
- B. Septic Tank/Manhole Cleaning Robot
- C. Nuclear Ballistic Submarine
- D. Ancient Medicinal Practice

ANSWER: B

6. Krishna Raja Sagara Reservoir Is Located In Which State

- A. Karnataka
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Odisha

ANSWER: A

7. What Is The Theme Of 'World NGO Day 2024

- A. Building a Sustainable Future: Role of NGOs in Achieving the SDGs
- B. Building a More Equitable World
- C. Empowering Communities for Sustainable Development
- D. Celebrating Community Heroes

ANSWER: A

8. Feleti Teo Became A New Prime Minister Of Which Country

- A. Tuvalu
- B. Tonga
- C. Palau
- D. Fiji

ANSWER: A

9. Which State Government Introduced A Bill To Hold Rioters Responsible For Damage To Both Government And Private Property

- A. Bihar
- B. Odisha
- C. Uttarakhand
- D. Madhya Pradesh

ANSWER: C

10. Where Was 2nd State Level Shehri Samridhi Utsav Inaugurated

- A. Kohima
- B. Shillong
- C. Gangtok
- D. Agartala

ANSWER: D

11. Rank Of India In Global Intellectual Property Index 2024

- A. 42nd
- B. 45th
- C. 44th
- D. 46th

ANSWER: A

12. Which State Government Decided To Repeal Muslim Marriage And Divorce Registration Act, 1935

- A. Tripura
- B. Assam
- C. Kerala
- D. Uttar Pradesh

ANSWER: B

13. Ayutthaya City Is Located In Which Country

- A. Thailand
- B. Vietnam
- C. Egypt
- D. Sudan

ANSWER: A

14. Neil Wagner Retired From International Cricket, Is From Which Country

- A. New Zealand
- B. Australia
- C. South Africa
- D. England

ANSWER: A

15. What Is Agasthyagama Beddomii

- A. Wolf spider
- B. Kangaroo lizard
- C. Desert Rain Frog
- D. Invasive weed

ANSWER: B

16. Ahobilam Paruveta Festival, Is Celebrated In Which State

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Karnataka
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Tamil Nadu

ANSWER: C

17. Primary Role Of The Chinook/CH-47F Helicopter

- A. Attack And Armed Reconnaissance
- B. Search And Rescue
- C. Medical Evacuation
- D. Heavy Troop And Supply Transport

ANSWER: D

18. Who Became First Nationalist First Minister Of Northern Ireland

- A. Norma Foley
- B. Catherine Martin
- C. Michelle O'Neill
- D. Helen McEntee

ANSWER: C

19. Which Company Has Partnered With Indian Institute Of Science For 6G Research And Development In Bengaluru

- A. Intel
- B. Qualcomm
- C. Nokia
- D. Ericsson

ANSWER: C

20. Chachnama Is The Oldest Chronicle Of Which Of The Following Regions

- A. Kashmir
- B. Gandhar
- C. Sindh
- D. Punjab

ANSWER: C