

The Pneumonia Burden - A Global Health Challenge

Pneumonia Awareness



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12 November is observed as World Pneumonia Day to bring people from all over the world together uniting to demand that something be done to fight the pneumonia illness. The Day is observed annually to raise awareness about pneumonia, a leading cause of death worldwide. This year's theme, "Every Breath Counts: Stop Pneumonia in Its Tracks," emphasizes the importance of collective action to prevent and treat pneumonia. Pneumonia is caused by a number of infectious agents including viruses, bacteria and fungi. Pneumonia is one of the most solvable problems in global health and yet a child dies from the infection every 20 seconds. Pneumonia is a

major public health concern, particularly in low- and middle-income countries.

Pneumonia claims over 2.5 million lives annually, including 700,000 children under five. It's the leading infectious killer of children under five, accounting for 15% of all deaths in this age group. This devastating toll demands collective action to prevent, treat, and protect vulnerable populations. Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia are the most affected regions. It can be caused by bacteria viruses or fungi. WHO, UNICEF, and the "Every Breath Counts" coalition lead initiatives to reduce pneumonia-related deaths. Governments and organizations promote awareness, vaccination, and healthcare access. India's Intensified Mission Indradhanush and Ujjwala Yojana aim to improve immunization and clean cooking fuels. India accounts for nearly one-fifth of global pneumonia deaths among children under five. Malnutrition, indoor air pollution, and poor healthcare access exacerbate the issue.

Now it is time to increase the political and societal will, motivation and action to reduce pneumonia and diarrhea. National access to Hib and PCV vaccines is a crucial component in the battle to prevent illness and death from childhood

pneumonia. An investment to protect every child from pneumonia is an investment in India's future and social justice. Controlling childhood pneumonia required correct and consistent delivery of an integrated package of interventions to protect, prevent, and treat the disease. Prevention is essential to interrupt the vicious cycle of ill health and poverty. Vaccines not only keep children from getting sick but protect the community by reducing the circulation of disease. Effective measures can prevent pneumonia like Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV), Hib vaccine, influenza, and measles vaccines. Good nutrition and exclusive breastfeeding. Hygiene practices viz. handwashing, mask-wowing. Timely antibiotics and oxygen therapy can treat pneumonia

The World Health Organisation's new guidelines on indoor air quality set targets for reducing harmful household pollutants and offer greater clarity on specific fuels considered unsafe for use in the home. WHO has urged the world community to step up efforts to reduce children's exposure to toxic smoke from indoor cooking fumes and increase the proportion of babies fed with breast milk, especially in the critical months after birth. We need to strengthen efforts to bring down decrease infant child mortality due to pneumonia. Clean environment, addressing malnutrition, encouraging breast feeding, timely immunization will reduce mortality rate. Let's unite to combat pneumonia and ensure every breath counts. **(B-15 Jyoti-Kalash Society, Jodhpur Tekra, Satellite, Ahmedabad - 380 015)**

realme 16 5G Launched in India with Slim Air Design



Ahmedabad, realme, the most popular smartphone brand among Indian youth, today announced the official launch of the realme 16 5G, a device crafted for a new generation of young users who express themselves through creativity, portrait photography, and everyday visual storytelling. With its AI-driven dual 50MP portrait cameras, breakthrough selfie innovations, and an ultra-light 7000mAh battery, the realme 16 5G redefines what a mid-range smartphone can offer. With its advanced Dual 50MP Portrait Camera System featuring a 50MP front camera and a Sony IMX852 50MP rear

camera, the realme 16 5G delivers an elevated AI Portrait Master experience tailored for a new generation of selfie-driven young users. The rear camera combines a large 1/2.93-inch sensor, an F1.8 aperture and autofocus capability to provide sharp detail and reliable image performance even in complex lighting conditions. The 50MP front camera complements this with natural skin tones and finely rendered facial features, making it well-suited for both individual selfies and group portraits abd making this the best smartphone under ₹30,000. (1-7)

