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Germany's Sweet Challenge: Taxing Sugary Drinks to Combat Obesity

Germany is set to vote on a proposal to tax sugary drinks and ban energy drinks for those under 16, aiming to tackle obesity. The initiative seeks to motivate manufacturers to reduce sugar content. The measure has backing from various political parties and public support, despite industry concerns.

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Germany is poised to make a decisive move against sugary beverages, as its assembly of regional states prepares to vote on a proposal aimed at taxing sugary drinks and banning energy drinks for under-16s. The initiative, which has garnered support across multiple political parties and the public, is seen as a crucial step in combating obesity and related illnesses.

The legislative proposal, helmed by Daniel Guenther, state premier of Schleswig-Holstein, does not delineate the specific mechanics of the levy but suggests that any revenue generated should be channeled into health initiatives. This measure is part of a broader push to encourage manufacturers to curtail sugar content in their products, with limited voluntary action observed so far.

The debate over sugary drink taxation extends beyond Germany, with over 100 countries having enacted similar measures, according to the World Health Organization. While some conservatives initially opposed the proposal, support has grown, reflecting a shift in attitude towards the need for regulatory intervention in public health.

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Innovation in Health: A Rundown of the Latest Developments

This piece delves into recent health-related developments: Grifols' IPO plans, genetic mutations from cloning in Japan, Vatican's stance on animal-organ transplants, a U.S. insulin cost deal, and India's IPO by Manipal Health. Additionally, it includes pharmaceutical acquisitions and regulatory actions on drug sales.

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Monday marked a significant step for Grifols as the Spanish drugmaker approved an IPO for its U.S. biopharma business, emphasizing its commitment to maintaining partial ownership despite initiating a public offering. This move keeps its headquarters trading in Spain, ensuring a tangible grip on its operational directions.

Meanwhile, cutting-edge research from Japan sheds light on cloning's genetic implications. After two decades, scientists revealed severe genetic mutations in mice, culminating fatally in the 58th generation. Although the first 25 generations showed no abnormalities, rapid mutation accumulation highlighted cloning's limitations.

In the socio-religious domain, the Vatican affirmed that Catholics can receive animal-origin transplants, given ethical medical practices, reflecting advances in organ transplants using genetically modified animals. This comes amidst a wave of health-related legislative actions, including a notable bipartisan U.S. proposal to cap insulin costs and India's IPO activity in the health sector, despite market volatility.

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Revolutionary AI-Assisted Knee Surgery Restores Mobility in Hours

A 74-year-old man regained his mobility within hours after an AI-assisted bilateral knee surgery at Sarvodaya Hospital in Delhi-NCR. The procedure, leveraging Intellijoint AI navigation technology, restored his joint function following years of debilitating knee pain. This surgery showcases the promising integration of AI in orthopedic procedures.

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A groundbreaking surgery at a private hospital in Delhi-NCR enabled a 74-year-old man to walk mere hours after undergoing AI-assisted bilateral knee surgery. The operation was performed at Sarvodaya Hospital using Intellijoint AI-assisted navigation technology, known for its precision in implant placement and improved surgical outcomes.

Over the past three years, the patient suffered from severe knee pain, impacting his daily life. Traditional medical interventions proved ineffective, leading the medical team, led by Dr. Anchit Uppal, to choose AI-assisted knee resurfacing. This advanced method promises enhanced joint durability and function, crucial for sustaining the patient's active lifestyle.

Dr. Uppal explained that AI-assisted navigation systems enable precise intraoperative assessments and implant positioning. This surgical innovation signals the increasing reliance on AI and augmented reality in orthopedic procedures, offering patients faster

recovery times and improved mobility. Sarvodaya Hospital noted that such technology not only preserves more healthy tissue but also reduces post-operative complications, setting a new benchmark in knee surgeries.

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Swift Healthcare: Punjab's Lifeline for Young Lives

Punjab's Mukh Mantri Sehat Yojna provides cashless health coverage for newborns and young children, ensuring immediate treatment without financial hurdles. With over 26 lakh Sehat Cards issued, the scheme facilitates care in government and private hospitals, covering a wide range of medical services.

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In a game-changing move for pediatric healthcare in Punjab, the Mukh Mantri Sehat Yojna is swiftly delivering crucial medical aid to newborns and young children. Health Minister Dr. Balbir Singh highlighted the scheme's efficiency, which guarantees cashless health coverage of up to Rs 10 lakh yearly per family without bureaucratic delays.

