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India-made drug to cure mild Covid

A little known biosciences company near Kolhapur in Maharashtra is testing a new drug that could potentially become India's first indigenously developed cure for Covid-19, at least for mild and moderately-infected patients.

In early tests, the drug is promising to turn infected patients RT-PCR negative in 72-90 hours, - company officials. The candidate drug is currently undergoing phase 1 human trials that are likely to be completed by the end of this month.

Lok Sabha passes Amendment bills on Homoeopathy, National Commission for Indian System of Medicine

The Lok Sabha has passed the National Commission for Homoeopathy (Amendment) Bill, 2021 and the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (Amendment) Bill, 2021. These two bills were passed amidst din without discussion.

The National Commission for Homoeopathy (Amendment) Bill proposes to amend the National Commission for Homoeopathy Act, 2020 to provide a medical education system that improves access to quality and affordable medical education. The 2020 Act replaced the Homoeopathy Central Council Act, 1973. The 1973 Act set up the Central Council of Homeopathy for regulating homoeopathic education and practice. The 2020 Act replaced the Council with a national commission for regulating homoeopathic education and practice. Similarly, the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (Amendment) Bill, 2021 proposes to amend the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine Act, 2020. The 2020 Act replaced the Indian Medicine Central Council Act, 1970. The 1970 Act set up the Central Council of Indian Medicine to regulate the education and practice of the Indian Medicine system which includes Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy. The 2020 Act replaced the Council with a National Commission for regulating education and practice of the Indian medicine system.

Lok Sabha passes Constitution Amendment Bill to restore power of States & UTs to make their own OBC lists

The Lok Sabha has unanimously passed the Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-Seventh Amendment) Bill, 2021. The bill was passed yesterday with more than two-third of majority of the house strength as well as the members present in the house. During division of votes, 385 members voted in favour of the bill and none against. The legislation seeks to restore the power of States and Union Territories to make their own OBC lists. Replying to a debate on the bill, Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Dr. Virendra Kumar said, it will empower the state in preparing their own OBC lists. He said, the legislation will also help to strengthen the federal structure of the country.

Fit India Freedom Run being organized as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav

Fit India Freedom Run being organized as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Singh Thakur will launch the Nationwide programme of Fit India Freedom Runs 2.0 on Friday. Minister of State Nisith Pramanik will also join the launch event, where organizations like BSF, CISF, CRPF, Railways, NYKS, ITBP, NSG, SSB would also join virtually from iconic locations across the country. Further, there will be 75 physical events at different historical locations on launch day.