Tamil Nadu Tiny and Small Industries Association (TANSTIA) – partners with Zoho, a software development company to improve digital literacy of its members

- The tie-up will offer access to Zoho software at discounted rates in order to help improve the digital literacy of the members of the association.
- Zoho will also counsel and train on ways to automate businesses with its business software.
- TANSTIA members will get between 15% and 20% discount on popular business software suites from Zoho.
- Additionally, Zoho is offering its drag-and-drop website builder, Zoho Sites at an annual discount of 25% to all TANSTIA members to enable them to get their digital address.
Chennai emerged in top position in the WWF’s Global Water Stewardship ranking among water scarcity megacities globally.

There are four Indian cities in the top 20 megacities with populations above 10 million. Chennai aside, Kolkata ranks at number 2, Mumbai at 11 and Delhi at 15.

The study drew on The Nature Conservancy’s ‘Urban Water Blueprint’ and used WWF’s ‘Water Risk Filter’, global water management initiatives.

NATIONAL

Union Cabinet – clears the amendments to the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and the National Investigation Agency Act on June 24

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The draft National Investigation Agency (Amendment) Bill seeks to widen the scope of cases the agency can investigate.

New offences being added to the schedule of NIA Act include cyberterrorism cases registered under Section 66F of the Information Technology Act, 2000, as well as IPC crimes under Sections 370 and 371 relating to human trafficking having inter-state and international linkages.

Another amendment proposed is allowing a judge of an NIA court to be designated by position and not by name.

An amendment to the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act cleared by the Cabinet will allow individual terrorists to be included in the schedule of “banned” entities.

The listing of an individual as a “terrorist” helps impose a travel ban and restrict such a person’s access to funds and other amenities.

**7th Passport Seva Divas**

- **Minister of External Affairs, S Jaishankar** - gave awards for exemplary passport services to a variety of service providers, from the state to individual level.

  - He also gave awards at the function to the best performing passport offices.
  - Jalandhar Passport Office got the first prize followed by Kochi and Coimbatore.
  - The minister also said that the ministry is planning to roll out chip-enabled e-passports with advanced security features soon.

**INTERNATIONAL**

- **Pakistan’s National Assembly deputy speaker** - banned the use of the word “selected” to describe Prime Minister Imran Khan
  - Since last year, this practice has continued in press conferences, on TV talk shows and at public rallies.
  - NA deputy speaker Qasim Khan Suri issued the ruling declaring the use of the word “selected” to describe Khan as PM an insult to the entire House.
It is widely believed by critics and independent observers that Khan was the blue-eyed "baby" of the powerful military, which had cleared a path for him and his Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) party to form government by allegedly rigging elections last year.

**ECONOMY**

- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has launched a Complaint Management System (CMS) — an online portal to facilitate bank customer grievance redressal processes.**
  - The CMS portal can be accessed on RBI’s website and complaints can be lodged against any of the entities regulated by the central bank.
  - CMS provides features such as acknowledgement through SMS and email notification, status tracking through unique registration number, receipt of closure advises and filing of appeals, where applicable.
  - The RBI also plans to introduce a dedicated Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System for tracking the status of complaints.

**AWARDS**

- **Veyil Marangal (Trees Under the Sun), directed by Bijukumar Damodaran - won the award for ‘Outstanding Artistic Achievement’ at the 22nd Shanghai International Film Festival**
  - With the honour, it has become the first Indian film to win a major award at the festival.
  - It was one among the 3,964 entries submitted from 112 countries.
WHO’S 4 NEW CLASSES OF ANTIBIOTICS – A REPORT

How WHO is tackling the AMR menace
Given the increased urgency to tackle AMR, the WHO has come up with a new classification of antibiotics to ensure they aren’t misused.

WHO HAS CREATED FOUR CLASSIFICATIONS:

Access: Antibiotics that represent first- or second-line treatment for common infections. Access antibiotics should be widely available.

Reserve: A last-resort antibiotic that is effective against multi- or extensively-resistant bacteria, and therefore are a valuable, non-renewable resource that should be used as sparingly as possible.

Watch: Antibiotics that present a higher potential to negatively impact AMR. They are the most effective options for a limited group of well-defined diseases, but their use should be tightly monitored and restricted to limited uses.

Discouraged: Some antibiotics, such as certain fixed dose combinations of antibiotics, do not have any reasonable indications for the treatment of infectious diseases in humans and may negatively impact AMR and patient safety.

Under its new classification, WHO has set a global target to increase consumption of antibiotics in the Access category to 60% of all antibiotic use by 2023 and reduce the use of drugs from all other categories.

WHEN AND WHEN NOT TO USE ANTIBIOTICS, AN EXAMPLE

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**24 lakh** people could be forced into extreme poverty due to AMR

Increasingly antibiotics are being misused, prescribed by doctors or bought by self-diagnosing consumers when they’re not needed.

**7 lakh** Estimated annual deaths due to antibiotic resistant bacteria worldwide, predicted to rise to 1 crore by 2050

Using antibiotics "just in case" or incorrectly for simple illnesses a cold or flu is leading to the spread of antimicrobial resistance.

Unabated, AMR could lead to a catastrophic increase in deaths from infection and give rise to deadly superbugs.

50% OR MORE ANTIBIOTICS PRESCRIPTIONS ARE INAPPROPRIATE ACROSS SEVERAL CONTINENTS

75% OF INDIANS THINK, INCORRECTLY, THAT Colds AND FLU CAN BE TREATED WITH ANTIBIOTICS

62% INCREASE IN ANTIBIOTIC USE IN INDIA BETWEEN 2001 AND 2010

Source: WHO Graphic: Karthic R Ryer