Paneer scare in Surat: 1,401 kg seized, lab finds industrial acid traces

Ahmedabad, As many as 1,401 kg of paneer seized from a Pandesara-based unit has been declared substandard in laboratory tests, with officials finding that it contained vegetable oil and traces of industrial acid instead of natural milk fat. The stock was recovered during a joint raid by the Surat Municipal Corporation (SMC) and the Special Operations Group (SOG) on March 3 at Amrut Milk Product in Bhidbhanjan Society, Pandesara. Acting on a tip-off that a person identified as Mahesh Sharma was producing fake paneer, authorities also seized machinery worth ₹28.44 lakh from the unit. Samples sent for testing later confirmed that the paneer did not meet food safety standards.

Officials said the paneer had reportedly been sold at low prices for the past two years. Around 400 kg was being produced daily and supplied across the local market, including dairies, street vendors, restaurants, and caterers. In a separate case, paneer seized earlier from Surbhi Dairy was also declared substandard. According to lab findings, it was analogue paneer made using vegetable oil, starch, acetic acid, and low-quality milk. Although the dairy was sealed following the action, it was later reopened after operators submitted a written assurance that such violations would not be repeated. Civic officials have reported a growing trend of adulterated dairy products in the city.

'Gas is the lifeline in the food business, shortage has shattered the dreams of small traders'

Surat diamond artisan beats recession, whole family fights together in 'Ratnakalakar Ghughra' business

Surat It is said that courage makes a man strong, but God helps him. When all the roads in life seem closed, a strong will and the support of family give a person the strength to create from scratch. A simple craftsman who cut gems for 22 years in the diamond industry of Surat has today

become known in the whole city as the jeweler Ghughra due to his struggle and taste. When Deepakbhai Ghetia broke through the darkness of recession and spread a new light of hard work, now when gas is no longer available, he lost courage and without this, he found a new way and will now start working on making

an electric fireplace. Deepakbhai Ghetia is the head of a middle-class family. For more than two decades, he worked as a diamond cutter in the diamond units of Surat. At one time, the diamond industry was booming and Deepakbhai used to run the family well with his skills. He had a big responsibility in his family, including an elderly mother, wife, three daughters and nephews.

Global recession came and income stopped from 2024. In the beginning of the year 2024, the clouds of global recession loomed over the diamond industry. The factories where bells used to ring day and night, fell silent. Work started falling out of the hands of gemologists. The situation also worsened for Deepakbhai. Suddenly losing employment after 22 years of hard work was enough to break any person. Income stopped, but worries about household expenses and children's future increased. When financial hardship and uncertainty surrounded him, Deepakbhai made a firm determination to do something new instead of giving up. He thought, if I can make diamonds shine, why can't I make my luck shine by working hard? On July 8, 2024, he started Ratnakalakar Ghughra and Nasta House in Surat. The name itself exuded his old identity and new enthusiasm. Initially, the capital was small and the experience was new, but the spirit of honesty and serving taste was strong. The entire family's shared struggle in business The most important aspect in this journey of Deepakbhai has been his family. This is not just Deepakbhai's business but a shared struggle of the entire family.

IFFCO Records Pre-Tax Profit of Over ₹4,106 Crore in FY 2025-26 : Dileep Sanghani

IFFCO Chairman Dileep Sanghani stated that the financial year 2025-26 has emerged as a milestone in the history of the Indian cooperative movement. IFFCO's journey, which began in 1967 with just 57 cooperative societies, has today become a symbol of trust for over 36,000 societies and millions of farmers. Establishing itself as the second-largest cooperative institution globally is not merely an achievement, but a living testament to the power of India's cooperative spirit. In this golden year, IFFCO achieved an all-time record pre-tax profit of over ₹4,106 crore. IFFCO also set new benchmarks in production and sales. A record sale of 118.75 lakh metric tonnes of fertilizers, coupled with a nationwide supply of 119.68 lakh metric tonnes, stands as proof that the institution accords the highest priority to farmers' needs. The rising sales of urea and DAP have further solidified IFFCO's pivotal role in the agricultural sector.



