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Kerala Regional News

<p>Eco-Sensitive Zones (ESZs)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The extent of ecologically sensitive areas (ESA) in Kerala is expected to be further reduced from the current demarcated area of 8,711.98 sq km, pending the final reconciliation of land documents and recommendations from local self-government bodies. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Wildlife Action Plan (2002-2016) of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) stipulated that state governments should declare land falling within 10 km of the boundaries of national parks and wildlife sanctuaries as eco-fragile zones or Eco-Sensitive Zones (ESZs) under the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986. While the 10-km rule is implemented as a general principle, the extent of its application can vary. Areas beyond 10 km can also be notified by the Union government as ESZs, if they hold larger ecologically important "sensitive corridors".
<p>MGNREGA</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Wayanad district panchayat is set to launch 'Gramasamrudhi', an initiative designed to extend the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) to the agricultural sector. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MGNREGA is the abbreviation for the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act 2005. It is a law passed by the Indian government in 2005 that guarantees the "right to work" to rural citizens of India. Under this, the government assures a minimum of 100 days of unskilled manual work to an adult member of an eligible rural household. The main objective of the MGNREGA is to provide employment to rural citizens and improve their economic conditions.
<p>Global Livestock Conclave</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development Minister J. Chinchurani unveiled the logo for the upcoming Global Livestock Conclave. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organized by the Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (KVASU), the conclave is anticipated to draw around



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500,000 attendees, including representatives from agricultural organizations, veterinary professionals, and industry experts.

- It provides a platform to showcase the **latest technologies and value-added products in livestock, poultry, dairy and aqua farming sectors.**
- In addition to exhibitions, the conclave will offer **expert-led seminars and workshops on modern animal husbandry techniques, marketing of value-added products, and strategies for disease prevention in animals.**

National Green Tribunal

Why in news?

- The National Green Tribunal has asked the State Department of Environment to file a report on the encroachments identified in the hill districts of the State.

Key Points:

- NGT has been established under the **National Green Tribunal Act 2010** for **effective and expeditious disposal of cases relating to environmental protection and conservation of forests and other natural resources.**
- **New Delhi is the principal place of sitting of the tribunal** and Bhopal, Pune, Kolkata, and Chennai shall be the other four places of sitting of the tribunal.
- The Tribunal is **not bound by the procedure laid down under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908**, but shall be guided by principles of natural justice.

e-invoicing system

Why in news?

- Kerala will soon become the first State to roll out an e-invoicing system in gold business to prevent tax evasion, Local Self-Governments and Parliamentary Affairs.

Key Points:

- An e-invoicing system is a **way for suppliers and buyers to exchange invoices electronically.**
- It involves **sending invoice details to a government-notified portal**, where an identification number (**IRN**) is issued for each **invoice.**
- E-invoices **cannot be partially canceled, and any cancellations must be reported on the IRN within 24 hours.**

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