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Health News

Encephalitis under control, claims Bengal Health Department

The West Bengal Health Department today said that the spread of encephalitis was "completely under control" as hardly any new case of the vector-borne disease was reported.

"The situation is totally under our control now. The number of new cases has reduced drastically and there are hardly any new confirmed cases of encephalitis coming up before us," West Bengal Health Services director Biswaranjan Satpathy, who is camping in the affected areas of north Bengal, told PTI.

Source: Business Standard

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http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/encephalitis-under-control-claims-bengal-health-department-114072901237_1.html

Death toll touches 119; encephalitis under control, say health officials

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Source: The Hindu

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<http://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/kolkata/death-toll-touches-119-encephalitis-under-control-say-health-officials/article6260074.ece>

Better health care to rural people largely unfulfilled: CAG

The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) has said that the aim of ensuring better health care to rural people through NRHM has remained "largely unfulfilled" in Odisha.

"The objectives of the mission to provide affordable, reliable and quality health care to the rural population sought to be achieved through NRHM remained largely unfulfilled," said the CAG report on General and Social Sector for the year ended March 2013.

Source: Business Standard

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http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/better-health-care-to-rural-people-largely-unfulfilled-cag-114072801161_1.html

Activists: WHO advisory on MSM needs rethink

Activists working on gay and transgender rights feel the new guidelines from the World Health Organisation (WHO) on HIV services for key groups have not been very well thought out specially in

the context of providing anti-retroviral therapy (ART) to men who have sex with men (MSM).

Source: The Hindu

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<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/activists-who-advisory-on-msm-needs-rethink/article6228432.ece>

Govt. to address high cost of medical equipment: Harsh Vardhan

The government is in the process of formulating a new health policy which will also address the issue of high cost of medical devices and equipment used in hospitals that leads to hardship for patients, Health Minister Harsh Vardhan informed Rajya Sabha on Tuesday.

Source: The Hindu

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<http://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/health/policy-and-issues/govt-to-address-high-cost-of-medical-equipment-harsh-varadhan/article6238380.ece>

Encephalitis: Three health officials suspended

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, who holds the Health portfolio, suspended three senior health officials of north Bengal on Friday.

Amidst criticism from several quarters over the government's failure to deal with rising cases of encephalitis in West Bengal, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, who holds the Health portfolio, suspended three senior health officials of north Bengal on Friday.

Source: The Hindu

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<http://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/kolkata/encephalitis-three-health-officials-suspended/article6251824.ece>

HEALTH ASSURANCE FOR ALL - 50 Essential Drugs Free by Year-end

The Narendra Modi government will roll out the first instalment of its ambitious 'health assurance for all' promise by providing 50 essential drugs free by year end. As a first step, the Union health ministry has sent a proposal to the Prime Minister's Office seeking `500 crore for the programme this year.

Source: The Times of India

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<http://epaperbeta.timesofindia.com/Article.aspx?eid=31816&articlexml=HEALTH-ASSURANCE-FOR-ALL-50-Essential-Drugs-Free-29072014002038>

Programme launched to address diarrhoeal deaths

The figures say it all. As many as 206,000 children under the age of five die due to diarrhoea every year. This means that in India, 564 deaths occur every day and 23 deaths every hour due to diarrhoeal infection.

Source: The Hindu

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<http://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Delhi/programme-launched-to-address-diarrhoeal-deaths/article6260202.ece>

HIV, malaria deaths on decline

In a startling revelation, an analysis for the Global burden of Diseases has suggested that estimates of the number of people living with HIV are 18·7 per cent smaller than UNAIDS's estimates in 2012.

Source: Asian Age

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<http://www.asianage.com/international/hiv-malaria-deaths-decline-462>

New health scheme to start July

Approved by the Union Cabinet in 2013 Rs 662.23 crore was released to 29 states/UTs on the basis of appraisal of the programme implementation plan of the states/UTs

Announced during the UPA regime, the National Urban Health Mission (NUHM) a health scheme for urban poor is all set to fully kick start this month.

The NUHM proposes to benefit urban poor of seven metros and 772 cities with a population of more than 50,000.

Source: Asian Age

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<http://www.asianage.com/india/new-health-scheme-start-july-174>