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National and International News

<p><u>13 Himalayan States</u></p>	<p>The Indian Himalayan Region is spread across 13 Indian States/Union Territories and stretches across 2500 km.</p> <p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Centre to form a 13-member technical committee to evaluate the “carrying capacity” of 13 Himalayan States. To mitigate and prevent disasters in these states. <p>Names of 13 Himalayan States:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura, Assam and West Bengal.
<p><u>18th G20 Summit 2023</u></p>	<p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be held in New Delhi (September 9 and 10) Chinese President for the first time may skip a G-20 summit. It will be attended by delegates from 40 countries (including the 20 member states) It will focus on global solutions based on the theme of “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam,” meaning One Earth, One Family, One Future. The theme highlights unity, sustainability, and cleaner living.
<p><u>Critical global issues during 18th G20 Summit 2023</u></p>	<p>Focus areas: Green development, climate finance, including Low-carbon Technologies for Fighting Epidemics (LiFE), economic growth across all segments of society, accelerating progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and women's empowerment.</p>



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<p><u>Impacts of Climate Change</u></p>	<p>According to UN and International Labour Organization study (2019) -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By 2030, 2.2 percent of total working hours worldwide will be lost to high temperatures, a productivity loss equivalent to 80 million full-time jobs. • Across genders, women are considered to be highly vulnerable and disproportionately affected by climate change than men. • Women in developing and less developed countries (especially in low-income areas) are more vulnerable to climate change because of their dependence on natural resources and labour-intensive work for their livelihood. • There could be 1.2 billion climate refugees by 2050. <p>Solutions: Invest in women's education, training; Women's participation in climate policy decision-making; Gender and Climate Change Development Programme.</p>
<p><u>E-Adhigam Scheme</u></p>	<p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiative by Haryana Govt. • Under this, nearly 3 lakh students will be receiving tablet computers to aid their online education. • Free 2GB internet data is also being given per day.
<p><u>PMUY (Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana) (schemes)</u></p>	<p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheme by the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas. • It provides LPG connections to women from Below Poverty Line (BPL) households. • The scheme was originally launched on May 1, 2016, in Uttar Pradesh by the PM with a target of releasing 8 crore connections by March 2020. • During Ujjwala 1.0, a target was set to provide LPG connections to 5 crore women members of BPL households. • Subsequently, the scheme was expanded in April 2018 to include women beneficiaries from seven more categories (SC/ST, PMAY, AAY, Most backward classes, tea garden, forest dwellers, Islands). • Also, the target was revised to 8 Crore LPG connections. • The PMUY 2.0 was launched in the financial year 2021-22 making a provision for the release of additional one crore connections. • It is a centrally sponsored scheme.
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<u>(Polity)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A french principle of secularism • The term was coined in the 19th century. • It is understood as a formal separation of the State and the Church.
<u>CBDCs</u> <u>(Economy)</u>	Key points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC), or national digital currency, is simply the digital form of a country's fiat currency. • Instead of printing paper currency or minting coins, the central bank issues electronic tokens. • This token value is backed by the full faith and credit of the government. • It is also known as National Digital Currency.

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National Teachers Award	News: Three from Kerala selected for National Teachers Award. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three teachers from Kerala have been selected for the National Awards to Teachers instituted annually by the Union Ministry of Education. • This year, the awards are to be bestowed upon 75 educators from across the country. • The National Teachers Award is a prestigious award given by the Government of India to outstanding teachers in the country. It is given every year on Teachers' Day (September 5) to honour teachers who have made significant contributions to the field of education.
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Keraliyam	<p>News: The government is preparing with international seminars and exhibitions to promote Kerala in front of the world</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The chief minister will personally oversee the week-long wide-ranging projects under the name 'Keraliyam' from November 1, Kerala's Birthday. For 24th International Seminar and Exhibition, Government is all set for the massive Campaign The Keralayam movement is still influential today. It continues to inspire writers and scholars to explore the richness and diversity of Malayalam culture.
Filariasis and kala-azar wiped out	<p>News: Filariasis and kala-azar wiped out: officials at Navakeralam review meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fourteen facilities in Kollam have been upgraded to National Quality Assurance Standards (NQAS) under Aardram Mission while filariasis and kala-azar (black fever) have been wiped out from the district Filariasis is a parasitic infection caused by thread-like worms called filariae. Kala azar, also known as visceral leishmaniasis, is a parasitic disease caused by the protozoan parasite Leishmania donovani.
POSCO	<p>News: Posco cases rise fourfold in Kerala, Child rights panel confirms worst fears</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (POCSO Act) is an Act of the Parliament of India. It provides for the protection of children from offences of sexual assault, sexual harassment and pornography. The Act defines a child as any person below the age of 18 years.



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Vizhinjam International Port.	<p>News: The first ship with cranes bound for Vizhinjam International Port will leave China today.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1700 crore cranes will be delivered in the first phase of one 'ship to shore' crane • The cranes are procured from Shanghai Shehua Heavy Industries. • 'Ship to Shore' is a large crane used 'Ship to Shore' is a large crane used to unload and load containers from ships arriving at the berth.
India's largest flower garden	<p>New: Asian Paints Apex Floor Guard has created India's largest flower garden to pay homage to Kerala's richest cultural heritage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asian Paints Apex Floor Guard, a water-based crosslinking all-acrylic emulsion, has created India's largest flower garden in Thrissur, Kerala. • On August 20, the day of Atham, which marks the beginning of Onam, Mahabali visited Nadu, the flower arrangement was arranged at the Calicut Trade Centre. • The flowers in the garden are protected from the elements by the paint, which helps them to retain their color and luster for a long time.

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