nano technology, IFFCO inaugurated its fourth nano-fertilizer plant in Devanahalli, Bengaluru, bringing the total production capacity to approximately 950,000 bottles per day. Meanwhile, the Nano Innovation Centre in Coimbatore is emerging as a pivotal platform for research and technological development, with work underway on new technologies focused on the future of agriculture.

conviction that farmers' prosperity forms the foundation of the nation's prosperity. Inspired by this ethos—and despite global challenges—IFFCO ensured the uninterrupted availability of fertilizers for farmers. Creating alternative supply chains and timely stock management played a pivotal role in this achievement.

IFFCO remains equally committed to employee welfare. With this objective in mind—and under the leadership of Chairman Shri Dileep Sanghani—the organization implemented a guaranteed minimum wage of ₹20,000 per month for contract employees, effective November 1, 2025. This decision has directly benefited thousands of employees, incurring an additional expenditure of approximately ₹140 crore.

Today, IFFCO's presence extends beyond India; it delivers services and products to over 40 countries. Efforts are also underway to establish a joint venture for nano-fertilizer production in Brazil, giving Indian nano technology a distinct identity on the global stage.

The path ahead is clear: Through nano technology, organic practices, and harmonizing fertilizers with modern agriculture—via IFFCO—we are united in our collective endeavor to realize Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of "Viksit Bharat @ 2047" (Developed India @ 2047). On this occasion, IFFCO Chairman Shri Dileep Sanghani expresses heartfelt gratitude to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi; Union Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation Shri Amit Shah; Union Minister of Fertilizers Shri J.P. Nadda; and Union Minister of Agriculture Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan for their invaluable guidance and support. He also thanks all members of the IFFCO Board of Directors for their unwavering cooperation, and offers sincere congratulations to the Managing Director, officers, and employees for their dedication and tireless efforts.

Daughter escaped from mother's arms and fell into water tank

Unable to save, lid closed and a tarpaulin placed on top to avoid accusations, husband complains, wife arrested



Ahmedabad A shameful incident has come to light in the Amraiwadi area of ??Ahmedabad. Even after her two and a half month old daughter fell into a water tank, the mother did not save her and to cover up her mistake, she closed the lid of the tank and put a tarpaulin over her. In this regard, the Amraiwadi police have registered a case of culpable homicide against the mother and arrested her.

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Deepak had left for work as usual, and his wife Monica and two daughters were present at home. Deepak was standing in the Amraiwadi queue as he had to book a gas cylinder when his neighbor Hansaben called and said, "Come home quickly." Deepak immediately saw a crowd of people reaching home. People were patting the girl's back, which made Deepak worried. When Deepak asked, the people around told him that his daughter had fallen into the water.

daughter to the hospital." Deepak and Monica took their daughter to the hospital, where the doctors declared her dead. After her daughter's death, Monica cried and told Deepak that I made a mistake. Monica told her that she had gone down to switch on the motor to turn on the water on the top floor of our house, and her daughter was with her.

To avoid being accused, she put a tarpaulin on top.

When Monica's feet came up, her daughter escaped from her hands and fell straight into the water tank. Monica tried to pull her daughter out, but she kept going inside, which scared her. Fearing that Monica would be accused, she closed the lid of the tank and put a tarpaulin on it. The police have registered a case in this matter and arrested Monica.

He further said that her grandmother opened the tank lid and her mother reached in and pulled it out. After that, both the girl's father and mother took her to the hospital.

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The girl's grandmother Lakshmiben said, I don't know, my sister-in-law and I were going to buy vegetables. At that time, I was sitting at my brother's house, then his mother and his daughter, who is 6 years old, came to call him. The girl came in front of me crying and started asking, 'Bah, have you taken Gugli somewhere?' I said no, your mother is at home, so where should I take her?

