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National and International News

<p>Census and Delimitation</p>	<p>Context Government has decided to implement the women's reservation bill only after census and delimitation work is done which are going to be conducted after LS 2024 polls.</p> <p>About Census :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Census is the process of collecting, compiling, analyzing and disseminating demographic, social, cultural and economic data relating to all persons in the country, at a particular time. • It provides basic statistics on the state of human resources, demography, culture and economic structure at all levels. • The first synchronous census was taken under British rule in 1881, by W.C. Plowden, Census Commissioner of India. • The responsibility of conducting the decadal census rests with the Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India, Ministry of Home Affairs <p>Delimitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delimitation is the process of redrawing the boundaries of territorial constituencies in a nation. • It reflects the changes in population. • The Constitution requires that the Commission's decisions be final and cannot be challenged in court • The Lok Sabha or State Legislative Assembly cannot modify the Delimitation Commission's orders once they have been laid before them.
<p>About delimitation commission</p>	<p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delimitation literally means the act or process of fixing limits or boundaries of territorial constituencies in a country • In India, such Delimitation Commissions have been constituted 4 times under delimitation commission act • The first delimitation commission was constituted in 1952 under delimitation commission act of 1952 • Article 82 and Article 170 of the Constitution the Parliament must pass delimitation commission act for LS and state legislature



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	<p>Did you know?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is appointed by the President • The Ex- officio member of Commission <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a SC court judge, 2. chief election commissioner of India 3. election commissioner of concerned state
<p>Gravitational instabilities could affect evolution of galaxies</p> 	<p>Context A study conducted by the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) could help understand how gravitational instabilities are connected to galaxy evolution.</p> <p>Key points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The study compared the star formation rate, gas fraction, and timescale for the growth of gravitational instabilities of nearby galaxies • It also investigated the stability levels of a sample of 175 galaxies taken from the Spitzer Photometry and Accurate Rotation Curves (SPARC) database. • This Study can help the researchers trace the role of dark matter in regulating the stability levels of the galaxies <p>Did you know?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The study, which compared the stability levels in the nearby galaxies, could help to understand the role of gravitational instabilities in the evolution of galaxies.
<p>Three years of the Abraham Accords</p>	<p>Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sept 2023 marks the three years of the Abraham Accords signed between Israel and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Bahrain, under the auspices of the U.S. government. <p>Key point:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On account of Abraham Accords, trade between Israel and other West Asian countries increased by 74%. • Tourism has increased as the UAE has seen a 172% increase in tourists from Israel. <p>About Abraham Accords:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is a series of treaties signed between Israel , UAE ,Baharin, Sudan and Morocco to normalize diplomatic relations. • This deal, sponsored by the US, was part of the country’s regional security agenda to counter Iran. • As part of the Abraham Accords, Israel agreed to stop further annexation of Palestinian territory.



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	<p>Did you know? The treaty so called in honor of “Abraham “was the patriarch of Judaism, christianity and Islam.</p>
<p>Number of mineral exploration projects approved by NMET</p>	<p>Context The National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET) has approved 309 projects worth ₹2,100 crore.</p> <p>Key points Of the projects approved, 151 have been completed, while the rest are in progress</p> <p>About District Mineral Foundation(DMF)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As per the Mine and Minerals Development Regulation (Amendment) Act, 2015, the state government shall constitute DMF • It should be constituted in every affected district • It was established as a non-profit body to be called the District Mineral Foundation. • DMF Funds-it constitutes one third of royalty from every license holder to DMF as per rates prescribed by the Central Government. • This fund will be used for welfare of the people affected in the mining affected areas
<p>World Alzheimer’s Day, which is observed every</p>	<p>Context: September 21 is observed as World Alzheimer's Day to raise awareness about Alzheimer’s disease globally.</p> <p>About Alzheimer’s disease.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alzheimer's disease is a progressive neurodegenerative disorder • It affects the brain which leads to memory loss, cognitive decline, behavioral changes, problems with words in speaking or writing, poor judgment, changes in mood and personality, confusion with time or place, etc. • Alzheimer's disease is the most common cause of dementia, accounting for 60-80% of dementia cases. • There's currently no cure for Alzheimer's disease.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicine and supportive therapies available can temporarily reduce the symptoms. • In India, the number of people with dementia and Alzheimer's is set to rise to 7.6 million by 2030 as the population ages
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Kerala Regional News

