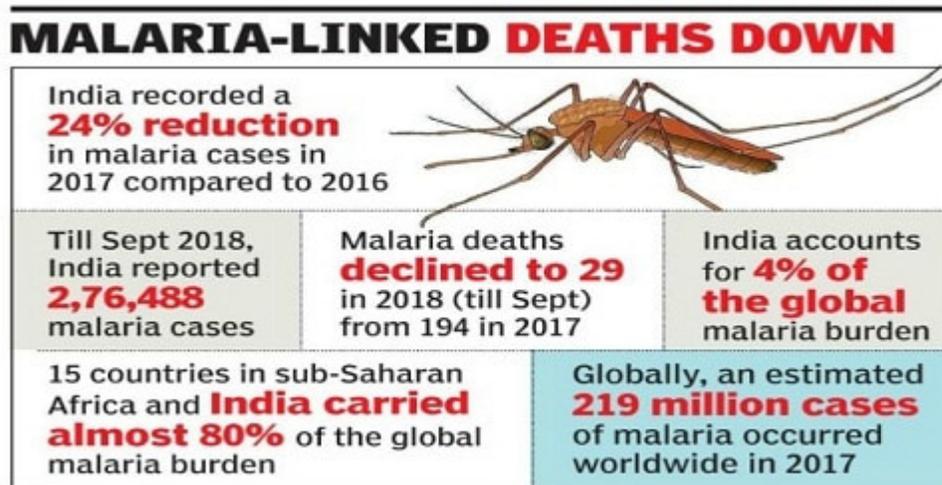


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Malaria cases declined by 24% in India: World malaria report by WHO

- **World malaria report** by World Health Organisation (WHO) states that, India is the only country to have achieved a substantial decrease in malaria cases in 2017 out of the 11 highest burden countries throughout the world.



Key Points:

- i. As per the report, India accounted for 4 % of global malaria cases in 2017. It has made significant progress in reducing malaria since then.

- ii. India has registered a 24 % reduction in cases over 2016, mainly due to its reduction in the highly malaria infected state of Odisha.
- iii. Odisha contributed to nearly 40 % of all malaria cases in India. Success factors for this reduction includes: political commitment, strengthened technical leadership, which focused on prioritizing the right mix of vector control measures, and increased levels of domestic funding to back efforts.
- iv. Odisha also used its network of Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) to deliver malaria services especially in rural and remote areas.
- v. In 2018, WHO certified Paraguay as malaria-free, becoming the **first country** in the American continent to receive this status in 45 years.

"Hit By Arrows, Kept Walking": American Killed By Protected Andaman Tribe

- An American national was killed by members of a protected and reclusive tribe in the Andamans, possibly with arrows, when he tried to enter the North Sentinel Island, the police said on Wednesday.
- In a press release, Dependra Pathak, Director General of Police (DGP), Andaman and Nicobar Police, said John Allen Chau, 27, had enlisted the help of local electronics engineer Alexander and a water sports service provider and hired five fishermen to evade the patrolling teams of the police, the Coast Guard and the Navy to reach the island. For this, the fishermen were paid ₹25,000 by Mr. Chau.
- The DGP said that access to North Sentinel Island and its buffer zone is strictly restricted under the Protection of Aboriginal Tribes (Regulation), 1956 and Regulations under Indian Forest Act, 1927.

Who are the Sentinelese?

- The Sentinelese, a negrito tribe who live on the North Sentinel Island of the Andamans, have not faced incursions and remain hostile to outsiders.
- The inhabitants are connected to the Jarawa on the basis of physical, as well as linguistic similarities, researchers say. Based on carbon dating of kitchen middens by the Anthropological Survey of India, Sentinelese presence was confirmed in the islands to 2,000 years ago. Genome studies indicate that the Andaman tribes could have been on the islands even 30,000 years ago.

How are they protected?

- The Govt. of India issued the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956 to declare the traditional areas occupied by the tribes as reserves, and prohibited entry of all persons except those with authorisation.
- Photographing or filming the tribe members is also an offence. The rules were amended later to enhance penalties. But restricted area permits were relaxed for some islands recently.

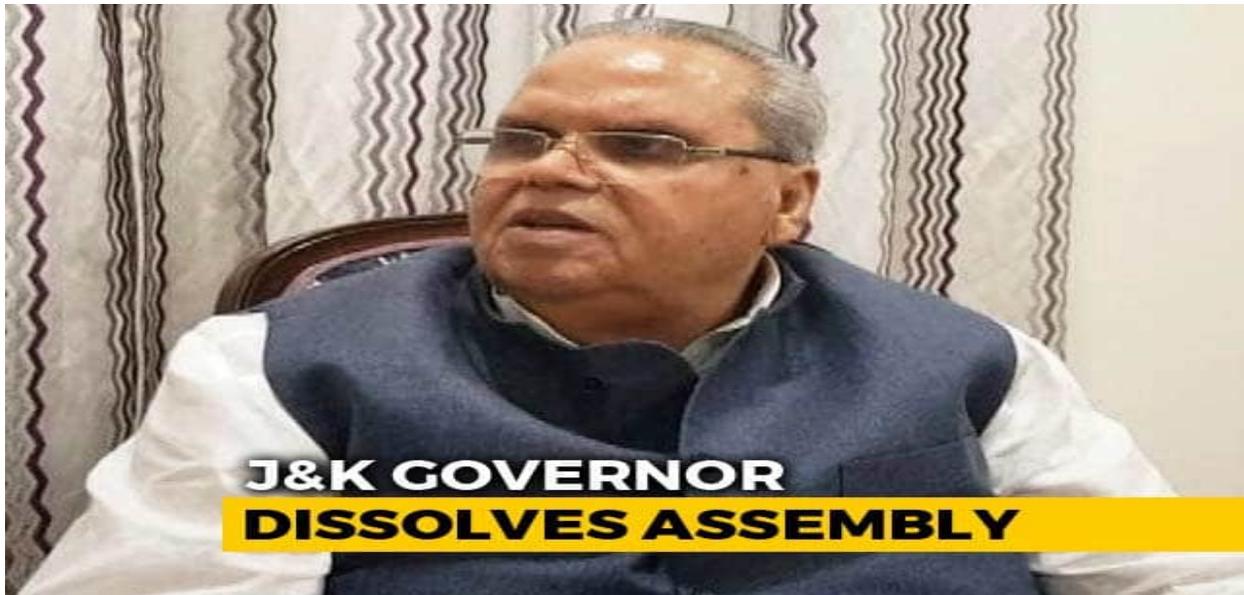
Have they made contact?

