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NATIONAL

India sees 7,800 COVID Cases in a day.

The current surge is because of XBB.1.16 variant. XBB.1.16 is less severe and has resulted in less hospitalization, a top health ministry official has said.

Surge will continue for the next 10 days, says health ministry but urges people not to panic as the variant is not triggering any infection.

Consumer inflation slides below 6% mark for the 1st time this year

Under Consumer Price Index following products are counted majorly—Food and Beverage, housing, Apparel, Transportation, Medical care etc. for the first time since 2023 India's consumer inflation fell below 6%

In March 2023 it was recorded 5.66%

Last time in December 2021, Consumer inflation was below 6%. Rural inflation dipped from 6.72% to 5.51% from February to March 2023.

Urban inflation went from 6.1% in February 2023 to 5.89% in March 2023.

In bid to forge ties for 2024, Nitish

Tejaswi calls on Congress leaders. Nitish Kumar of JD(U) and Tejaswi Yadav of RJD met Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and APP Convener Arvind Kejriwal in separate meetings in Delhi:

It is speculated that Nitish Kumar can be made convener of United Progressive Alliance (UPA), in a bid to rope up more parties and put up joint candidate against the BJP in 2024 polls.

NATIONAL

Four Jawans shot dead in Bhatinda military station.

"It is neither or terrorist attack nor an attack from outside but fratricidal incident". Said Punjab police officials after initial investigation 2 days ago INSAS Rifle and 2r rounds of bullets had been missing. Jawans were shot from INSAS rifle. "Investigation is looking at all possible.

Israel's ministerial visit to India might include FTA talks

Israel Economy minister Nil Basket will be visiting New Delhi later this month. Tel Aviv sources have told that India – Israel Free Trade & Agreement is expected to be on the agenda in this visit.

Tejas, Rafale, Sukhoi to face off with U.S. fighter jets at Cope India 23.

The light Combat Aircraft, Tejas, Rafale, Su-30MKI, and Jaguars. of Indian Air force (IAF) will be taking manoeuvres with F-15 and fighter jets and B-1B long range Bombers of U.S. Air Force (USAF) from Thursday under 2nd phase of COPE INDIA 23 exercise. It is 1st time B-1 bomber of us is participating for such exercise. B-1 Bomber is world's most threatening bomber.

It had participated in Aero India Show hold earlier this year.

MVA parties should speak as one in public, says Pawar

NCP President told that Maha Vikas Agadi (MVA) - NCP, Congress should have divergent views on an issue but should talk as one in public. Recently he himself had views that thwarted JPM probe demand which was divergent from Congress and Uddhav's Shiv Sena views.

STATES

Sisodia planted emails to create impression of public approval for excise policy ED council told this in a court

"fabricated emails were sent to show that there was public approval for the Policy. This is a sham approval An illegal ecosystem was created to give benefit to the liquor Castels in lieu of kickbacks" Said ED in Council.

Railways improved after 2014, says PM;

its a poll speech, reports Bharat Express told this However later talking to press Rajasthan CM told that it was like a poll speech.

Gold smuggling case: He turn down plea to probe CM role

Stalin asks states to pass resolutions to fix time limit for Governors to clear Bills.

Recently Tamil Nadu assembly passed a resolution in which it has urged President to fix time limit to pass a bill by Governor. Governor of T.N. has been keeping bills cleared by Cabinet or passed by assembly for quite a long time.

Decide on AIADMK bylaws in 10 days, Delhi HC tells EC. AIADMK hard filed petition to approve by laws of AIADMK as soon as possible Election Communion approves by laws.

Gehlot sidesteps questions on Sachin pilots fast, Delhi leadership

WORLD

Strengthen training for actual combat, Xi tells PLA.

China's President Xi Jinping called on the country's armed forces to "strengthen military training oriented towards actual combat". It was said a day after China concluded military drills around Taiwan. Mr-xi told PLA's southern theatre command navy that military must "resolutely defend China's territorial sovereignty and interests, and strike to protect overall peripheral stability"

Beijing has also criticised to increase 4 bases in U.S. & U.S. and Philippines will start military drills this week.

Myanmar opposition calls for action against Junta

Myanmar opposition leaders have argued against military Junta of Myanmar to act against the military Junta of Myanmar in backdrop of latest air Strike in country's Saging Province.

The military Junta fighter jets had bombed a civilian gathering

The military Junta fighter jets had bombed a civilian gathering in Pazigy village in Kambalu township of Saging region on 11' April 2023. It killed, more than 60 civilians

Biden asks N.Ireland parties to restore power sharing deal

WORLD

Issue b/w North Ireland and Britain The Conflict in North Ireland started in 1960.