<p>300 Nurses to get jobs in Kerala</p>	<p>In News: 300 nurses to get jobs in Germany via NORKA program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kerala has a new opportunity for its nurses as Germany opens its doors under the NORKA Roots 'Triple Win' project. • This marks the fourth phase of interviews for 300 nursing positions in German hospitals.
<p>Norka Program</p> 	<p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NORKA stands for Non-Resident Keralites Affairs. • It is a department of the Government of Kerala that is responsible for the welfare of Non-Resident Keralites (NRKs). • The NORKA program was launched in 1996 with the objective of providing a comprehensive range of services to NRKs
<p>The NORKA Roots Triple Win Program</p>	<p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The NORKA Roots Triple Win Program is a government-sponsored program in Kerala, India, that aims to provide employment opportunities for skilled Keralites in Germany, while also benefiting Kerala and Germany. • The program is a tripartite agreement between the Government of Kerala, the German Federal Employment Agency (BA), and the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ). • Under the program, Keralites with the required skills and qualifications are recruited for jobs in Germany. • The program also provides training and support to help Keralites prepare for and adjust to working in Germany.



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Tiger Safari Park in Malabar



In News: Malabar to get tiger safari park, elephant rehab center

- In a decision that could boost the tourism development of North Kerala, the forest department has decided to establish a tiger safari park and an elephant rehabilitation center in the Malabar region

Key Points:

- The government is considering three locations for the safari park of which Chakkittapara in Kozhikode is most likely to get preference.
- The plan is to shift the tigers posing a threat to human habitations to the park.
- The six tigers currently sheltered at the Animal Hospice Centre and Palliative care unit in Sultan Bathery will be shifted to the park.

PM Modi honored at traditional 'kettuvallam' maker



In News: Recognition comes calling for 44-year-old traditional 'kettuvallam' maker of Kumbalangi

- Kerala's traditional boat-making got visibility on the national platform when Prime Minister Narendra Modi honored an artisan from Kumbalangi in Ernakulam district.
- Fifty-four-year-old **K V Peter** was awarded the PM Vishwakarma Certificate by the prime minister.

Key Points:

- Kettuvallam is a traditional houseboat that is native to the state of Kerala in India.
- Kettuvallams are made of wood and they are typically around 60-70 feet long and 15-20 feet wide.
- They have a flat bottom, which allows them to navigate the shallow waters of the Kerala backwaters.
- Kettuvallams were originally used to transport rice and other goods, but today they are primarily used for tourism. Kettuvallam cruises are a popular way to experience the natural beauty and culture of Kerala.

Mid day Meal Scheme



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In News: Govt. sanctions Rs 100 cr for school mid-day meal scheme


- The government has sanctioned Rs. 100.23 crore for the school mid-day meal scheme.
- The director of the Department of general education issued the order in this regard. The move came after the government faced large-scale complaints of arrears running into crores of rupees.

Key Points:

- The Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) is a school meal program in India designed to improve the nutritional status of school-age children nationwide.
- The scheme provides free lunches on working days for children in government primary and upper primary schools, government-aided Anganwadis, Madrasa and Maktabas.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serving over 120 million children in over 1.27 million schools and Education Guarantee Scheme centers, the Midday Meal Scheme is the largest of its kind in the world. • The MDMS was launched in 1995 as the National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education (NP-NSPE). • The scheme was renamed as the Mid-Day Meal Scheme in 2007.
<p>Sree Narayana Guru Mahasamadhi day</p> 	<p>In News: Sree Narayana Guru Mahasamadhi day to be observed with reverence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 96th Mahasamadhi Day of Sree Narayana Gurudeva will be observed with reverence by devotees, admirers, and all organizations associated with the erstwhile renaissance leader. • Special pujas, prayers, singing of Gurudeva works, and food offerings will be held in Guru Mandirs and Gurudeva Temples across the state <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sree Narayana Guru Mahasamadhi Day commemorates the death anniversary of Sree Narayana Guru, a Hindu social reformer and spiritual leader. • It is observed on the 30th day of Chingam, the fifth month of the Malayalam calendar, which usually falls in September or October. • Sree Narayana Guru was born in Chempazhanthy, Kerala, in 1856. • He was a self-taught philosopher and social reformer. • He preached the message of one caste, one religion, and one God. • He also worked to uplift the downtrodden and oppressed sections of society

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