

SUMMARY OF THE HINDU

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Nipah cases rise to 5 in KERALA; 789 contacts kept under watch

A day after Nipah infection was confirmed in Kerala for third time in Kozhikode district of Kerala, the number of cases rose to 5.

The contact list and travel details of the persons who died and those who have been detected is being traced. Till now 789 contacts of these has been kept under watch.

The govt has restricted big events in Kerala till September 24.

CM Ounyari Vijayan held a meeting of ministers and top government officials to assess the situation, Nine gram Panchayats had been declared as containment zones.

➡ Special session to discuss parliament's 75 year journey , take up bill on CEC , the Press

Ending the suspense in the agenda for the special Parliament session starting from 18 September, Parliamentary bulletin revealed that the two houses will begin discussion on "Parliament's 75 year journey, starting from Samvidhan Sabha – achievements, experiences, memories and learnings "the bulletin said.

The special session will be held in newly built Parliament building.

Rajya Sabha bulletin said that three bills will be taken up: the post office bill 2023, the chief election commissioner and other election commissioner appointment bill, Repealing and amending bill 2023, to repeal and amend certain section of bill

▶ Karnataka to appeal against water release

A day after Cauvery Water Regulation Authority recommended release of 5000 cusecs of water daily to Tamilnadu for 15 days. Karnataka decided to appeal against it, citing the poor quantum storage in four reservoirs.

CM Siddaramaiah has sought center's intervention . He also said that they might approach Supreme Court .

Karnataka is telling that Cauvery basin has got least rainfall in last 123 years , and that reservoirs have not that much water . It's own crops will be at peril if it releases this much water

▶ INDIA bloc to begin work on seat sharing

INDIA bloc in a meeting in Delhi on the residence of Sharad Pawar held decided that they will carry out a joint rally in Bhopal in October, ahead of assembly polls in Madhya Pradesh. It was also decided that they will start a process of determining seat sharing. Only 12 parties were present in the meeting

Two army officers, one J&K Dy SP killed in police encounter

Three officers, two from army and one from Jammu and Kashmir police were killed during anti militancy operation in Anantnag on Wednesday. Security forces killed one more militant during the operation launched in Rajaurinon Tuesday.

Militants had positioned themselves at vantage point and took advantage of foliage and fired indiscriminately . Two or three millitats are hiding and involved in this

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SC wants manual readied by Police to brief media

The SC on Wednesday directed the government to draft a manual instructing police officers on the do's and don'ts of briefing media especially in sensitive cases, especially in sensitive cases, while protecting the sanctity of investigation of rights of both accused and victims.

The court directed Home ministry to prepare the manual in this regard, within three months

IAF chief takes delivery of first C 295 transport aircraft in Spain

IAF chief Chief Marshal VR Chaudhary formally received the first C 295 MW aircraft from Airbus in its Seville facility in Spain.

In September 2021, Defence ministry had signed a 22,000 crore deal with Airbus for procurement of 56 C 295 MW transport aircraft. Under this 16 will come in flyaway condition while 40 will be manufactured jointly by Airbus and Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) in, work is underway for assembly in Vadodara, Gujrat.

C295MW will replace the aging Avro transport aircraft.



President launches Ayushman Bhav health campaign

President Draupdi Murmu virtually launched Ayushman Bhav campaign and portal from Raj Bhavan in Gandhinagar .President told that Ayushman Bhav campaign is to deliver health coverage to the people sitting at last mile.

Under Ayushman Bhav health melas and medical camps will be organized which will be set up once a week at all Health and Wellness Centers (HWC) and Community Health inics (CHC)



World

Russia will help with North Korea's satellite plan: Putin

Russian President Vladimir Putin and North Korea leader Kim kJong un met in newly built satellite launch facility Vostochny Cosmodrome space station in Russia's east.

Putin said that Russia will provide North Korea with technology to launch satellites .

Kim Jong un told that North Korea supports Moscow in its "sacred fight" against Ukraine and west.

On being asked whether they will discuss supply of arms and ammunition as Russia supply is depleting, Mr. Putin said that they will discuss "all issues".

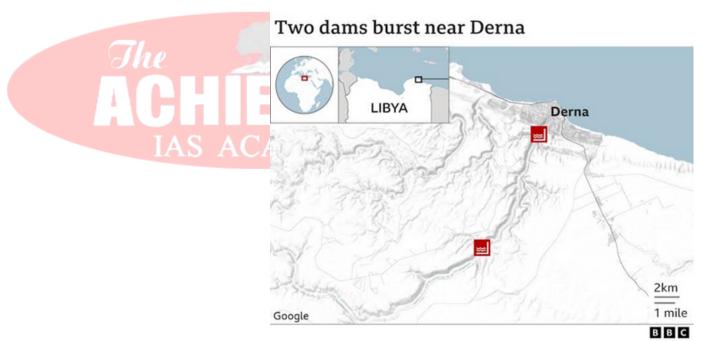
The summit between two leaders is being closely watched by US, West and South Korea which they suspect is for a deal on supply of arms and ammunition

Flood death toll in Libyan city Derna crosses 5100

The death toll in Libyan flood has reached 5100, with 7000 still missing.

Mediterranean storm Daniel caused deadly floods in many parts of eastern city of Derna. As the storm pounded the coast on Sunday.

Floodwaters in river Wadi Derna broke the dam that caused the damage .As the dam broke many were washed away to Mediterranean sea



→ China's Xi meets Maduro , says upgrading ' ties ' with Venezuela

Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro is in Beijing on Tuesday . Chinese President Xi Jinping announced an upgrading " China Venezuela Relations "

▶ Last ditch hunt for survivors of Friday's Morocco earthquake

Rescuers are giving last stepped effort to save life in Morocco . Till now more than 2900 have died in 6.8 Richter earthquake in Atlas mountains .

56 killed as Hanoi building catches fire



Editorial

Unified Approach

An integrat d approach to health can prevent zoonotic spillover

➡ About the editorial

The editorial is about the recent spread out of Nipah virus in Kozhikode Kerala . It talks aboout past incidents of spread of virus and steps that need to be taken

Nipah spread

Nipah virus has killed 2 persons, 3 more persons who were close to the previous two has been tested positive.

This is the fourth time the virus has spread in Kerala . It had spread in 2018 , 2019 and 2021 . The 2018 spread was worse in which 21 of 23 infected people died .Kerala health minister said that hundreds of people in the contact list of deceased is being tested . A control room on Kozhikode has been formed . State govt has formed sixteen teams to take forward appropriate containment protocol

➡ About Nipah

Nipah spreads from fruit bats to human. And then it spreads from human to human similar to Corona. Containment requires isolation of patient, wearing masks. There is no cure of Nipah, the fatality rate of this is pretty high.

Research has shown that anthropogenic activities has a role to play in spread of zoonotic disease. In the current case rapid expansion of agriculture activities in the original habitat zone of fruit bat is the reason

Little succor

Any failure to anchor inflation will add to the risk of growth

➡ About the editorial

The editorial is about CPI inflation for August, which stood 6.83%. In July it was 7.40%. It talks about other trends also

inflation trends

Inflation in August declined from 7.4 % in July to 6.83% in August .Despite this food inflation is still very high and it stood 10.4% . 12 out of 11 items in food basket showed increase in price year on year basis , with oil and fats being the only item to show decrease in price . The center has imposed 40% export duty on shipment of onion this has helped to stabilise it's prices . Unless inflation figures drop by 250 basis points , to 4.33% in September it will be hard to achieve the target of 4% .Growth can suffer due to increased inflation

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