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## Daily Current Affairs Encyclopedia

14 September Current Affairs

**3 women to become assistant priests at T.N. temples**

**In News:**

**In a first, 3 women to become assistant priests at T.N. temples.**

**Key points:**

- **S. Krishnaveni, S. Ramya and Ranjitha will become assistant priests at Sri Vaishnava temples in Tamil Nadu, following the 'Pancharatra agama'.**
- **They are the first three women to have undergone the training and to have studied at the Archakar Training School run by the Sri Ranganathar Temple in Srirangam.**



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24x7 health screening camps at  
TN-Kerala border points

In News:

- Govt sets up 24x7 health screening camps at TN-Kerala border points.
- All government hospitals and private hospitals have been instructed to report details of fever patients to the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) portal.

Key Points:

- A day after Nipah deaths were confirmed in neighboring Kerala, the health department has started to screen people entering the state from Kerala at border checkpoints in six districts including Coimbatore, Tenkasi and Kanyakumari.
- Treatment will be given to people who show fever symptoms.
- The Health Minister Ma Subramaniam visited Gudalur and laid the foundation stone for a 200-bed block on the Gudalur taluk hospital premises.



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**Concept: Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP)**

**About IDSP**

- The Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) is a nationwide disease surveillance system in India incorporating both the state and central governments aimed at early detection and long-term monitoring of diseases for enabling efficient policy decisions.
- It was started in 2004 with the assistance of the World Bank.
- All states, union territories, and district headquarters of India have established surveillance units.
- With the aim of improving digital surveillance capabilities, the Integrated Health Information Platform (IHIP) was launched in a number of states in November 2019.



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'Tobacco-Free' Village

In News: Thirupani Chettikulam village panchayat in TN declared 'Tobacco-Free'

### Key Points:

- Thirupani Chettikulam village panchayat in the Eral taluk was declared a tobacco-free village in Thoothukudi, during a special grama sabha meeting
- The Thirupani Chettikulam village, with a population of 1,200, has three shops that do not sell any kind of tobacco products. The village does not have a Tasmac liquor shop either
- A tobacco free village is a community that has banned the use of tobacco products, including cigarettes, cigars, bidis, smokeless tobacco, and electronic cigarettes.
- The goal of a tobacco free village is to protect the health of its residents and to create a healthier environment for everyone.



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Breeding grounds in Chennai

In News: Big birds find cozy breeding ground in Chennai

Key Points:

- The Arignar Anna Zoological Park, popularly known as Vandalur Zoo, has become the most successful zoo in the country in breeding Ostriches, the world's largest and heaviest bird.
- Climatic conditions that aid natural breeding and special efforts taken by the zoo authorities and keepers have resulted in the greater survival rate of the chicks.

AI to help make potable water supply Leak Proof

In News: AI to help make potable water supply in Trichy leak-proof.

Key Points:

- The Union government recently informed the civic body that it has been selected for a joint project, wherein Artificial Intelligence (AI) based technology would detect leakage in potable water supply lines, thereby limiting wastage.
- a French company will develop the technology for the project.



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Ramakkal Lake

In News: Ramakkal lake in TN polluted & emits foul smell, residents demand rejuvenation.

Key Points:

- Ramakal Lake is near Dharmapuri., Tamil Nadu.
- Birds such as yellow-nosed stork, little crane, black-nosed stork, waterfowl etc are found in the lake.
- Pollution level has risen in Ramakkal Lake with a foul smell causing distress to Hale Dharmapuri residents
- Regarding filtration units, a proposal has been sent to the government for a new filter at the cost of Rs 15 lakhs.