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Regional News

Climate change impact on Madaipara (Environment)



Why in the News?

Climate change: Madaipara, a storehouse of biodiversity, has dried up.

Key Points:

- Madayipara is a flat-topped hillock located in Kannur district of Kerala.
- The Madayipara is well known for its rich diversity of plants.
- It is known for its 500 plant species, 300 flowering plants and exotic butterflies.
- The aquatic and semi-aquatic plants form extensive carpets of blue, pink, white and yellow during the monsoon season. It is typical of the Laterite foothills of the Western Ghats.
- The area is notable for the presence of some of the rarest plants of the world such as Nymphoides krishankesara, Rotala malabarica, Lindernia madayiparensis, Eriocaulon madayiparensis, etc.

Human Rights Commission (Social Issues)

Why in the News?

Kerala Governor seeks explanation on appointment of Human Rights Commission chairman.

Key Points:

- Kerala governor Arif Mohammed Khan will seek explanation from the chief secretary regarding the government's proposal to appoint retired justice S Manikumar as the chairman of the Human Rights Commission.
- Several complaints were raised ever since the state government put forth the proposal.
- A human rights commission is a body set up to investigate, promote or protect human rights.

About State Human Right Commission:

The Governor appoints the chairperson and other members of State Human Rights Commission on the recommendation of a committee consisting of the Chief Minister, Speaker of Legislative , home minister and leader of the opposition party.



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2.5 Lakh BPL Connection: Cost Rs.104 Crores. (Economics)

Why in the News?

Rs 104 crore will be required to provide 2.5 lakh new free internet connections to BPL families.

Key Points:

- Apart from asking the local department for the list of beneficiaries, KPhone has also approached the government for a cost of Rs 104 crore.
- The target is to provide this number of connections by October 2024 through local cable operators.
- 14,000 BPL households have been given money for connection but not completed.

Munnar Hill (Environment)

Why in the News?

Greens want Munnar Hill Area Authority to focus on ecological development.

Key Points:

- State government has formed the new Munnar Hill Area Authority (MHAA) to ensure sustainable development of the Munnar region
- The Greens have demanded change in the development focus in MHAA and ensure the protection of ecological balance in the hill station through the Authority.
- According to sources, the proposed committee has no direct participation of ecological experts or Forest Department officials.

'Malinya Muktham Navakeralam' campaign

Why in the news?

- Kerala's Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated the Rs 2,400-crore Kerala Solid Waste Management Project (KSWMP) as part of the '**Malinya Muktham Navakeralam**' campaign

About:

- The Malinya Muktham Nava Keralam (Clean Kerala, New Kerala) campaign is a statewide initiative of the Government of Kerala to **make the state free of waste by 2023**.
- The campaign was launched in 2019 and is being implemented by the Department of Local Self Government.
- The campaign aims to achieve the following objectives:
 - ❖ To create a waste-free Kerala by promoting the practice of waste segregation at source, composting, and recycling.
 - ❖ To improve the cleanliness of public places and institutions.