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<p>Shanghai Award</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thiruvananthapuram has achieved a significant milestone by winning the Global Award for Sustainable Development in Cities (Shanghai Award). • This prestigious award, presented by UN-Habitat and the Shanghai Municipality, recognizes cities for their outstanding progress and achievements in sustainable urban development. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Global Award for Sustainable Development in Cities, also known as the Shanghai Award, is a global initiative led by UN-Habitat and the Shanghai Municipality. • It recognizes the outstanding progress and achievements of cities and municipalities around the world in their implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the New Urban Agenda <p>Note: This is the first time an Indian city has received this global honor.</p>
<p>International Film Festival of Kerala</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 films have been selected for the international competition section of the 29th International Film Festival of Kerala. • The event is organised by the Kerala State Film Academy. <p>The 10 films selected for the competition section are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chilean film An Oscillating Shadow, directed by Celeste Rojas Mugica 2. Egyptian film East of Noon, directed by Hala Elkoussy 3. Turkish film Elbow, directed by Asli Ozarslan 4. Brazilian film Malu, directed by Pedro Freire 5. Iranian film Me, Maryam, the Children and 26 Others, directed by Farshad Hashemi 6. Costa Rican film Memories of a Burning Body, directed by Antonella Sudasassi Furniss 7. Brazilian film Notary of Souls, directed by Leo Bello; 8. Chilean film The Hyperboreans, directed by Cristóbal León and Joaquín Cociña 9. Argentinian film Underground Orange, directed by Michael Taylor Jackson 10. Tunisian film Who Do I Belong To, directed by Meryam



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	<p>Joobeur.</p> <p>Refer to Addapedia notes for detailed info on International Film Festival of Kerala.</p>
<p>World Bank</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kerala's commendable efforts in maternal and child protection have been recognized at the World Bank's annual meeting in Washington DC. • During a discussion forum on child nutrition and growth, the state received praise for its comprehensive approach to ensuring maternal and child health, which has led to a significant reduction in child growth stunting. • This recognition highlights Kerala's commitment to the well-being of its citizens and its success in implementing effective public health policies. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The World Bank is a global financial institution that provides loans and grants to governments of low- and middle-income countries for the purpose of economic development. • It was founded in 1944 at the Bretton Woods Conference along with the International Monetary Fund (IMF). • The World Bank's mission is to end extreme poverty and boost shared prosperity. • It focuses on five key areas: poverty, prosperity, planet, people, and institutions. • The World Bank is headquartered in Washington, D.C., and has 189 member countries. <p>The World Bank Group comprises five constituent institutions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) 2. International Development Association (IDA) 3. International Finance Corporation (IFC) 4. Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) 5. International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)
<p>Kerala Awards</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kerala has announced the recipients of the Kerala Awards, its highest state-level honors. • These prestigious awards, modeled after the Padma Awards conferred by the central government, recognize individuals who have made exceptional contributions to society. <p>Recipients are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kerala Jyothi award: Writer and critic M K Sanoo has



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been selected for the Kerala Jyothi award.

- **Kerala Prabha award:** ISRO chairman **S Somanath** (science & engineering) and **Bhuvaneshwari** (agriculture) are recipients of the Kerala Prabha award.
- **Kerala Sree award:** **Kalamandalam Vimala Menon** (arts), **T K Jayakumar** (health), **Narayana Bhattathiri** (calligraphy), **Sanju Samson** (sports), **Shaija Baby** (social service, ASHA worker), and **V K Mathews** (industry & commerce) will be honored with the Kerala Sree award.

About:

- **Kerala Jyothi**, the highest state award, is given to **one person annually**.
- **Kerala Prabha**, the second highest, is awarded to **two persons annually**.
- **Kerala Sree**, the third highest award is awarded to **Five persons annually**.

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