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Mission Indradhanush	**In News:** Second phase of Intensified Mission Indradhanush 5.0 set to begin on September 11.
	Key points:
	• The Kerala health department estimates that there are 18,744 pregnant women and 1,16,589 children under the age of five years who are either partially vaccinated or are un-immunised.
	• The 1st phase began on August 7.
	• The second phase of Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 5.0, will be held from September 11 to September 16.
	• Third phase expected around October 9 to 14.
	Did you know?
	• Mission Indradhanush is an immunization campaign that targets partially vaccinated and unvaccinated children up to the age of five years and pregnant women.
	• Mission Indradhanush is a national immunization program launched by the Government of India in 2014.
CMFRI's research on India's marine biodiversity displayed at UN meet	**In news:**
	• Research findings of the ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) were showcased as India's commitment to conserving its marine ecosystems at a United Nations meeting held at Seoul, South Korea to discuss the Global Biodiversity Framework.
	• Conservation of mangroves and coral reef ecosystems, identification of marine protected areas and promotion of sustainable marine fishing were emphasised as India's foremost national priorities at the Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) workshop held from September 5-8.
	• The SOI is a global platform that aims to build partnerships and enhance capacity to achieve the global goals and targets on marine and coastal biodiversity.
Lal Bahadur Shastri Institute of Technology for Women	**In News:** In an all-women feat, Students of LBS Institute set to design satellite
	• The students of the Lal Bahadur Shastri Institute of Technology for Women are building a small satellite for studying ultraviolet radiation and its impacts.
	• Project of the institute's Space Club, the 'nanosatellite' weighing 1 kg is billed as the country's first satellite to be designed fully under the supervision of women.

G. Vivekanandan Memorial Calligraphy Award 2023	**In News:** KaChaTaThaPa Foundation institutes calligraphy Award ● The KaChaTaThaPa Foundation, in association with the Typography Society of India, has instituted the G. Vivekanandan Memorial Calligraphy Award 2023 in honor of the noted writer, **G. Vivekanandan.** ● The competition is based on the theme 'Jai Hind',
National Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD)	**In News:** FMD control awareness week ● Kerala's State Institute for Animal Diseases (SIAD), Palode, is organizing various programmes as part of the National Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) Control Awareness Week observance. ● Training for veterinarians, awareness classes for farmers, farm laborers and para-vets, will be organized.
Fort Kochi	**In News:** Fort Kochi losing its old-world charm ● Lack of a proper plan to tackle the burgeoning waste problem at the beach and the rampant construction activities are slowly causing this place of historical importance to lose its charm. ● Fort Kochi, also known as Fort Cochin is known for its colonial architecture, Chinese fishing nets, and laid-back atmosphere.
Ormathoni initiative	**In News:** Ormathoni' to make Kerala dementia-friendly **Key points:** ● The 'Ormathoni' initiative of the Kerala Social Security Mission (KSSM), under the Department of Social Justice, follows up on the successful implementation of the dementia-friendly project in Ernakulam by the Centre for Neuroscience of Cochin University of Science and Technology (Cusat). ● The social justice department has allotted Rs 1 crore for the project, which is expected to be launched this year.
Kerala Startup Mission data	**Key facts:** According to Kerala Startup Mission data - ● Non-IT ventures' boom gives fillip to startup ecosystem. ● Out of 4,000-plus startups that registered in the past four-and-a-half years, 1,694 were non-IT ventures. ● Of them, 400, the highest, were agri-tech startups, while the rest were from sectors like IoT (Internet of Things) hardware, robotics, and biotechnology.