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Preparedness for Vector-Borne Diseases

Recently, Union Health Minister virtually assessed **state readiness in preventing and controlling vector-borne diseases** before the monsoon season, emphasizing proactive measures and the importance of anticipating health requirements to reduce disease burden.

Vector-borne diseases are a group of illnesses **transmitted to humans through the bite of infected vectors** such as **mosquitoes, ticks, fleas, and flies**. These diseases include [malaria](#), [dengue fever](#), [chikungunya](#), [Japanese encephalitis](#), [lymphatic filariasis](#), and [kala-azar](#). They are typically seasonal and prone to outbreaks, with **most occurring during the monsoon and post-monsoon periods**.

Read more: [Dengue](#), [Kala-azar Disease](#), [Japanese encephalitis](#), [malaria](#)

India Post and Canada Post Introduce ITPS for E-commerce

India Post and Canada Post have recently signed an agreement to launch the **International Tracked Packet Service (ITPS)** between the two countries. This service is effective from July 01, 2023.

The ITPS is a competitive **service for the transmission and delivery of packets** and has been designed to meet the **cross-border shipping** requirements of [e-commerce exporters](#) including [MSMEs](#), small businesses, merchants, etc to promote exports of their products using local post offices. The ITPS, already available with **38 partner countries**, including recent additions like **Britain, France, UAE, and Egypt**, will now include Canada as its 39th partner.

The ITPS rates are kept very economical in comparison to **International EMS (Speed Post)** and other market products.

INS Sunayna Visit to Beira, Mozambique



[INS Sunayna](#), a naval vessel of the [Indian Navy](#), recently made a port visit to **Beira, Mozambique**, highlighting India's commitment to fostering cordial relations with its maritime neighbors and promoting the vision of [Security and Growth for All in the Region \(SAGAR\)](#).

The deployment of **INS Sunayna** also includes a scheduled joint [Exclusive Economic Zone \(EEZ\)](#) patrol off the coast of Mozambique, enhancing the security cooperation between the two countries.

SAGAR was launched in 2015. It is India's strategic vision for the Indian Ocean Region (IOR). Through SAGAR, India seeks to **deepen economic and security cooperation with its maritime neighbours and assist in building their maritime security capabilities.**

Read more: [Security and Growth for All in the Region](#), [Exclusive Economic Zone](#).

India Claims Eighth Asian Kabaddi Championship Title

India emerged victorious in the **Asian Kabaddi Championship 2023**, clinching the title for the **eighth time in nine editions**. The final took place in Busan, South Korea. The Indian kabaddi teams will now set their sights on the **upcoming Asian Games in Hangzhou, China**, scheduled from September 23 to October 8, 2023. The **1st Asian Kabaddi Championship** was held in 1980 and was included as a demonstration game in the **9th Asian Games, New Delhi in 1982**.

Kabaddi is best **known Indian Traditional Game** which basically a combative sport, with seven players on each side; played for a period of 40 minutes with a 5 minutes break (20-5-20). The core idea of the game is **to score points by raiding into the opponent's court** and touching as many defense players as possible without getting caught on a single breath.

The **All-India Kabaddi Federation** was formed in **1950** to look after the promotion of the game. The new body, **Amateur Kabaddi Federation of India (AKFI)** came into existence from 1972 **affiliated to [Indian Olympic Association \(IOA\)](#)** with a view to popularize the game in India & neighboring countries of Asia.

Read more: [Role of Sport in Aspirational India](#)

