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Kerala Regional News

<p>Tax Devolution</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Union government has released ₹3,430 crore to Kerala as tax devolution. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tax devolution refers to the distribution of tax revenues between the central government and the state governments. It is a constitutional mechanism established to allocate the proceeds of certain taxes among the Union and the states in a fair and equitable manner. Article 280(3)(a) of the Constitution of India mandates that the Finance Commission (FC) has the responsibility to make recommendations regarding the division of the net proceeds of taxes between the Union and the states.
<p>PMNRF</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Kerala High Court has urged the Centre to take positive action regarding the release of funds from PMNRF for Wayanad. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PMNRF was instituted in 1948 by then Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, to assist displaced persons from Pakistan. The fund is currently used to provide support to people affected by natural and man-made disasters. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This includes natural disasters like floods, cyclones, and earthquakes, and man-made disasters like major accidents, acid attacks, and riots. The fund consists entirely of public contributions and does not get any budgetary support. Disbursements are made with the approval of the Prime Minister. All donations towards the PMNRF are notified for 100% deduction from taxable income under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961.
<p>Wayanad Sanctuary Wildlife</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A two-day vulture survey recently concluded in the Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary, the only habitat for these birds in the State, recorded the presence of 80 vultures across nine locations. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Location: It is located in Wayanad, Kerala, in the southern trenches of the Western Ghats.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is an integral part of the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. • Established in 1973, the sanctuary covers an area of approximately 344.44 sq. km, • It is bordered by the protected areas of Nagarhole and Bandipur in Karnataka on the northeastern side and Mudumalai in Tamil Nadu on the southeastern side. • Tribes living in these forests include some scheduled adivasis, such as Paniyas, Kattunaikkans, Kurumas, Ooralis, Adiyans, and Kurichiyas.
<p>X-band and C-band</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Doppler Weather Radar approved for north Kerala will be installed in Wayanad in the wake of the catastrophic landslides, enhancing the weather observational network. • An X-band radar with an observation range of 100 km will be installed in Wayanad, while a C-Band radar with an observational range of 250 km will be installed in Mangalore. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • X-band and C-band are frequency bands used for various applications, including satellite communications, radar, and weather radar. • X-band <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This band is used in the 8–12 GHz frequency range. ○ The military uses X-band for radar applications. • C-band <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This band is used in the 4–8 GHz frequency range. ○ C-band is used for satellite communications, full-time satellite TV networks, and raw satellite feeds. Weather radars also use C-band. • Application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ X-band radar is used to detect thunderstorms and lightning. ○ C-band radar is used for short range weather observation and guiding during cyclone tracking.
<p>CMFRI</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) will host a student-scientist interface to celebrate International Sawfish Day on October 17. • It provides an opportunity for students to interact with scientists and learn about sawfish and conservation of the critically endangered species. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute was established by the government of India on 3 February 1947 under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. • In 1967, it joined the Indian Council of Agricultural Research



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(ICAR) family and emerged as a leading tropical marine fisheries research institute in the world.

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