



Current Affairs of the Day

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Only organic farming allowed in Lakshadweep

With the entire Lakshadweep group of islands being declared an organic agricultural area, the island administration is eyeing an expansion of the traditional business in coconuts and coconut products through value addition, better marketing, and round-the-year processing.

Highlights:

1. The nuts are processed now mostly for oil and the islands being declared an organic agricultural area will give a big boost to their business.
2. The island's coconut farmers are also expected to benefit from the Union government's 'One District One Product' programme of food processing, in which the entire island is being considered as a single district and coconut oil has been identified as the product. Financial support for the programme will help augment the coconut industry on the island.

'Relying on the vaccine alone won't do'

Social vaccines and Biological vaccines

With COVID-19 vaccine just around the corner AIIMS professor warns that "seeing the vaccine as a magic bullet is fraught with danger". Efficacy in the field setting is still to be seen. He explains that social vaccines and biological vaccines will have to go hand in hand in the long fight ahead.

Highlights:

1. Social vaccines (COVID-19 appropriate behaviour) and biological vaccines (under development) will have to go hand in hand even when vaccines come.
2. Vaccines are always tried on healthy individuals. Efficacy in the field setting is still to be seen and vaccines offer hope, but just relying on the vaccine is not advised.