Recently, in Sri Muktsar Sahib, a one-year-old child suffering from pneumonia was treated at a private hospital using the scheme, relieving the family of upfront payments. The child's Sehat Card enabled immediate medical intervention, a situation mirrored in other regions such as Sangrur and Mansa.

Over 26 lakh Sehat Cards have been issued, ensuring accessible treatment across 900 hospitals with coverage of 2,300 medical packages. This initiative marks a significant step in bridging healthcare gaps for young families.

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Karnataka Initiates Pioneering Palliative Care Committee

Karnataka's government has formed a state-level technical advisory committee to oversee palliative care services. The committee, led by Dr. Raj Kumar Khatri, will develop guidelines, advise on policy, and improve palliative care accessibility, aligning with national programs. The initiative aims to enhance patient and family quality of life facing serious illnesses.

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The Karnataka government has established a state-level technical advisory committee to oversee the development and monitoring of palliative care services in the region, officials announced on Wednesday.

Chaired by retired IAS officer Dr. Raj Kumar Khatri, the committee consists of members from government health departments, prominent Bengaluru-based medical institutions, and NGOs involved in palliative care. It will serve as the primary advisory body for the implementation and review of the State Palliative Care Policy and guidelines.

The committee's responsibilities include recommending standards and protocols for different levels of care, advising on policy matters, and coordinating with departments concerning Essential Narcotic Drugs. It aims to integrate palliative care with existing health programs and oversee state and district action plans to expand services, improving overall quality of life for patients.

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India's Healthcare: A Billion-Dollar Transformation Journey

India's healthcare sector is expected to reach USD 700 billion by 2030, facing challenges with its fragmented financing and high out-of-pocket spending. With significant investment needed, public-private partnerships and expanded insurance penetration are vital to improve coverage, reduce financial shocks, and establish India as a global healthcare leader.

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India's healthcare sector is poised for exponential growth, projected to reach USD 700 billion by 2030. However, a new report highlights significant challenges, notably its fragmented financing structure and prevalent out-of-pocket spending. The study, conducted by Praxis Global Alliance with Nathealth, underscores the urgent need for reform in India's health financing.

The report sheds light on a crucial discrepancy: while India carries 20% of the global disease burden, it contributes merely 1% to global health spending. Ameera Shah, Nathealth President, emphasized the imperative of public-private partnerships to revolutionize Indian healthcare, stressing the government's crucial role in rural healthcare delivery.

Despite 60% insurance coverage for Indians, only 20% have private insurance, leaving millions vulnerable. Experts advocate for expanding insurance penetration and leveraging digital health to mitigate financial shocks. Sangita Reddy of Apollo Hospitals pointed out

India's potential as a global healthcare leader, driven by skilled doctors and cost-effective healthcare services.

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Herbalife India Honored for Quality and Innovation Excellence

Herbalife India was recognized for 'Quality and Innovation Excellence' at the Outlook Business Spotlight Enterprise & Leadership Awards 2026. The accolade highlights the company's commitment to high standards and innovation in health and wellness. Herbalife's 'seed-to-feed' model ensures quality and local ingredient production, enhancing supply chain resilience.

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Herbalife India, a leading name in health and wellness, has been recognized for 'Quality and Innovation Excellence' at the 16th Outlook Business Spotlight Enterprise & Leadership Awards 2026. The honor highlights Herbalife's dedication to high standards and continuous innovation in the industry.

The award ceremony, held at Novotel, Andheri East, Mumbai, assembled industry leaders to celebrate those making significant strides in innovation and quality. Receiving the award on behalf of Herbalife India were Sr. Director Atanu Halder and Director Ashutosh Mittal.

Herbalife's 'seed-to-feed' model, which ensures end-to-end traceability and control of its supply chain, underpins its quality assurance efforts. This strategy combines global scientific insights with local preferences, contributing to Herbalife's credibility in delivering science-backed nutrition.

