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### **Kerala Regional News**

State palliative care policy	To address the growing elderly population and the migration of youths to greener pastures abroad, the Kerala state government has launched an innovative initiative to train school and college students in palliative care.  Key Points:
	<ul> <li>The programme aims to promote student palliative care units in all educational institutions, fostering a culture of compassion and care among the youth.</li> <li>As proposed in the revised state palliative care policy (2019), training sessions will be conducted for high school, higher secondary, and college students, including professional college students, with home visits as part of community outreach.</li> <li>The policy also envisions training for the members of the National Cadet Corps (NCC), Student Police Cadets, and the NSS.</li> </ul>
Nipah virus	<ul> <li>Why in news?         <ul> <li>Recently, Kerala has set up a scientific study of the biology of fruit-eating bats suspected to be the source of the zoonotic (NiV) virus.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Key Points:         <ul> <li>Nipah virus infection in humans causes a range of clinical presentations, from asymptomatic infection (subclinical) to acute respiratory infection and fatal encephalitis.</li> <li>Fruit bats of the Pteropodidae family are the natural host of Nipah virus.</li> <li>There is no treatment or vaccine available for either people or animals.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Reports & Indices: State Food Safety Index (SFSI)	<ul> <li>Why in news?</li> <li>Kerala has topped in the State Food Safety Index (SFSI) 2024.</li> <li>Following Kerala, the states that ranked highly in the 2024 index include Tamil Nadu, Jammu &amp; Kashmir, Gujarat, and Nagaland.</li> <li>Key Points:</li> <li>It is an annual evaluation that measures the performance of states</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>and union territories on food safety.</li> <li>The Index is a dynamic quantitative and qualitative benchmarking model that provides an objective framework for evaluating food</li> </ul>







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	safety across all States/UTs.
PM-Surya Ghar Yojana	<ul> <li>Why in news?</li> <li>The central government is launching a new initiative under the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana that allows homeowners to lease their rooftops for solar power plants.</li> <li>This programme offers the option to receive either rent or electricity in return for using the rooftops.</li> <li>Key Points:</li> <li>The government launched the PM-Surya Ghar Yojana in February 2024 with the goal of installing rooftop solar panels in one crore (ten million) Indian households.</li> <li>The initiative aims to promote solar energy usage and reduce dependence on conventional electricity sources.</li> </ul>
Jaundice	<ul> <li>Why in news?</li> <li>Around 200 people have been diagnosed with jaundice at Changaroth Panchayat in Perambra, Kozhikode.</li> <li>Key Points:</li> <li>Jaundice, also known as icterus, is a condition that causes the skin, eyes, and mucous membranes to turn yellow or greenish.</li> <li>It occurs when the body has too much bilirubin, a yellow byproduct of old red blood cells that's normally processed by the liver.</li> <li>Symptoms: <ul> <li>Fever</li> <li>Abdominal pain</li> <li>Vomitings</li> <li>Weight loss</li> <li>Drowsiness, agitation, and confusion</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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