




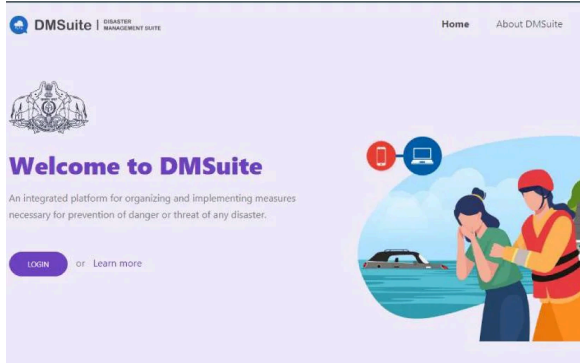
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Kerala Regional News

<p>Kudumbashree scheme to provide livelihood to 25,000 women farmers</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kerala's Kudumbashree scheme is set to provide a significant boost to women's livelihoods by empowering 25,000 women as farmers this year. • This initiative focuses on creating employment opportunities for women in the agricultural sector. <p>Key aspects of the scheme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target: To benefit 25,000 women farmers through intensive agriculture and flower cultivation projects. • Approach: Direct market access for farmers to eliminate middlemen and increase their income. • About 20,000 women farmers across the State will benefit from the Onakani intensive farming scheme and 5,000 women farmers through floriculture this Onam season • Impact: Expected to provide a sustainable livelihood for participating women. • By investing in women farmers, Kudumbashree aims to contribute to both economic growth and gender equality in the state.
<p>Tourism Minister to inaugurate Malabar River Festival</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kerala Tourism Minister P.A. Mohamed Riyas will officially launch the 10th edition of the Malabar River Festival on Friday, July 25th, at Pulikkayam in Kodenchery. • The event is expected to draw significant attention to Kerala as a premier destination for adventure tourism, particularly white-water kayaking. • The festival will feature international kayaking competitions and aims to boost tourism in the Malabar region. <p>About white-water kayaking:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White-water kayaking is an exhilarating sport involving navigating a kayak through fast-flowing rivers with rapids. • It requires skill, balance, and courage.



India's first rain gauge website launched in Wayanad



- Kayaks are designed for maneuverability, allowing paddlers to tackle challenging currents and obstacles.

Context:

- **Wayanad district in Kerala** has taken a significant step towards disaster management by **launching India's first rain gauge website and app, called "DM Suite"**.
- The website provides **real-time rainfall data from over 200 rain gauges across the district**.
- This information is crucial for predicting and mitigating the risks associated with **heavy rainfall, such as landslides and floods**.
- This initiative is a commendable effort to harness technology for the safety and well-being of the people of Wayanad.

Key features of the website:

- Real-time rainfall data at the panchayat level
- Rainfall maps and visual representations
- Data analysis and forecasts by experts
- Early warning system for potential disasters

Nipah outbreak: Kerala accounted for 28% of cases confirmed in India in 2 decades

Context:

- Kerala has borne a significant brunt of **Nipah virus** outbreaks in India over the past **two decades (between 2001 and 2023)**
- Despite accounting for a relatively small portion of the country's population, the **state has reported 28% of all confirmed Nipah cases in India**.
- A total of **71 Nipah deaths** have been reported in the country to date of which 21 deaths happened in Kerala.
- Kerala's **case fatality rate (CFR) in the first outbreak was 89.4 percent with 17 deaths out of 19 lab-confirmed cases in Kozhikode and Malappuram**.
- In the previous outbreak in **2023, the CFR was 33 per cent in Kozhikode**.
- Since the first major outbreak, Kerala has developed a standard operating procedure and protocol which played a significant role in controlling the spread and reducing fatality.

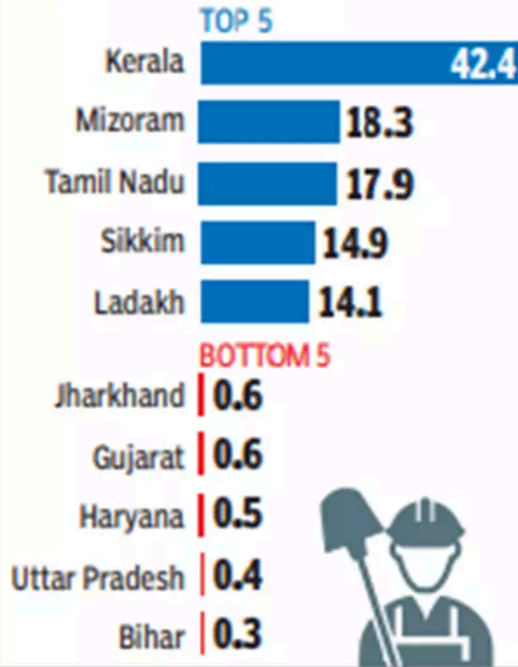


Daily Current Affairs Encyclopedia

Richer states like TN and Kerala corner more NREGs funds

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Ratio of proportion of MGNREGS fund released to states and proportion of poor population



Context:

- The Economic survey has revealed that richer states like **Tamil Nadu and Kerala receive more NREGA funds than poorer states like Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.**
- The survey stated that in **2023-24, Tamil Nadu, which has less than 1% of the country's poor population, accounted for 15% of MGNREGS funds released, while Kerala with just 0.1% of poor population used 4% of MGNREGA funds.**
- This is likely due to a variety of factors, including:
- **Higher demand for work:** These states may have a higher demand for work due to a larger population or a higher percentage of people living below the poverty line.
- **Better governance:** These states may have more efficient and effective governance structures in place, which allows them to better utilize NREGA funds.
- **More awareness:** There may be greater awareness of the NREGA scheme in these states, which leads to more people applying for work.
- This disparity in funding has led to criticism, as some argue that it does not address the needs of the poorest states.
- The survey **raised the possibility that there may be a correlation between MGNREGA fund usage and reduced unemployment**, in what appears to argue that the job scheme is mitigating joblessness.

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