It was ethno - nationalistic in nature.

It is also termed as conflict b/w "Protestants" and "Catholic " The two parties were

Ulster Loyalist → Mainly Irish Protestants wanted N.Ireland to remain part of U.K.

Irish Nationalist → Mainly Irish Catholics wanted N. Ireland to leave. U.K and Join a United Ireland

It brought a civil war in Northern Ireland.

In 1998 good Friday agreement was signed between Ireland and Britain in which N. Ireland was decided to be under U.K. with some autonomy.

But Later U.K. had banned executive and legislature of N. Ireland because of their anti U.K. agendas Joe Biden in his address told "I hope (the Northern Ireland) executive and Assembly, will soon be restored"

Joe Biden's statement has been criticised by many U.K. Parliamentarian "Anti- British".

Macron wants -Status quo on Taiwan, insists France won't be a us 'vassal'.

wrapping up a state visit to Netherlands during which he has also faced (protest over pension reform Mr. Emmanuel Macron stood by his remarks that Europe should not be a "follower" of either U.S. or China get caught up in an escalation. He told on Wednesday "Being an ally does not mean being a vassal doesn't mean that we don't have a right to think for ourselves".

On Taiwan he said "France is for the status quo in Taiwan" France fully supports China's One China policy.

WORLD

Taliban says there is no obstacle for UN work in Afghanistan

Taliban recently banned Afghan women from working at UN. Missions in Afghanistan:

UN had told in unacceptable calling it unlawful and an emparallel violation of Human rights. Taliban spokesperson on Wednesday tolad "This decision does not mean that there is discrimination here, or that the activities of United Nations are blocked. On the contrary we are committed to all the right of all our country met, taking into account of their religion and cultural interest"

China, sets up no fly zone near Taiwan says Taipei.

Ukraine & Zelensky blasts Russian 'beasts) ones beheading video.

Video had showed beheading of Ukrainian prisoner by Russian "bearts"

Iran delegates arrives in Riyadh to prepare for embassy reopening.

Elon Mask says 'many mistakes' made since take over of Twitter

Recently BBC was marked as 'Publicly funded by Twitter.

Editorial-1

READY, OR NOT

Health Systems must gear up or face the fresh rise in COVID-19 cases.

What the editorial is all about?

The Editorial is about recent surge in COVID-19 cases in country. It has warned system to be remain vigilant Also citizen have been told to comply with COVID-19 norms

About recent surge in COVID-19 cases on April 12

a total 7,830 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in a 24 hour period, the data is possibly the highest in 200 days. These are over 40,000 cases in the country have been reported till date. The surge is because of XBB.1.16 variant. The variant shows milder infections not requiring hospitalization: However, Health ministry should scarcely afford to be under prepared. It should be vigilant.

Preparedness for the current surge

PM Modi at COVID-19 task force meeting two weeks ago, rightly advised states to focus on – Test-Track-Treat-Vaccinate'. He called for enhancement of genome sequencing test to know about any new emerging Variant at the earliest. He appealed to public to follow COVID-19 Compliances as COVID was not over. Citizen need to be vigilant and follow-Hand washing, masking, visit hospital earliest to not let COVID surge.

Editorial 2

SKILL OVER CHANCE

Authorities must create an environment for healthy online games.

What the editorial is all about?

Recently Tamil Nadu govt. passed Tamil Nadu Prohibition of online gaming acts and Regulation of Online gaming act. The passage of Bills have ended ups and downs regarding this. The editorial shows the course of passing the law, mainly.

What is the recent Gaming bill assented by Governor ?

Tamilnadu prohibition of Online gaming and Regulation of Online Games bill was assented by Governor R.N. Ravi on April 7. Thus the bill becoming an act now. The bill was backed by all parties DMK, AIADMK and BJP

What were ups and downs in course of passing the bill?

Tamil Nadu assembly had passed the bill in November 2012. The bill was for the assent of Governor R.N. Ravi. In March the bill was returned by governor citing the state has "no legislative Competence" to pass the bill. In late March, Tamil Nadu Assembly readopted the bill and sent for assent of governor again. Meanwhile, Union minister Anurag Thakur clarified that "Betting and Gambling" comes under state list, And any law regarding this has to be formed by On April 7 the Governor gave assent to the bill.

Editorial 2

What are provisions of act?

It bans any online gaming platform involving money and that is based on chance. Tamil Nadu Online gaming authority has been created to authorise the games.

In an ever evolving digital world, it would be in the interests of all to create an environment for healthy online.

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