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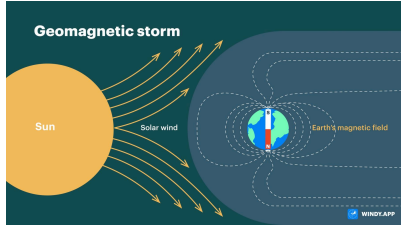
<p>Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C), in collaboration with Microsoft, has taken action against cybercrime. They have blocked more than 1,000 Skype IDs that were involved in blackmail, extortion, and “digital arrests”. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> These cybercrimes were committed by individuals posing as police and law enforcement authorities. The Union Home Ministry identified this as an organised online economic crime. It was found to be operated by cross-border crime syndicates. <p>About I4C:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) has been established under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) to deal with cybercrime in a coordinated and comprehensive manner. The centre is located in New Delhi and focuses on tackling issues related to cybercrime for citizens. The I4C functions as a nodal point in the fight against cybercrime. <div data-bbox="673 1329 1453 1493" data-label="Diagram"> <p>VERTICALS OF I4C</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCTAU: National Cyber Security Threat Analysis Unit NCRP: National Cyber Reporting Portal NCFL: National Cyber Forensic Laboratory NCTC: National Cyber Threat Centre NCR&IC: National Cyber Crime Response & Investigation Centre JCCT: Joint Cyber Crime Coordination Centre NCEMU: National Cyber Emergency Management Unit </div>
<p>Igla-S</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Indian Army is set to receive another set of Russian Igla-S very short range air defence systems (VSHORAD). <p>About</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name: Igla-S (also known as SA-24 Grinch in NATO terminology) Type: Very Short Range Air Defence System (VSHORAD) Country of Origin: Russia



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Manufacturer: KBM (Kolomna Machine Building Design Bureau) ● Warhead: High-explosive fragmentation ● Guidance System: Infrared homing with a passive seeker ● Range: Effective range of up to 6 km ● Altitude: Capable of engaging targets at altitudes between 10 meters to 3.5 kilometers ● Speed: Missile speed of up to Mach 2 ● Targets: Designed to engage and destroy low-flying aircraft, helicopters, UAVs, and cruise missiles ● Mobility: Man-portable, can be carried and operated by a single soldier
<p>Wholesale Price Index (WPI)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Inflation in India's wholesale prices rose to a 13-month high. ● This increase was due to an uptick in food inflation and year-on-year rise in fuel and power prices after several months of deflation. <p>About WPI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Wholesale Price Index (WPI) measures the changes in the prices of goods sold and traded in bulk by wholesale businesses to other businesses. ● The WPI is calculated and published by the Office of Economic Advisor, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. ● WPI data is published monthly. ● Analysts use the WPI to track the supply and demand dynamics in industry, manufacturing, and construction. ● The base year for the new series of WPI was updated to 2011-12 from 2004-05. ● The WPI is calculated by taking a weighted average of the prices of a basket of goods, with each item's weight determined by its share of total wholesale sales. ● The basket of goods comprises three major groups: Primary Articles (Weight 22.62%), Fuel and Power (Weight 13.15%), and Manufactured Products (Weight 64.23%). ● The prices of a total of 697 items are tracked under the 2011-12 series of the WPI, which includes 117 primary items, 16 items of fuel and power, and 564 manufactured products. <p>Think:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Know about Consumer price index
<p>Geomagnetic storm</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Recently, Earth was hit by the strongest geomagnetic storm in over two decades.



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- This storm caused radio blackouts.

About geomagnetic storm:

- A geomagnetic storm is a major disturbance of Earth's magnetosphere.
- These storms are the result of variations in the solar wind.
- These variations produce major changes in the currents, plasmas, and fields in Earth's magnetosphere.
- The largest geomagnetic storms are associated with solar coronal mass ejections (CMEs).

Exercise Tarkash

Why in news?

- The India-U.S joint exercise is being conducted for coordinated operations in urban counter-terrorism contingencies.
- This exercise will conclude in Kolkata.

