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<p>Mpox Clade 1 strain</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> India has reported its first case of Mpox Clade 1, the same strain that prompted the World Health Organization (WHO) to declare a public health emergency. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mpox Clade 1 strain is a more virulent and potentially deadly variant of the monkeypox virus. It is considered more transmissible and has a higher fatality rate compared to the Clade 2 strain, which caused the global outbreak in 2022. <p>Mpox:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mpox, formerly known as monkeypox, is a viral illness caused by the monkeypox virus. It is a rare disease similar to smallpox and can spread through close contact with an infected person or animal. <p>Symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fever Headache Muscle aches Swollen lymph nodes Fatigue Rash that can appear on the face, hands, feet, or genitals <p>Transmission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close contact with an infected person's rash or bodily fluids Contact with contaminated materials or objects Contact with infected animals. <p>Vaccine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The primary vaccine used for mpox prevention is JYNNEOS, which is a two-dose vaccine. The vaccine provides significant protection against mpox, reducing the risk of severe illness and death. <p>Refer to Addapedia notes for detailed info on WHO.</p>
<p>UN Task Force Award</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Institute of Public Health and Medical Research (NIPMR), an autonomous body under the Kerala state government, has been awarded the prestigious 2024 UN Task Force Award.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This recognition highlights NIPMR's groundbreaking work in advancing healthcare practices and improving public health outcomes. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The UN Task Force Award recognizes outstanding work in the field of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and mental health. It is awarded by the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases. The award recognizes achievements in multisectoral action in the prevention and control of NCDs, mental health and the wider NCD-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In 2024, the award was given to 14 organizations, including the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM) in the Netherlands.
<p>Tazhathangadi Boat race</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kerala is set to organise the Tazhathangadi Boat race on November 16th. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is one of the most popular snake boat races in Kerala. It is held annually on the banks of the Meenachil River in the village of Tazhathangadi. The race is a 1.5 km long course and features 64 teams of 12 rowers each. It is one of the oldest boat races in Kerala, dating back to 1887. The race features a variety of boats, including the majestic snake boats, churulans, oadis, and irrutukuthies.

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