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<p>Malinya Muktham Navakeralam campaign</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chief Minister has launched the Malinya Muktham Navakeralam campaign. He also launched Samagra Kottarakara, a two-year project for comprehensive development of the Kottarakara constituency, and Veendedukkam Pulamon Thodu, a project to rejuvenate the Pulamon canal. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This campaign is being organized jointly by Haritha Keralam Mission, Suchitwa Mission and Local Self-Government Institutions with the involvement of every section of the society. The objectives of the campaign include making a hassle free and viable waste management system, promoting the habit of reusing /recycling, promoting nature-friendly alternatives, initiating legal action against unscientific and unhealthy waste dumping practices, and encouraging best waste management practices.
<p>Destination Challenge' project</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As part of the Destination Challenge project, 39 local tourist destinations will soon be added to the tourism map of Kerala. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The State government has given administrative sanction to develop a total of 39 tourist destinations in various local bodies across the State under the 'Destination Challenge' project. The initiative aims to develop at least one tourism destination in a local body, thereby reducing pressure on existing destinations
<p>Comet C/2023 A3</p> 	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Astronomers have spotted a comet in the night sky in 2024. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Definition: A small Solar System body made of ice, dust, and rock. When close to the Sun, comets display a visible coma or tail. Also known as Tsuchinshan-ATLAS, it is a long-period comet from the Oort Cloud, discovered independently by two observatories, the Purple Mountain Observatory on 9



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	<p>January 2023 and the ATLAS project (Asteroid Terrestrial-impact Last Alert System) on 22 February 2023.</p> <p>Do you know?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Purple Mountain Observatory, also known as Zijinshan Astronomical Observatory is an astronomical observatory located on the Purple Mountain in the east of Nanjing province, China. • The Asteroid Terrestrial-impact Last Alert System (ATLAS) is a robotic astronomical survey and early warning system optimized for detecting smaller near-Earth objects a few weeks to days before they impact Earth. • The Oort Cloud lies far beyond Pluto and the most distant edges of the Kuiper Belt.
<p>Important Days: International Coffee Day</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To celebrate International Coffee Day on October 3, the Coffee Board of India will hold events in Wayanad, a key Robusta coffee-growing region. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Coffee Day is celebrated on October 3rd every year. • The day was established in 2015 by the International Coffee Organization (ICO). • The day's aims are to: Highlight the importance of coffee farmers, Promote fair trade of coffee, and Emphasize sustainable and ethical farming practices. • The theme for International Coffee Day 2024 is "Coffee, Your Daily Ritual, Our Shared Journey".
<p>Awards & Honors: HUDCO Best Practices Award 2023-24</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Kochi Water Metro was one of the winning projects for the 2023-24 award. • The award is in recognition of the electric hybrid Water Metro ferries being an urban transport innovation that "improved the living environment. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) Best Practices Award 2023-24 is open to eligible institutions for projects that improve the living environment. • The award is for projects that are completed or under execution within the last seven years.



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