- The Sentinelese have been fiercely hostile to outside contact. But in 1991 they accepted some coconuts from a team of Indian anthropologists and administrators.
- Some researchers argue that the Sentinelese have been mostly left alone even from colonial times, unlike other tribes such as the Onges, Jarawas and Great Andamanese, because the land they occupy has little commercial attraction.

How many are there?

- From 1901 to 1921 they were estimated to be 117 people. In 1931, the number dropped to 50, a figure used for the 1961 Census too. In 1991 their head count was put at 23. Census 2001 counted 39 inhabitants.

J&K Governor Dissolves Assembly Amid Race To Form Government



- Jammu and Kashmir Governor Satya Pal Malik on Wednesday dissolved the State Assembly, as the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and the Peoples Conference (PC) separately staked claim to form a government after a day-long political drama.

Details of the issue

- Governor Malik has passed an order in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by clause (b) of subsection (2) of Section 53 of the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir to dissolve the Legislative Assembly
- Earlier, two parties, the PDP and the PC, after daylong political wrangling, wrote to the Raj Bhavan on email and WhatsApp to stake claim to form the government, as they were unable to reach the Governor over fax.
- A senior Home Ministry official said the Centre planned to hold a fresh election in the State post the panchayat polls, which will end in December. However, the current developments expedited the move to dissolve the Assembly. Home

Minister Rajnath Singh spoke to Mr. Malik and also apprised the PM of the developments.

Related Concept – Governor’s Rule in Jammu & Kashmir

- In case of failure of constitutional machinery in any other state of India, President’s Rule is imposed under Article 356 of the Constitution.
- But in case of J&K, as per Section 92 of state Constitution, Governor’s Rule is imposed in the state only after the consent of the President of India in case of failure of constitutional machinery for period of six months.
- During the Governors rule, State Assembly is either suspended or dissolved.
- If the Constitutional machinery is not restored before the expiry of this six month period, the provision of Article 356 of the Constitution of India are extended to J&K and the President’s rule is imposed in the State.

WTO to set up panels to review Trump's US steel and aluminium tariffs

- The World Trade Organization agreed on Wednesday to hear complaints from a range of countries over new U.S. steel and aluminium tariffs, as well as complaints from Washington over retaliatory duties.
- The WTO’s Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) agreed to establish panels to review U.S. President Donald Trump’s decision to hit a long line of countries with tariffs of 25% on steel and 10% on aluminium.
- It also agreed to a U.S. call for a panel to be created to review “certain Chinese measures pertaining to the protection of intellectual property rights.”
- The decision to establish the panels follows rounds of failed consultations between the parties.

What is trade war?

- Trade war is an economic conflict between two or more nations regarding trade tariffs on each other.
- This type of conflict usually arises because the nations involved are trying to improve imports or exports for its own country.
- The last time the world saw trade war was in the 1930s when countries had tried to boost their trade surplus. The result was a massive slowdown around the world, which eventually resulted in the Great Depression of the 1930s.

What is protectionism?

- Protectionism is the economic policy of restricting imports from other countries through methods such as tariffs on imported goods, import quotas, and a variety of other government regulations.
- Protectionist policies help immune the producers, businesses, and workers of the import-competing sector in the country from foreign competitors.

Why protectionism is gaining prevalence?

- To protect indigenous industrial sectors especially infant and sunrise sectors.
- High unemployment rate.
- Slow growth recovery post global financial crisis.
- Rising apprehensions with respect to immigrants leading to xenophobia.

Himachal Pradesh government approved implementation of SashaktMahilaYojna

On November 20, 2018, the **Himachal Pradesh** Cabinet under the Chairmanship of **Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur** approved implementation of **SashaktMahilaYojna** in the State.

- i.** It aims to empower rural women by providing them an interface for organization and socio-economic development.
- ii.** The scheme would link rural women with sustainable livelihood opportunities and improving their skill by imparting training.
- iii.** It also decided to implement the **Himachal Healthcare Scheme (HIMCARE)** in the state. The cashless treatment coverage of Rs 5 lakh per year per family will be provided under the scheme on family floater basis.

AAI inked agreement with US Trade and Development Agency to prepare modernized air traffic roadmap

On November 16, 2018, state-run **Airports Authority of India (AAI)** partnered up with the **US Trade and Development Agency (USTDA)** to develop a roadmap for modernisation of its **air traffic services**.



- i.** It is aimed at developing a CNS/ATM roadmap for the AAI for modernisation of the national airspace system (NAS).
- ii.** This would consist of air traffic management (ATM) and communication, navigation and surveillance (CNS) and ground equipage in the short, medium and

long term (up to 10 years).

iii. Under the agreement, US aircraft manufacturer Boeing will provide technical assistance and invest in CNS/ATM facilities.