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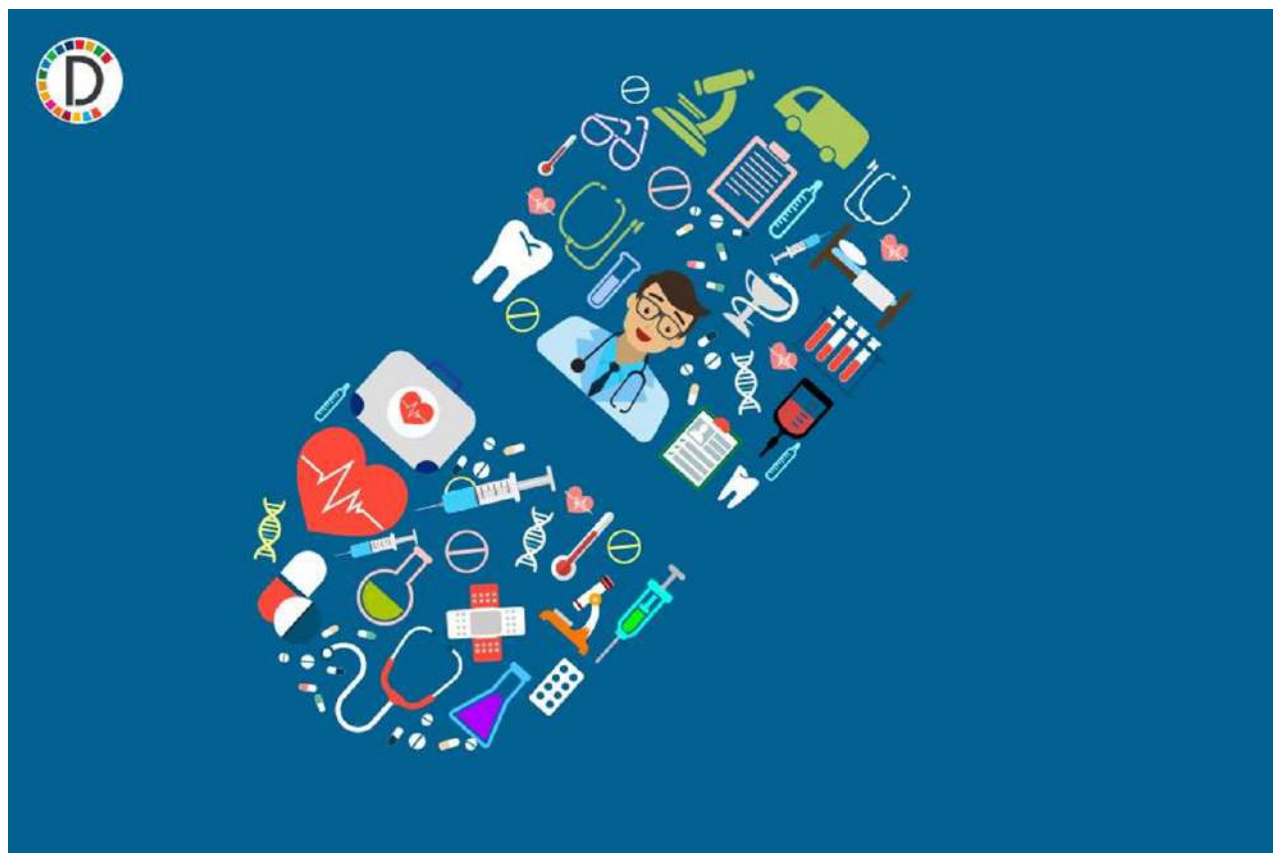
The Final Journey of Harish Rana: A Landmark Case of Passive Euthanasia in India

Harish Rana, the first individual in India to receive permission for passive euthanasia, was farewelled by his family at a ceremony in South Delhi. After a 13-year coma, Harish passed away, with his family donating five of his organs. The event emphasized strength and peace in mourning his departure.

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The parents of Harish Rana, the first person in India to be permitted passive euthanasia, bid farewell to their son at a ceremony in South Delhi, encouraging attendees not to cry but to see him in a happier place now.

Harish, who slipped into a coma in 2013, passed away on Tuesday, marking the end of a long 13-year ordeal. His family donated five of his organs, a move that was praised as setting an example for the nation. Attendees, including NGOs, AIIMS staff, family, and friends, gathered for the emotional ceremony.

The ceremony was characterized by a sense of peace and strength, with Harish's father, Ashok Rana, urging all to remain strong. Emotional prayers, meditative chants, and symbolic food offerings were integral to the rites, offering solace and support to his grieving family.

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Empowering Women's Health: Goa's Preventive Healthcare Initiative

The Goa government's #CheckedByDotor initiative provides free and subsidised medical check-ups for women, focusing on preventive healthcare. Launched on March 8, the program aims for early disease detection. Various screenings and vaccinations are available, with subsidised rates to encourage participation, extending to both public and private health facilities.

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The Goa government is offering free and subsidised medical check-ups for women through its #CheckedByDotor initiative, which has received positive feedback, an official revealed on Wednesday.

Launched on International Women's Day, the initiative runs till March 31 and prioritizes preventive healthcare and early disease detection among women.

During a health camp in Panaji, 56 women underwent screenings for conditions like hypertension and diabetes, with additional tests and vaccinations provided at reduced costs.

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