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## Swine Flu Cases in Madhya Pradesh | Madhya Pradesh | 07 Aug 2024

### Why in News?

Recently, Eleven cases of [Swine Flu](#) have been detected in **Jabalpur district of Madhya Pradesh**.

### Key Points

- The **infected persons had complained** of **cold, cough and fever** before testing positive for swine flu. They are residents of different areas in the district.
- To curb the spread of the disease, **health department** teams are **conducting tests in various areas**.

### Swine Flu

- It is caused by the [swine flu virus](#), the [H1N1](#).
  - It is an **infection of the respiratory tract** characterized by the usual **symptoms of flu** like cough, nasal secretions, fever, loss of appetite, fatigue and headache.
  - It is called swine flu because in the past it was known to occur in people who had been in the **vicinity of pigs**.
  - The virus is **transmitted by short-distance airborne transmission**, particularly in crowded enclosed spaces. **Hand contamination** and **direct contact** are other possible sources of transmission.
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## Alert in Bihar Districts due to Bangladesh Situation | Bihar | 07 Aug 2024

### Why in News?

Recently, an **alert was issued in many parts of Bihar** in the wake of the [unrest in neighbouring Bangladesh](#).

### Key Points

- None of the districts in Bihar is located along the border with Bangladesh, the state does share a long and porous **boundary with Nepal**.
  - This border is frequently **used by infiltrators** from other countries **to enter Indian territory**.
- Bangladesh was thrown into uncertainty after **massive street protests over job quotas**

compelled **Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to resign and flee.**

## Situation in Bangladesh

- Bangladesh has experienced a **major political upheaval. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has resigned and left the country** amid widespread protests and unrest.
- The Bangladesh Army, led by **General Waker-uz-Zaman**, has announced the **formation of an interim government** with the support of political parties.
- This development marks a significant **shift in Bangladesh's political landscape, ending Hasina's 15-year tenure as Prime Minister** and raising questions about the nation's future stability and governance.

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## NGT Imposes Fine for Dumping Solid Waste | Uttar Pradesh | 07 Aug 2024

### Why in News?

Recently, [The National Green Tribunal \(NGT\)](#) has enforced a total ban on [littering or dumping solid waste in unauthorized areas](#) of Uttar Pradesh, with fines for violations ranging from Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 50,000.

### Key Points

- According to the court, the violator shall be liable to pay an environmental **compensation of Rs. 5,000 for the first instance and Rs.10,000 for further instances** of littering or dumping of solid waste.
  - If a **bulk waste generator**, concessionaire, urban local body, or any other individual is caught littering or dumping waste in bulk, a **fine of Rs. 25,000 will be imposed for the first offense, and Rs. 50,000 for any subsequent offenses.**
- The NGT passed the order on a petition on garbage being dumped on the embankment of the **Rapti river** causing water pollution.

### National Green Tribunal (NGT)

- It is a **specialised body set up under the [National Green Tribunal Act, 2010](#)** for effective and expeditious disposal of **cases relating to environmental protection and conservation of forests and other natural resources.**
  - With the establishment of the NGT, **India became the third country in the world to set up a specialised environmental tribunal**, only after Australia and New Zealand, and the first developing country to do so.
  - NGT is mandated to make disposal of applications or appeals finally within 6 months of filing the same.
  - The NGT has five places of sittings, **New Delhi is the Principal place of sitting** and Bhopal, Pune, Kolkata and Chennai are the other four.
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# NGT to Uttarakhand: Disclose Carrying Capacity Responsibility | Uttarakhand | 07 Aug 2024

## Why in News?

The [National Green Tribunal](#) asked the **Uttarakhand's environment department to disclose responsibility** in case of an accident as there is no carrying capacity restricting the number of pilgrims across [Char Dham](#) in Uttarakhand.

## Key Points

- According to the tribunal, there is **no carrying capacity fixed even on an ad-hoc basis** for the **pilgrims on the tracks of Shri [Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri and Yamunotri](#)**, and there is no restriction in respect of the number of pilgrims on those tracks.
  - According to the **state government's counsel, one year would be required to get a report** about the carrying capacity at the four pilgrimage sites.
  - As per NGT, the unregulated **number of pilgrims could result in a mishap** and someone must take its responsibility.

## Char Dham Yatra

- **Yamunotri Dham:**
  - **Location:** Uttarkashi district.
  - **Dedicated to:** Goddess Yamuna.
  - River Yamuna is the second-most sacred river in India after River Ganga.
- **Gangotri Dham:**
  - **Location:** Uttarkashi district.
  - **Dedicated to:** Goddess Ganga.
  - Considered the most sacred of all Indian rivers.
- **Kedarnath Dham:**
  - **Location:** Rudraprayag district.
  - **Dedicated to:** Lord Shiva.
  - Situated on the bank of the Mandakini River.
  - One of the 12 Jyotirlingas (divine representations of Lord Shiva) in India.
- **Badrinath Dham:**
  - **Location:** Chamoli district.
  - Home to the sacred Badrinarayan Temple.
  - **Dedicated to:** Lord Vishnu.
  - One of the holy shrines for Vaishnavites.

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# Transgender Cultural Event in Chhattisgarh | Chhattisgarh | 07 Aug 2024

## Why in News?

Recently, A **state-level transgender** cultural event was held at the **Mukta Kashi Stage of the Mahant Ghasidas Museum in Raipur**.

- This event was a **proactive initiative against the [social evil of dowry](#)**, which is still prevalent in many parts of the country, particularly in underdeveloped states.

## Key Points

- The event was organised jointly by the **Department of Culture and Archaeology** and the **Chhattisgarh Mitwa Sankalp Committee**.
- Transgender artists also performed dance fusion of Chhattisgarhi, Rajasthani, [Kathak](#), [Odissi](#) and [Lavani](#) besides trans-models dazzle ramp with Chhattisgarhi and rainbow themes.
  - Senior community members **honored all the artists with coconuts, shawls, and mementos**.

## Transgender

- According to the [Transgenders Persons Act, 2019](#), transgender means a person whose gender does not match with the gender assigned to that person at birth.
- It includes **trans-person with intersex variations, gender-queer** and people having such **socio-cultural identities as kinnar, hijra, aaravani and jogta**.
- India's [2011 Census](#) was the **first census** in its history to incorporate the number of 'trans' population of the country. The report estimated that **4.8 million Indians identified as transgender**.

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