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APPENDIX-IV-A [SEE PROVISION TO RULE 8(6)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/ charged to Truhome Finance Limited (formerly Shriram Housing Finance Limited), the Physical Possession of which have been taken by the Authorized Officer of Truhome Finance Limited, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of the balance due to Truhome Finance Limited from the Borrowers And Guarantors, as mentioned in the table. Details of Borrowers and Guarantors, amount due, Short Description of the immovable property, reserve price and earnest money deposit and date of inspection are also given as:

Name of Borrowers/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/Mortgagers	Amount of Recovery and date of Demand Notice	Reserve Price (Rs.) & Bid Increment	Date & Time of Auction	Contact Person Details – (AO and Disposal team)
1. SONAVANE BHARAT BHAGWANBHAI And 2. SONAVANE MAYA All Residing At:-453, Maa Anandi Residence, Nr. Deep Darshan School, Deladava, Dindoli, Surat-394210. Also At:-Flat No. B-304, Shri Vandan Residency, Nr. Deep Darshan School, Deladava, Di.Surat-394210 Also At:-@Maya Creation, Plot No. 19, Shiv Township Society, Nr. Tara Vidhya School, Bhatnaha, Surat-395010 LAN:- SHLHSRAT0002008	Demand Notice Date: 10.10.2025 Rs. 14,40,669/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Forty Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Nine only) as on 08/10/2025 under reference of loan account no. SHLHSRAT0002008 with further interest at the contractual rate, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice	Rs. 15,50,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Fifty Thousand Only) Bid Increment: Rs. 10,000/- and in such multiples. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)(Rs.). Rs. 1,55,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Five Thousand Only) Last date for submission of EMD : 07/05/2026, Time 10.00 a.m. to 05.00 p.m	08-MAY-2026 Auction Time: 11 AM to 1 PM	Debjyoti Roy - 98747 02021 Sandip Mahajan - 99989 44955 Property inspection Date. 15/04/2026, Time.11 AM to 1 PM

Description of Property

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Flat No.304, on 3rd floor, adm. 775 sq.ft. i.e. 72.026 sq.mtrs. Super Built-up area & 43.216 sq.mtrs. Built-up area, together with undivided proportionate share adm.28.81 sq.mtrs. in Staircase, Terrace & Common Passage and undivided share adm.21.03 sq.mtrs. in underneath land in Building-B (As per site Vibhag-B & C paiki Vibhag-B) of "Shree Vandan Residency", Situated and constructed on the gamtal land bearing City Survey Nondh No.192, adm. 664 sq.mtrs. & City Survey Nondh No.440 adm. 736.96 sq.mtrs., total adm. 1400.96 sq.mtrs. of Village Deladava, Taluka Choryasi, Dist. Surat.
Boundaries [As per Site]:- East: Passage, West: Open Space, North: OTS, South: Flat No.303.

1) For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer the website of Truhome Finance Limited (Formerly Shriram Housing Finance Limited) website.

2) The intending bidders have to submit their EMD amount to be deposited by way of RTGS/NEFT to the account details mentioned herein below: BANK NAME: AXIS BANK LIMITED BRANCH: BANDRA KURLA COMPLEX, MUMBAI BANK ACCOUNT NO. Current Account No. 911020045677633 IFSC CODE: UTIB0000230.

3) The mortgagors/borrowers are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest before auction, failing which secured assets will be sold as per above schedule.

4) The mortgagors/borrowers are requested to collect your all remaining movable items within period of 7 days without damages of the property. If you fail to take movable assets, then it would be deemed that you have no claim and no interest in taking back such items. In case you still prefer to ignore this notice, we shall be constrained to treat them as unclaimed and waste materials and shall not be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever to such articles and also may sell all movable items and adjust the amount against outstanding dues of your loan account. It will be also deemed that you have no claim and interest in taking back such items and also have no objection, if such items are disposed-off or sold by us as items are having negligible substantial value. Also note that by not taking the items within specified time, you will also relinquish any right or claim over such items in future.

Place : Surat
Date : 04-04-2026

Sd/- Authorised Officer- Truhome Finance Limited
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