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Kerala Regional News

<p>Species in news: Gray Langur</p> 	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three female gray langurs have escaped from their open enclosure at the Thiruvananthapuram Zoo. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Also called Hanuman, Langur, named after the Hindu god, Hanuman. Its 16 subspecies range extends from the Himalayas in the north to peninsular India in the south. It is distributed in a varied habitat including dry savannah and tropical rainforests. In the Indian Subcontinent, their distribution is reported in Bhutan, northern India and Nepal. Protection Status: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IUCN Red List: Least Concern CITES: Appendix-I Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 : Schedule-I
<p>Delimitation of local wards</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The State Election Commission (SEC) has described the first phase of delimitation of local body wards as "very critical." Qfield app expected to simplify the mapping of wards. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delimitation means the process of fixing the number of seats and boundaries of territorial constituencies in each State for the Lok Sabha and Legislative assemblies. It also includes determining the seats to be reserved for Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST) in these houses. This 'delimitation process' is performed by the 'Delimitation Commission' that is set up under an act of Parliament. Delimitation Commissions have been set up four times — 1952, 1963, 1973 and 2002 under the Acts of 1952, 1962, 1972 and 2002.
<p>primary amebic meningoencephalitis (PAM)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two new cases of amoebic meningoencephalitis have been reported in the Thiruvananthapuram district. <p>Key Points:</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naegleria fowleri, commonly known as “brain-eating amoeba,” is a single-cell organism. • It is found in a warm freshwater environment such as lakes, hot springs and even in poorly maintained swimming pools. • The amoeba enters the human body through the nose and then travels up to the brain. • Once Naegleria fowleri goes to the brain, it destroys brain tissues and causes a dangerous infection known as primary amebic meningoencephalitis (PAM). • It does not spread from person to person, nor does it manifest symptoms when contracted in other forms.
Heat lightning	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents of Thiruvananthapuram reported unusual, colorful lights in the eastern sky. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The term heat lightning is commonly used to describe lightning from a distant thunderstorm just too far away to see the actual cloud-to-ground flash or to hear the accompanying thunder. • Often, mountains, hills, trees or just the curvature of the earth prevent the observer from seeing the actual lightning flash. Instead, the faint flash seen by the observer is light being reflected off higher-level clouds. Also, the sound of thunder can only be heard for about 10 miles from a flash.
Gender inclusivity: Kerala proposes initiatives to enhance women's socioeconomic status	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To promote gender-inclusive development, a new set of women's policies is being developed. This will build on and reform the Kerala government's women's policies from 1996, 2009, and 2015. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations include capping expenditures on weddings, creating a regional database of women seeking jobs, making available registers comprising details of houses occupied by single or groups of elderly women at police stations and local self-government institutions, and establishing shelter homes. • Additional calls for effective government interventions include improving fertility treatments, addressing gaps in existing women protection laws, initiating stringent gender audits, and constituting committees comprising a significant number of legal scholars. • It is also suggested that gender studies be made a compulsory part of school and college curriculums, with educational content emphasizing financial independence.



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