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National and International News

<p>Tele MANAS</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) and the Ministry of Defence (MoD) to collaborate on operating a special cell of Tele MANAS. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Full Form: Tele Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across States.• Launch Date: October 10, 2022 (World Mental Health Day).• Objective: To provide mental health support and care through telecommunication.• Ministry: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.• Target Audience: Individuals experiencing mental health issues across India, especially in remote and underserved areas.• Accessibility: Available via a toll-free helpline number (14416) and a mobile app.
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<p>TRISHNA mission</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ISRO announced details of its collaboration with the French national space agency CNES for the upcoming TRISHNA mission. <p>About TRISHNA mission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● TRISHNA stands for Thermal infraRed Imaging Satellite for High-resolution Natural resource Assessment. ● Purpose: The mission aims to monitor water usage and management, surface temperature, and vegetation stress by capturing high-resolution thermal infrared images. ● Launch Year: The mission is planned to be launched in 2024. ● Orbit: TRISHNA will be placed in a low Earth orbit (LEO) to provide detailed data on a global scale. ● Applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Agriculture: Monitoring crop health, irrigation practices, and water stress. ○ Water Resources: Assessing and managing water bodies, including lakes and rivers. ○ Urban Planning: Analyzing urban heat islands and helping in urban planning. ○ Climate Studies: Contributing to climate change research by providing accurate surface temperature data. ● Data Resolution: The satellite aims to provide data with a spatial resolution of 50 meters and revisit every three days. 	
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<p>None Of The Above (NOTA)</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The "None of the Above" (NOTA) option has become the runner-up in Madhya Pradesh's Indore constituency, receiving a record-breaking 2,18,674 votes, the highest-ever tally for NOTA. <p>About NOTA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The concept of None Of The Above (NOTA) allows voters to reject all candidates in an election.• Implementation in India:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ NOTA was first used in the 2013 Assembly elections in five states: Chhattisgarh, Mizoram, Rajasthan, Delhi, and Madhya Pradesh.○ It was subsequently used in the 2014 General Elections.○ The introduction of NOTA followed a 2013 Supreme Court directive in the PUCL vs. Union of India case.• Purpose:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ To provide voters with a choice to not vote for any of the candidates listed.○ Encourages participation from voters who are dissatisfied with all available candidates.	
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<p>Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The United States and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) have announced a new phase of defense working groups, to be established in Saudi Arabia. • This initiative aims to enhance US-GCC cooperation and integrate missile defense systems to counter shared air and maritime threats. <p>About GCC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment: Founded on May 25, 1981. • Member Countries: Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain, and Oman. • Headquarters: Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. • Objective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To promote cooperation between the six states in economic, security, cultural, and social sectors. ○ Additionally, an annual summit is held to discuss regional affairs and enhance collaboration.
<p>Neo</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent research has discovered a novel protein named "Neo," which plays a crucial role in bacterial defense mechanisms against viral infections, particularly bacteriophages. <p>About Neo:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Researchers Stephen Tang and Samuel Sternberg, while working on Klebsiella pneumoniae, reported the discovery of 'Neo' in a 2023 preprint paper on bioRxiv. • 'Neo' represents a potential biotechnological tool for controlling viral infections.



Kerala Regional News

<p>Shola forests</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Munnar Forest range in Idukki observed World Environment Day differently this year.● Instead of planting saplings, officials removed exotic plant species inside a shola forest. <p>About Shola forests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Location: Shola forests are found in the higher altitudes of the Western Ghats, particularly in the states of Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka.● Ecosystem: Shola forests are tropical montane forests, characterized by a mosaic of grasslands and stunted evergreen trees.● Climate: Shola forests thrive in regions with high rainfall and mist. They are typically found in altitudes ranging from 1,500 to 2,500 meters.● Water Source: Shola forests play a vital role in water conservation. They act as catchment areas for rivers and streams, ensuring a steady supply of water to the plains below.● Flora: The flora in shola forests includes species like Rhododendron, Michelia, and several types of ferns and orchids.● Fauna: These forests are home to various wildlife species such as Nilgiri tahr, Indian gaur, Nilgiri langur, and several bird species like the Nilgiri flycatcher and the black-and-orange flycatcher.
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Valsalyadhara Project

Why in the news?

- The Supreme Court Judge inaugurated social inclusion activities under the Valsalyadhara project of the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) at Kottakkal Arya Vaidya Sala, Kottakkal.

About Valsalyadhara Project:

- **Initiated By:** Government of Kerala
- **Launch Date:** April 2023
- **Objective:** To provide financial assistance to economically weaker sections of the society, particularly families with ailing members.
- **Target Beneficiaries:**
 - Families with members suffering from chronic illnesses.
 - Low-income households.
- **Financial Support:** Monthly financial aid to cover medical expenses and basic needs.
- **Eligibility Criteria:**
 - Residents of Kerala.
 - Documented proof of chronic illness.
 - Below poverty line (BPL) status or similar economic hardship.
- **Administration:** Managed by the Social Justice Department of Kerala.



DISHA-2024

Why in the news?

- The **National Institute of Technology-Calicut (NIT-C)** will organize **DISHA-2024 (Direction and Inspiration to Students for Holistic Advancement)** - Path Ahead of Engineering Education, a guidance program for engineering aspirants.
- It aims to help students and their parents choose the right engineering stream.
- The programme is planned by the **Centre for Public Relations, Information and Media Exchange (C-PRIME)** of NITC in association with different departments of the Institution.



Centre for Public Relations, Information and Media Exchange (C-PRIME) Presents

DISHA 2024

(Direction and Inspiration to Students for Holistic Advancement)

Path Ahead for Engineering Education



Who can attend?

- Engineering aspirants who have completed their 12th grade
- Students who have completed 11th grade
- Parents



What is DISHA?

Interactive session with faculty from NIT Calicut's Engineering & Architecture departments. Explore different streams, their scope and challenges.



WHEN?

13 June 2024, 10:30 am



MODE

- Upon registration, participants can attend either
- Offline: Includes campus visit covering labs and other facilities in the afternoon (Registration Fee: INR 300)
 - Online Through Youtube live stream (No Fee)

Last date for Registration: 10th June 2024.

Reporting Time for offline session: 9:00 am 13th June



<p>Ente Vidyalayam Haritha Vidyalayam (My School, Green School) Project</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The District Child Welfare Committee (CWC) launched the 'Ente Vidyalayam Haritha Vidyalayam (My School, Green School)' project on World Environment Day. <p>About Ente Vidyalayam Haritha Vidyalayam:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiative: Ente Vidyalayam Haritha Vidyalayam (My School, Green School) Project Launch Year: 2024 Implemented by: Kerala State Government Objective: To promote environmental sustainability and awareness among students by transforming schools into green campuses. Key Features: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green Infrastructure Tree Plantation Environmental Education Water Conservation Waste Management Energy Efficiency Organic Farming Target: All government and aided schools in Kerala.
<p>Gender neutrality</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kerala introduces gender neutrality concept in school textbooks. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> These textbooks feature pictorial representations of family members, regardless of gender, participating in cooking and other kitchen chores. Objective: To inculcate the message of gender equality in the minds of children. <p>About Gender neutrality:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gender neutrality is the concept of policies, language, and social structures that avoid distinguishing roles according to people's sex or gender. Objective: The primary goal is to eliminate gender-based discrimination and promote equality and inclusivity for all genders.



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