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<p>Udayam' project</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● As the "Udayam" project in Kozhikode, Kerala, has emerged as a successful model for rehabilitating street dwellers, the government is planning to emulate the same in other districts as well. ● Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment's Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise (SMILE) scheme also implemented in Kozhikode under the Udayam project <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Initiated during the COVID-19 pandemic 2020, this project provides comprehensive support to individuals experiencing homelessness. ● Under this, nearly over 2,000 people were rehabilitated. ● Also, around 250 people have been reunited with their families too. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Udayam Project is a remarkable initiative undertaken by the Kozhikode district administration in Kerala. ● Launched in 2020, this project aims to rehabilitate homeless individuals and provide them with a better quality of life. <p>Key aspects of the Udayam Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shelter and Care ● Medical Care ● Skill Development ● Counseling and Rehabilitation ● Job Placement
<p>SMILE scheme</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihoods and Enterprise (SMILE) scheme is an initiative by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India. ● This scheme aims to uplift marginalized groups, specifically transgender individuals and those engaged in the act of begging. <p>Key objectives of the SMILE scheme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Comprehensive Rehabilitation: To provide comprehensive rehabilitation services, including medical care, counseling, education, and skill development. ● Economic Empowerment: To empower beneficiaries through skill training and livelihood opportunities. ● Social Inclusion: To promote social inclusion and reduce stigma associated with marginalized groups.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Protection of Rights: To safeguard the rights and dignity of transgender individuals and persons engaged in begging.
<p>'Ini Njan Ozhukatte' campaign</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The restoration of Vellayani Lake in Kerala marks the launch of the third phase of the 'Ini Njan Ozhukatte' campaign. ● This initiative aims to rejuvenate water bodies across the state, addressing issues like pollution, encroachment, and sedimentation. ● The project forms a key component of the State government's Malinya Muktam Nava Keralam campaign. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The restoration work aims to improve the lake's water storage capacity and overall ecological health. ● One of the major infrastructural components in the project is the construction of a retaining wall using 6,665 cubic metres of granite. ● The project would focus on revitalising the water bodies that feed water to the lake. ● The works of the retaining walls of the tributaries of the Vellayani lake, viz., Pallichal canal, Parakkode canal and Sasthamkovil canal, will also come under the ambit of the project. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The primary goal of the 'Ini Njan Ozhukatte' campaign is to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Revive water bodies ○ Enhance water quality ○ Promote water conservation ○ Boost biodiversity
<p>Malinya Muktam Nava Keralam campaign</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Malinya Muktam Nava Keralam translates to "A New Kerala Free from Pollution". ● This ambitious campaign was launched by the Government of Kerala with the aim of transforming the state into a clean and green paradise. ● The initiative focuses on sustainable waste management, promoting a cleaner environment, and fostering a sense of environmental responsibility among the citizens. <p>Key Objectives of the Campaign:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Waste Management ● Plastic-free Kerala ● Clean and Healthy Environment ● Public Awareness

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