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## Kerala Regional News

Hema Committee Report	<ul> <li>Context: <ul> <li>The Hema Committee report, released in 2024, revealed widespread sexual harassment and gender discrimination within the Malayalam film industry.</li> <li>The report, prepared by a committee headed by Justice Hema Commission, detailed allegations from female artists and workers against prominent figures in the industry.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Key findings of the report:</li> <li>Existence of an all-male power group: The report highlighted the presence of a group of 15 influential individuals, including directors, producers, and actors, who controlled casting decisions and opportunities in the industry.</li> <li>Sexual harassment and exploitation: The report detailed numerous instances of sexual harassment, including physical and verbal abuse, coercion, and blackmail.</li> <li>Gender discrimination: Women in the industry faced systemic discrimination, with limited opportunities and unequal pay compared to their male counterparts.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Impact of the report:</li> <li>Dissolution of AMMA executive committee: The Association of Malayalam Movie Artists (AMMA) dissolved its entire executive committee following the report's release.</li> <li>Public outrage and calls for action: The report sparked widespread public outrage and calls for accountability from the industry and authorities.</li> <li>Legal proceedings: Several legal cases have been filed based on the allegations in the report.</li> </ul>
Rare Kodappana blooms in Idukki	<ul> <li>Context: <ul> <li>The Kodappana flower is a rare and endangered species that is only found in the high altitudes of the Western Ghats.</li> <li>This year, the flowers have bloomed in abundance in the Idukki district of Kerala, attracting a large number of tourists.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>About: <ul> <li>The tree flowers only once, usually after 40 to 90 years, and can grow about 100 feet tall.</li> <li>The Kodappana is a small, bell-shaped flower that is typically white or pink in color.</li> <li>The flowers are said to have medicinal properties and are</li> </ul> </li> </ul>









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	used in traditional medicine to treat a variety of ailments.
	<ul> <li>Note:</li> <li>The Kodappana is a protected species and is listed as endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature.</li> <li>The flowers are found in the Sholayar Hills, which are a part of the Western Ghats.</li> </ul>
Confluence-24	<ul> <li>Context:         <ul> <li>Union Minister of State for Petroleum and Tourism, Suresh Gopi, inaugurated the industry-academia meet 'Confluence-2024' at Rajagiri School of Engineering and Technology in Kochi.</li> <li>The day-long event, focused on the 'Future of Talent,' was organized by the institution in collaboration with the Group of Technology Companies (GTECH).</li> <li>The event aimed to foster collaboration between academia and industry, discussing the evolving landscape of technology and the need for skilled professionals to drive innovation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Kerala launches campaign against misuse of antibiotics	<ul> <li>Context: <ul> <li>Kerala Health Minister Veena George has recently announced that a campaign against the indiscriminate use of antibiotics has commenced in all the state's 14 districts.</li> <li>This campaign is to confront antimicrobial resistance (AMR) which is one of the top global public health and development threats as the misuse and overuse of antimicrobials in humans, animals, and plants are the main drivers in the development of drug-resistant pathogens.</li> <li>Kerala has also decided that antibiotics will have to be given in a blue cover and a doctor's prescription will be compulsory for people when they buy it from medical shops.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Key Points:</li> <li>The Kerala government has taken up this programme very seriously as international studies have shown that AMR affects countries in all regions and at all income levels and the worst affected are the low and middle-income countries.</li> <li>Studies have also revealed that bacterial AMR was directly responsible for 1.27 million global deaths in 2019 and contributed to 4.95 million deaths.</li> </ul>

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