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Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday chaired a high-level review meeting on the National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP) at his residence in New Delhi. Lauding the significant progress made in early detection and treatment of TB patients in 2024, the Prime Minister called for scaling up successful strategies nationwide, reaffirming India's commitment to eliminate TB from India. During the meeting, Prime Minister Modi stressed the need to analyse the trends of TB patients based on urban or rural areas and also based on their occupations. He said that this will help identify groups that need early testing and treatment, especially workers in construction, mining, textile mills, and similar fields. Prime Minister highlighted the importance of cleanliness through Jan Bhagidari as a key step in eliminating TB. He urged efforts to personally reach out to each patient to ensure they get proper treatment.

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Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw yesterday inaugurated two new state-of-the-art design facilities located in Noida and Bengaluru. Highlighting the uniqueness of the new facility, Mr. Vaishnaw stated that this is India's first design center to work on cutting-edge 3-nanometer chip design, a milestone that firmly places India in the global league of semiconductor innovation. During his interaction with the media, Mr. Vaishnaw asserted that the semiconductor ecosystem in India is progressing well, aligning with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of establishing a comprehensive semiconductor ecosystem in the country.

Mr Vaishnaw also announced the launch of a new semiconductor learning kit aimed at enhancing practical hardware skills among engineering students.

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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested two persons belonging to banned militant groups for their involvement in the brutal killing of a woman and burning and looting of houses by armed militants in Jiribam district of Manipur in November last year. The two accused are in NIA custody till 17th May in the case in which investigations are continuing.

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The prestigious 78th Cannes Film Festival Opened at the French Riviera in France with a glamorous red carpet and a powerful opening ceremony, marking the start of a 12-day celebration of global cinema. At the opening ceremony, highly acclaimed Veteran American actor, producer, and director, Robert De Niro received an honorary Palme d'Or, 49 years after Taxi Driver won the festival's top prize.

Over the 12-day Cannes Film Festival, 22 films are vying for the prestigious Palme d'Or. Meanwhile, India is once again set to shine on the global cinematic stage. Legendary filmmaker Satyajit Ray's 1970 classic 'Aranyer Din Ratri', starring Soumitra Chatterjee and Sharmila Tagore, will be screened in the Classics section at the Cannes. Director Neeraj Ghaywan's second feature film, 'Homebound', has been selected for the Un Certain Regard section at Cannes 2025.

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The government has officially designated 23rd september as Ayurveda Day. The Ayush Ministry stated that the change notified through a Gazette notification, marks a significant shift from the earlier practice of observing Ayurveda Day on Dhanteras. The Ministry said, Ayurveda Day has been commemorated annually to promote Ayurveda as a scientific, evidence-based, and holistic system of medicine that plays a pivotal role in preventive healthcare and wellness. The Ministry urged the citizens, health professionals, academic bodies, and international partners to embrace the newly designated date and actively participate in Ayurveda Day celebrations on 23rd September each year.

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