



- The legendary former Indian cricketer and wicket-keeper Syed Mujtaba Hussein Kirmani released his autobiography titled "Stumped: Life Behind and Beyond the Twenty-Two Yards" at a grand event in Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- The release coincided with Kirmani's 75th birthday. The book is published by Penguin Play.

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## > Human Metapneumovirus (HMPV) Outbreak in China

 China is currently experiencing a significant increase in human metapneumovirus (HMPV) cases, leading to concerns about a potential health crisis reminiscent of the COVID-19 pandemic.



- Reports indicate that hospitals are becoming overcrowded, with suggestions of multiple viruses, including HMPV, influenza A, Mycoplasma pneumoniae, and COVID-19, contributing to the situation. Despite some claims of a state of emergency, there has been no official confirmation from Chinese authorities.
- Scrub Typhus Outbreak in Tamil Nadu

 Scrub Typhus is a bacterial infection that is currently spreading in Tamil Nadu. Districts such as Chennai, Kanchipuram, Tirupattur, Tiruvallur, Chengalpattu, Ranipet, and Vellore have reported numerous cases.



- The Public Health Department has issued an alert, urging immediate measures to control the outbreak.
- ✓ Scrub typhus is caused by the bacterium Orientia tsutsugamushi.

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 This bacterium is transmitted through bites from infected larval mites, commonly referred to as chiggers.