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<p>Kerala spends highest out-of-pocket expenditure on health in India</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kerala leads the nation in out-of-pocket expenditure on health. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As per the Comprehensive Annual Modular Survey 2022-23 by the National Sample Survey Office under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Kerala's out-of-pocket expenditure for hospitalized treatment per household is Rs 8,655 in rural and Rs 10,341 in urban areas, while per person, it is Rs 2,368 and Rs 2,939, respectively. • The national average per household is Rs 4,129 (rural) and Rs 5,290 (urban) and per person is Rs 950 and Rs 1,446, respectively. • Increased incidence of lifestyle diseases and high cost of diagnostic tests, coupled with the disappearance of not-for-profit hospitals and people's reluctance to opt for government medical institutions have pushed Kerala's out-of-pocket expenses in healthcare. <p>Note: Out-of-pocket expenses are costs a patient pays for medical care not covered by their health insurance</p>
<p>International Film Festival Kerala (IFFK)</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The International Film Festival of Kerala (IFFK) is set to feature four films by women directors from Kerala. • These films will be screened as part of the festival's Malayalam Cinema Today section. <p>The four films are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thuramukham by Rajeev Ravi • Helen by Mathukutty Xavier • Mukundanunni by Vinu Joseph • Chavakkaalam by Martin Prakkat <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The International Film Festival of Kerala (IFFK) is a prestigious annual film festival held in Thiruvananthapuram • It was established in 1996 and is hosted by the Kerala State Chalachitra Academy on behalf of the Department of Cultural Affairs, Government of Kerala. • IFFK is renowned for showcasing a diverse range of films from around the world, including international, regional, and Indian cinema.



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<p>Changampuzha Festival</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The annual Changampuzha Festival is set to kick off on December 1 and run through the month. The festival is a celebration of the life and work of Malayalam poet Changampuzha Krishna Pillai, who is considered one of the greatest poets in Malayalam literature. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changampuzha Krishna Pillai (1911-1948) was a renowned Malayalam poet from Kerala. He is best known for his elegy "Ramanan," written in 1936, which sold over 100,000 copies and is considered a masterpiece of Malayalam literature. This long pastoral elegy, written in verse form, is believed to be based on the life of Changampuzha's friend Edappally Raghavan Pillai. It was later adapted into a film in 1967.
<p>Women end the judiciary gender skew in Kerala</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent data shows a notable increase in the number of women serving as judicial officers, including magistrates and session judges. This trend is evident in the high percentage of women among newly appointed civil judges, with over 70% being women. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was revealed that of the 539 serving district judicial officers, 260, or just over 48%, are women as on September 12, 2024. Of the 36 officers who recently completed their one-year induction training for civil judges (junior division) at Kerala Judicial Academy, 26 (72%) were women. This development reflects a positive shift in societal attitudes towards women in legal professions. Kerala's progress in gender representation within the judiciary sets an example for other states and highlights the potential for women to play a more prominent role in shaping the legal landscape.

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