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PRIME MINISTER MODI'S RUSSIA VISIT—" INDIA IN FAVOR OF PEACE "

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is on a two-day visit to Russia. During his stay, he had an important meeting with President Vladimir Putin at his official residence in Moscow. PM Modi asked President Putin to end the war in Ukraine, emphasizing that fighting won't solve anything and that talking and negotiating are the only ways to find a solution.

PM Modi also raised concerns about Indian nationals who were tricked by dishonest travel agents into joining the Russian army. He stressed the need to bring these individuals back home safely, and Russia has promised to do so.

This visit is notable as it is PM Modi's first to Russia since the war in Ukraine began and since he won his third term as Prime Minister. President Putin congratulated him on his re-election, praising India's growing economy. This marks their 16th meeting over the past decade, showing the strong ties between the two leaders.



INCESSANT RAINS IN MUMBAI

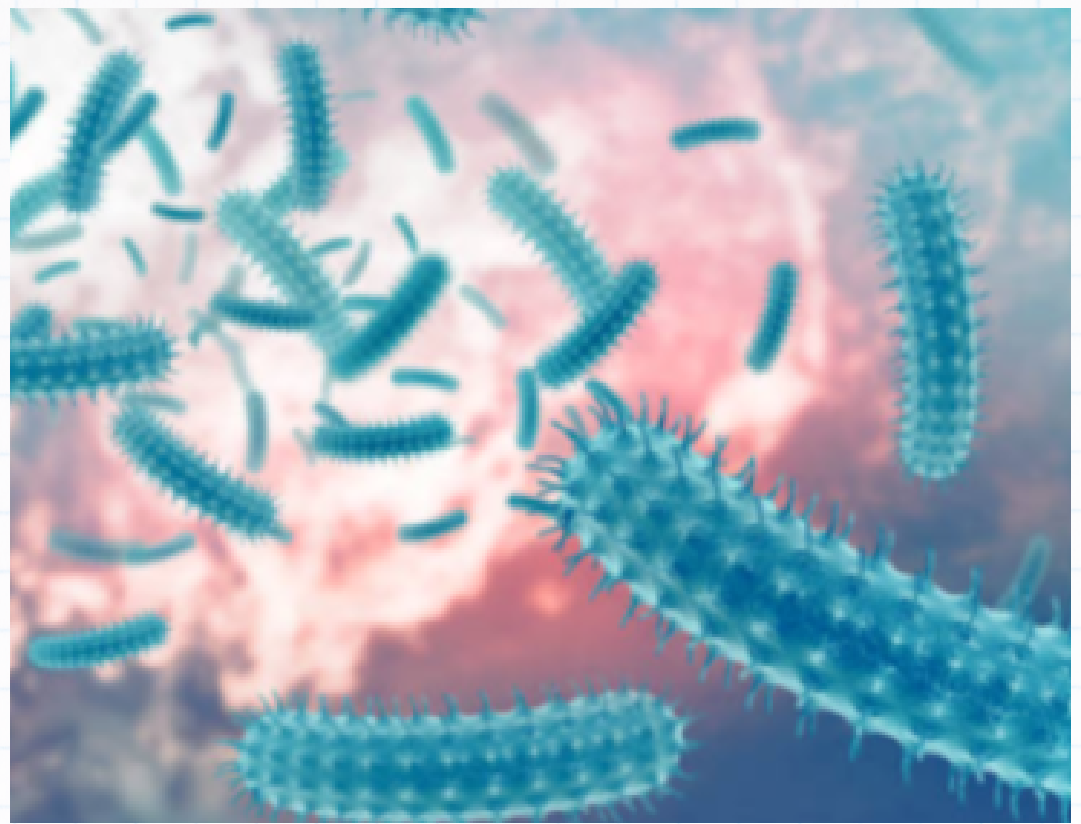
Mumbai is facing heavy rains that have caused major disruptions. Schools are closed, and train services are suspended in some areas due to waterlogging. Some parts of Mumbai received over 300 mm of rain in just six hours. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a 'red' alert, predicting more heavy rain. On Monday, Mumbai saw the second-highest rainfall in July, with nearly 300 mm in just six hours. Central Railway services including local trains have been affected inconveniencing thousands of passengers trains stopped on tracks for hours. Flight services are also facing disruptions due to low visibility and waterlogging on the runways. Schools in Mumbai and nearby areas like Thane, Navi Mumbai, and Pune are closed today due to the weather alert.



STAY SAFE AND AVOID UNNECESSARY TRAVEL!!

CONTRIBUTION OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND INVASIVE FUNGAL INFECTIONS

Global warming is making our planet warmer, which leads to more hot and rainy days. Research on global warming had led to the conclusion on how climate warming has led to enhanced fungal tolerance that leads to spread of diseases. Also when it rains, the weather creates damp conditions which are perfect for fungi to grow. Fungi are tiny organisms that thrive in warm, wet places. These harmful fungi can enter our bodies through small cuts or the air we breathe. Some fungi like mushrooms release tiny spores into the air, which, when inhaled, can cause infections in our lungs or other parts of our bodies. Global warming increases rainy weather in some areas, helping fungi spread more easily thus making people and animals to get sick from fungal infections. While rainy days can be fun for playing in puddles, it's important to stay safe!!



WIMBLEDON GIVES A STANDING OVATION TO SACHIN TENDULKAR

Cricketing legend Sachin Tendulkar received a standing ovation from the capacity crowd at Centre Court when he took some time off to enjoy an afternoon at the WIMBLEDON on Saturday. Dressed in a beige-coloured suit, Tendulkar, with a smile on his face, could be seen waving his hands in acknowledgement after the crowd at the Centre Court gave him a rousing welcome. "It's great to welcome you back to Centre Court, @sachin_rt," Wimbledon wrote in 'X' with a video. The announcer in the Centre Court also welcomed the Indian maestro. "We are also joined by legend of the game from India, another World Cup winner and the all-time run-scorer in cricket history. Please welcome Sachin Tendulkar," the announcer could be heard saying in the video.



NEW CRICKET COACH OF INDIA

Gautam Gambhir will be India's new head coach, succeeding Rahul Dravid, who led India to victory in the T20 World Cup 2024. The announcement was made by BCCI secretary stating that "Gambhir's clear vision for Team India, coupled with his vast experience, positions him perfectly to take on this exciting and most sought-after coaching role. The BCCI supports him as he embarks on this new journey." Gambhir expressed his excitement by saying, "India is my identity, and serving my country has been the greatest privilege of my life. I'm honored to be back, albeit wearing a different hat." Gambhir is taking over a team that has been very successful, having reached the finals of both the World Test Championship and the ODI World Cup last year, and winning the T20 World Cup. Gambhir has previously been a mentor for IPL teams Kolkata Knight Riders and Lucknow Super Giants. During his playing career, he played key roles in India's victories in the 2007 T20 World Cup and the 2011 ODI World Cup, and captained KKR to two IPL titles.

