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Kerala Regional News

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| Ecologically Sensitive Areas (ESAs) | <p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Landslide-prone areas of Wayanad will be designated as Ecologically Sensitive Areas in the state. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ecologically Sensitive Areas (ESAs) are areas that require special attention and protection due to their unique biodiversity and ecosystems. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) notified ESAs under the Environment Protection Act of 1986. ESAs are typically located within 10 kilometers of protected areas. Some examples of ESAs include steep slopes, wildlife habitat areas, wetlands, and prime agricultural lands. |
| Nehru Trophy Boat Race (NTBR) | <p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Karichal Chundan, rowed by the Pallathuruthy Boat Club (PCB), emerged victorious in the 70th edition of the Nehru Trophy Boat Race (NTBR) held at Punnamada Lake in Alappuzha. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Nehru Trophy Boat Race is an annual vallam kali held in the Punnamada Lake near Alappuzha, Kerala, India. This Boat race has its origin in the Kerala district Alappuzha and was inaugurated in 1952 by Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru. The winner was awarded a trophy in the name of Jawaharlal Nehru. |
| Business-to-business (B2B) | <p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 12th edition of the Kerala Travel Mart (KTM-2024) has set a record with over 75,000 B2B meetings in its 24-year history. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business-to-business (B2B) meetings are a way for businesses to connect with each other to build relationships, explore opportunities, and stay ahead of the competition. B2B stands for business-to-business, and it refers to commercial transactions and interactions between two or more businesses. |
| Kerala State Chalachitra Academy | <p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Kerala State Chalachitra Academy organized an orientation camp as part of the first phase of a vocational training program aimed at increasing women's representation in the technical fields of |



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| | <p>cinema.</p> <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kerala State Motion Picture Academy is an autonomous non-profit institution based in Trivandrum, working under the Department of Cultural Affairs, Government of Kerala. The academy was first of its kind in India; it was formed on the basis of the Karant committee report (1980), which proposed the formation of a national film academy. |
| Supercapacitors | <p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A supercapacitor manufacturing facility at the public-sector Keltron Components Complex Ltd. in Kannur is set to commence operations. The indigenously manufactured world-class supercapacitors will be supplied to the defense sector and for use in electric vehicles and space missions. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A supercapacitor is a next-generation energy storage device which is also known as an ultracapacitor. It has advantages such as high-power density, long durability, and ultrafast charging characteristics as compared to conventional capacitors and Lithium-Ion batteries (LIB). It is found that the prototype supercapacitors made of coconut husk-derived activated carbon to be four-times more efficient than the existing supercapacitors. |

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