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TOP STORY • INDIA

A Home-Made Shield for India's Chickens

India's first bird flu vaccine for chickens could cost 1 to 2 rupees a dose.

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Eggs and chicken are part of many family meals in India. On Friday, India launched its first home-made vaccine to protect chickens from bird flu.

Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan unveiled it in Bhopal, where scientists at a government lab spent three years making it. A vaccine trains a body to fight a germ. This one holds bird flu viruses made harmless with chemicals. They cannot multiply, but they teach a chicken's body to fight the real virus.

That matters, because this bird flu can kill almost every bird it infects. India has had more than 500 bird flu outbreaks since 2006, and farms have often had to cull, or kill, whole flocks to stop the spread.

Each dose may cost just 1 to 2 rupees, and officials expect the vaccine to help more than 90 lakh poultry farmers. A lakh is 100,000. Bird flu infects people only rarely, says the World Health Organization.



The vaccine was made and launched in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

WHY IT MATTERS

A cheap vaccine could protect farm birds and the families who earn their living raising them, instead of losing whole flocks to the virus.

WORLD • MYANMAR

A Small Country Speaks Up for Families Far Away

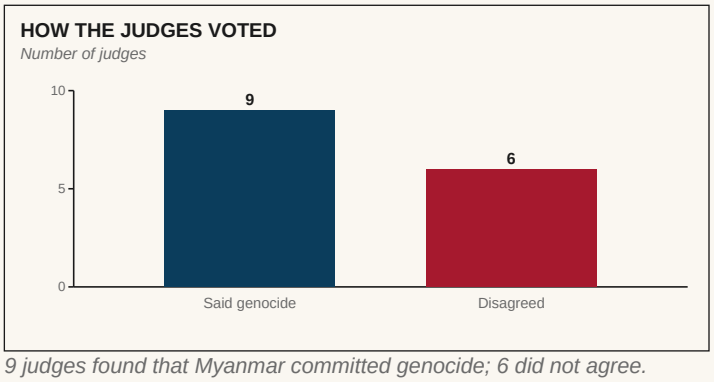
The world's top court has ruled on what Myanmar did to the Rohingya.

Can a small country stand up for people far away? In 2019, The Gambia, a small country in West Africa, took Myanmar, in Asia, to the International Court of Justice, the United Nations' top court in The Hague, the Netherlands.

The case was about the Rohingya, a Muslim minority group in Myanmar. In 2017, Myanmar's army carried out a crackdown, a harsh use of force, and about 700,000 Rohingya fled to Bangladesh. About 1.2 million now live in camps there.

On Thursday, the judges decided by 9 votes to 6 that Myanmar committed genocide, the crime of trying to destroy a whole group of people. The UN says it is the first ruling like this against a country under the Genocide Convention. Myanmar has said it was answering attacks on police posts.

The court ordered Myanmar to pay compensation, let the Rohingya return home safely if they choose, and reunite families.



9 judges found that Myanmar committed genocide; 6 did not agree.

CONNECT THE DOTS

Geography: Myanmar and Bangladesh are neighbours, and the Rohingya fled from Myanmar's Rakhine state on the Bay of Bengal.

UNITED STATES • HEALTH

Measles Is Spreading Again in America

The country has lost the status it held for 26 years.

Measles is one of the most catching illnesses known. Where people are not protected, one sick person can pass it to 12 to 18 others.

For 26 years, the United States counted measles as eliminated, which means it was not spreading inside the country. On Tuesday, a health group for the Americas said that is no longer true, because the virus has spread without a break for at least 12 months. America has had more than 5,400 cases this year.

The answer, health officials say, is the MMR vaccine. Two doses give about 97% protection. Last school year, 92% of kindergartners were vaccinated, below the 95% needed for herd immunity, when so many people are protected that a germ struggles to spread.

WHY IT MATTERS

When enough people in a town are vaccinated, measles struggles to spread, and that helps protect everyone around us.

Also in United States

• Travel: Petrol fell 18 cents in a week to $3.72 a gallon before Thanksgiving trips.

• Ohio: Fiona, the Cincinnati Zoo hippo born tiny in 2017, has died after swallowing a hat.

ONE-LINE BRIEFS

• Science: Meerkats taken 1.5 km from their group found their way home in a nearly straight line in 18 of 20 tests.

• Climate: The COP31 climate talks in Turkey ran past their Friday deadline as countries argued over a draft deal.

TALK ABOUT IT

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Why might a cheap vaccine matter so much to a family that raises chickens?

Why do you think a small country chose to stand up for people who live far away?

How can getting a vaccine help the people around you, and not just you?

INDIA • KARNATAKA

Bike Taxis Can Keep Rolling in Karnataka

The Supreme Court turned down the state's request to ban them.

How do people in your family get around town? In Bengaluru and the rest of Karnataka, many ride bike taxis. They book a ride on an app such as Ola, Uber or Rapido, then hop on the back of a motorcycle.

Karnataka's government wanted to stop these rides. It raised worries about passenger safety, insurance and traffic jams. But in January, the Karnataka High Court, the state's top court, ruled that motorcycles can be registered to carry paying passengers. The state may set conditions, it said, but cannot refuse permits just because a vehicle is a motorcycle.

The state then appealed, or asked the Supreme Court, India's highest court, to change that ruling. On Friday, two Supreme Court judges turned the appeal down. They noted that motorcycles take up less road space than cars and are affordable.

The app companies say about 4.5 lakh passengers in Karnataka use bike taxis.

WHY IT MATTERS

Courts check state governments: Karnataka can make bike taxis safer with rules, but it cannot ban them just for being motorcycles.

SPORTS CORNER

SPORTS CORNER: A QUIET DAY

No verified sports results today. Back next time.

TOMORROW'S WATCHLIST

• Sunday and Monday: Nepal's Prime Minister Balendra Shah visits India to meet Prime Minister Modi.

• Weekend: Will the COP31 climate talks in Turkey agree a final deal?

"Looking after others, from farm birds to neighbours, keeps us all safer."

Keep exploring. See you tomorrow.