

Current Affairs :10 November 2024

National

1. **India's ICAR-NRC Equine Receives WOAH Reference Laboratory Status**



The Indian Council of Agricultural Research-National Research Centre on Equines (ICAR-NRC Equine) has been designated as a **World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) Reference Laboratory** for Equine Piroplasmiasis. This accreditation underscores India's growing leadership in animal health and diagnostics.

2. **Ricky Kej and Anoushka Shankar Nominated for Grammy Awards**



Indian musicians **Ricky Kej** and **Anoushka Shankar** received Grammy nominations for the **67th Grammy Awards**. Kej earned a nomination for his album *Break of Dawn* in the Best New Age, Ambient, or Chant Album category. Shankar's album *Chapter II: How Dark It Is Before Dawn* was also nominated in the same category.

3. **IIT Delhi's Global Rank in QS World University Rankings**



IIT Delhi has been placed at **44th** in the **QS World University Rankings**, reaffirming its stature among the world's top educational institutions.

International

4. **Russia-North Korea Strategic Partnership**



Russia and **North Korea** have formalized a **comprehensive strategic partnership** through a treaty ratified by Russia's parliament. The agreement, which includes provisions for military assistance, aims to enhance peace, security, and stability in the region.

5. **Dubai Ranks Fifth in Global City Index**



Dubai has maintained its position as the highest-ranked city in the **West Asia and Africa** region in the 2024 **Global City Index** by Brand Finance. It rose to **fifth place** globally, surpassing major cities such as Los Angeles, Sydney, and Singapore. Dubai's strong economy and role as a global trade hub played a key part in its top ranking.

Miscellaneous

6. **Zimbabwe's Second Satellite Launched by Russia**



Zimbabwe's second satellite, ZIMSAT-2, was launched by Russia, marking a significant milestone in the country's space exploration efforts.

7. **Switzerland Bans Public Facial Coverings**



Switzerland has passed a law banning public facial coverings, set to take effect from January 1, 2025. This includes the wearing of full-face veils in public spaces.

8. **Khurja Super Thermal Power Project Location**



The Khurja Super Thermal Power Project is located in Uttar Pradesh, a key initiative for enhancing India's energy infrastructure.

9. **Ningol Chakkouba Festival Celebrated in Manipur**



The **Ningol Chakkouba** festival, symbolizing family unity, is celebrated primarily in the state of **Manipur**, India.

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