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<p>Agripreneurship Development Programme – Cohort VI</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agripreneurship Development Programme – Cohort VI is an initiative by the Kerala Agricultural University (KAU). • The KAU-RAFTAAR program, known for nurturing agripreneurs, has previously trained 208 start-ups and disbursed ₹10.97 crore as pre-seed and seed funds. <p>About Agripreneurship Development Programme – Cohort VI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objective: To nurture innovative agribusiness ideas and promote entrepreneurship in the agricultural sector. • Participants: These individuals represent diverse agribusiness sectors, including food technology, value addition of fruits and vegetables, machinery, drones, precision farming, and IoT. They hail from Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Odisha. • History: The KAU-RAFTAAR program, known for nurturing agripreneurs, has previously trained 208 start-ups and disbursed ₹10.97 crore as pre-seed and seed funds.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Agribusiness incubation ○ Supporting creative minds in agriculture to innovate ○ Utilizing technologies for venture creation ● Facilities and Support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Utilization of existing incubation facilities and expertise at KAU ABI ○ Collaboration with reputed institutions for: ○ Providing technical support ○ Training personnel and entrepreneurs <p>Did you know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana - Remunerative Approaches for Agriculture and Allied Sector Rejuvenation (RKVY-RAFTAAR) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Introduced by: Government of India ○ Ministry: Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare (MoA&FW) ○ Objective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Hastening agri-business promotion ■ Catering to entrepreneurs' needs ■ Providing incubation support ■ Enabling hassle-free modalities
<p>G-Gaiter</p> 	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kerala Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMSHEALTH) introduces innovative technologies in neuro-rehabilitation. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Deployed an advanced robotic gait trainer, G-Gaiter. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ G-Gaiter helps patients recover rapidly from paraplegic disabilities. ● Developed by Kerala-based Genrobotic Innovations. ● Enables medical professionals to design therapy based on individual patient needs. ● Saves time and effort for medical professionals. ● Approved by the Central Drugs and Standards Control Organisation.



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<p>Nagaravanam project</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forest Minister A.K. Saseendran will inaugurate the valedictory celebrations of the week-long ‘Vanamaholsavam’ at Chaliyam on Sunday. • He will also inaugurate completed projects under the ‘Nagaravanam’ project. <p>About Nagaravanam project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project focuses on afforestation in urban areas. • Over 400 rare plant species mentioned in ‘Hortus Malabaricus’ were planted in a 2.2-hectare land near the Chaliyam forest depot.
<p>Mobile food testing lab</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Kochi Corporation recently activated its mobile food testing lab, a commendable initiative to ensure food safety and quality. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has introduced mobile units called “Food Safety on Wheels.” • These mobile labs aim to reach consumers in remote areas and provide on-the-spot food testing. • FSWs serve multiple purposes, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Surveillance, ○ Awareness creation, ○ Sample transportation, and ○ Education on food safety.

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