About Exercise Tarkash:

- This is the seventh edition of the Indo-U.S. joint counter-terrorism exercise named "Tarkash".
- The exercise is between the elite National Security Guard (NSG) from India and the U.S. Special Operations Forces (SOF).
- The primary objective of the bilateral exercise is to build a functional relation between the two special forces.
- It aims to enhance interoperability between these forces.

Kerala Regional News

Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India

Why in news?

- The Kerala Sasthra Sahithya Parishath (KSSP) has opposed the implementation of the PM SHRI (Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India) scheme in Kerala.
- The KSSP warned that this could lead to financial pressure and have serious consequences for Kerala's public education sector.

About PM SHRI:

- The Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India (PM SHRI) is a centrally sponsored scheme by the Government of India.
- The scheme was approved by the Cabinet on 7 September, 2022.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PM SHRI scheme aims to develop more than 14,500 schools across the country by strengthening the existing schools among those managed by the Central Government/State/UT Government/local bodies. • These schools will showcase the implementation of the National Education Policy 2020. • They will also offer leadership to other schools in their respective regions¹³. • The scheme is proposed to be from 2022-23 to 2026-27. • The PM SHRI Schools will provide high-quality education in an equitable, inclusive and joyful school environment. • The PM SHRI Schools will be developed as Green schools, incorporating environment-friendly aspects like solar panels and LED lights, nutrition gardens with natural farming, waste management, plastic-free, water conservation and harvesting.
<p>World Hydrogen Summit</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A team of five teachers from the College of Engineering, Muttathara emerged victorious at the Hydrogen Hackathon. • The team, named Team H2 Mission, consisted of members C. Sreekanth, Anas S.R., Beenu Mary Panicker, Abhilash R.S., and Shalini M. Venugopal. <p>About World Hydrogen Summit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following their victory, they were invited to participate in the World Hydrogen Summit in the Netherlands. • The hackathon and the summit focused on fostering innovation in hydrogen technology solutions. • The summit was held in Rotterdam.
<p>Academic Bank of Credits</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Higher Education department and the Kerala State Higher Education Council (KSHEC) jointly organized a workshop on Academic Bank of Credits. • The programme was inaugurated by Saji Gopinath, the Vice Chancellor of Digital University Kerala. <p>About Academic Bank of Credits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) is a digital platform that manages the information related to the credits that students earn over the course of their academic careers. • ABC is a virtual/digital storehouse that contains the information of the credits earned by individual students throughout their learning journey. • It enables students to open their accounts and gives multiple options for entering and leaving colleges or universities.



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<p>Kerala Solid Waste Management (KSWMP) Project</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A district-level monitoring committee has been formed to monitor the bioremediation projects being implemented by the Kerala Solid Waste Management Project (KSWMP). • These projects are being implemented at Wadakkanchery, Kunnankulam, and Chalakudy municipalities. • The committee will be led by the district panchayat executive engineer from the Local-Self Governments department. <p>About KSWMP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KSWMP is a combination of technical and financial assistance provided to the participating Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and strengthens the infrastructure for solid waste management. • The objective of KSWMP is to enhance institutional as well as service delivery systems in urban local bodies for solid waste management. • The project comprises of three components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Institutional Development, Capacity Building and Project Management ○ Support to ULBs for Solid Waste Management ○ Development of Regional Solid Waste Management Facilities
<p>Sree Narayanaguru</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sree Narayanaguru Open University (SGOU) has initiated Bibliotech, a book collection drive. • The drive aims to collect works on Sree Narayana Guru. • The project aims to collect extensive literature related to the life and teachings of the Sree Narayanaguru. <p>About Sree Narayanaguru:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sree Narayana Guru, also known as Gurudevan, was a philosopher, spiritual leader, and social reformer from India. • He was born on August 20, 1856, in Chempazhanthy, a village in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. • He led a reform movement against the injustice in the caste-ridden society of Kerala in order to promote spiritual enlightenment and social equality. • A popular quote of his is: "one caste, one religion, and one god for all human beings". • He is the author of the Advaita poem Daiva Dasakam, which is one of the most used poems in Kerala for community prayer.



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