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'World Athlete of Year' award



Context

Neeraj Chopra was named as one of the 11 nominees for the 2023 men's 'World Athlete of the Year' award.

Key points:

- Olympic and World champion javelin thrower.
- The winners of the 'World Athlete of the Year' award will be revealed on World Athletics' social media platforms on December 11.

Cricket will be part of the 2028 **Olympics**

Context

Cricket to feature in 2028 Olympics

Key points:

- International Olympic Committee approved Cricket to be part of 2028 Olympics.
- T20 format for men and women

Did you know?

- Compound archery is not part of the 2028 Olympics.
- Los Angeles to host the 2028 Olympics.
- The 2028 Summer Olympics is officially known as the Games of the XXXIV Olympiad.

India's 1st CAR-T cell therapy gets CDSCO nod

In news:

India's 1st CAR-T cell therapy developed by ImmunoACT gets CDSCO nod.

Did you know?

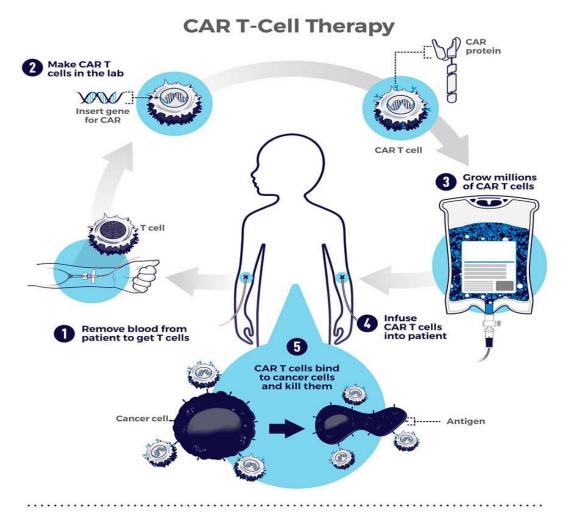
- Mumbai-based Immunoadoptive Cell Therapy Private Limited (ImmunoACT) has received approval from the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) for India's first Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-cell (CAR-T cell) therapy.
- The therapy, called NexCAR19, is a CD19-targeted CAR-T cell therapy product used to treat relapsed/refractory B-cell lymphomas and leukemia.



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CAR T-cell therapy is a type of treatment in which a patient's T cells are genetically engineered in the laboratory so they will bind to specific proteins (antigens) on cancer cells and kill them. (1) A patient's T cells are removed from their blood. Then, (2) the gene for a special receptor called a chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) is inserted into the T cells in the laboratory. The gene encodes the engineered CAR protein that is expressed on the surface of the patient's T cells, creating a CAR T cell. (3) Millions of CAR T cells are grown in the laboratory. (4) They are then given to the patient by intravenous infusion. (5) The CAR T cells bind to antigens on the cancer cells and kill them.

cancer.gov

Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-cell (CAR-T cell) therapy

About

- CAR-T cell therapy stands for chimeric antigen receptor T cell
- It is a type of cancer immunotherapy that uses the patient's own T cells, genetically modified in a laboratory to enhance their ability to locate and destroy cancer cells.

Did you know?

CAR-T cell therapy is effective against certain types of cancer, especially when other treatments are ineffective.





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| In news: ■ Biden administration awards \$7 billion program to kickstart Clean Energy Projects. |
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| Key points: Invest in the development and production of hydrogen fuel. Aims to establish seven regional hydrogen hubs to help replace fossil fuels. Aim to achieve the President's vision of a strong clean energy economy" and net-zero greenhouse gas emissions in the U.S. by 2050. |
| Operation Ajay is a mission launched by the Indian government. It aims to evacuate its citizens from Israel during the ongoing conflict with the Hamas group in Gaza. |
| Context • Ninth G-20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit was held in New Delhi. |
| Key points The event was held at the Yashobhoomi convention centre in New Delhi's Dwarka area. The unanimous adoption of the Joint Declaration at P-20 Bharat exemplified the spirit of Vasudhaiva Kutumbkam. |
| Context Lepchas, Bhutia, and Nepalese are the 3 main ethnic groups of Sikkim. |
| Other key points Rangpo and Singtam were affected areas of recent flash floods in Sikkim. The South Lhonak glacial lake burst caused the flash floods. |
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