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National News

India intensifies population stability programme

Collective involvement of NGOs, private sector and corporate sector needed

On World Population Day, the government committed to expanding the reach of modern contraceptives by 2020 at the International Family Planning Summit in London on Tuesday.

The Health Ministry launched a campaign focussing on population stabilisation in 146 high fertility districts across seven States in India. The summit brings together 37 governments, 16 companies and 11 civil society organisations, to accelerate progress on rights-based family planning programmes.

stabilisation

The process of making something physically more secure or stable

contraceptives

Serving to prevent pregnancy

Business News

Wipro shuts down lighting manufacturing unit at Mysuru

Wipro Consumer Care and Lighting said that it has shut down its lighting manufacturing unit at Mysuru due to a sharp decline in the demand for CFL products and increasing preference for LED products. "As required, we notified the government and relevant authorities of the decision to shut down the plant two months ago and have complied with all regulatory requirements," the company said in a statement. All 84 workmen were offered a voluntary retirement scheme by the company earlier this year. Wipro Consumer Care and Lighting said the changing market and technology landscape in the lighting business marked by a sharp decline in the demand for CFL products and increasing preference for LED products over the past two years has rendered continued operations of the Mysuru manufacturing unit "commercially unviable".

complied

act in accordance with a wish or command

unviable

not capable of working successfully, not feasible

State News

Huge rush to link Aadhaar with PF accounts

Monthly pension stopped for 30% of pensioners who didn't link Aadhaar with their provident fund accounts

Provident Fund authorities are expecting at least 85% of about 5 lakh pensioners in Karnataka to link their Aadhaars to pension accounts in the next two months since several thousand pensioners didn't receive their pension.

Additional Central PF Commissioner V. Vijaykumar said they were witnessing a huge rush to link Aadhaar with PF accounts after monthly pensions stopped. "We expect to complete 85% of Aadhaar linkage over the next two months. Many pensioners could be in remote areas without facilities. They can update at the nearest PF office or at a common service centre," he said.

pensioners

A person who receives a pension, especially the retirement pension

pension

A regular payment made by the state to people of or above the official retirement age and to some widows and disabled people