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<p>Nehru Trophy Boat Race</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 70th Nehru Trophy Boat Race, originally scheduled for August 10, has been postponed due to the recent landslide disaster in Wayanad. <p>About Nehru Trophy Boat Race:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The history of the Nehru Trophy Boat Race is associated with the visit of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru to Alappuzha of late. Location: Punnamda Lake, near Alappuzha, Kerala Date: Held on the second Saturday of August every year Major Attraction: Competition of snake boats (chundanvallams or snake boats) Chundans (Snake Boats): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impressive sight, measuring over 100 feet in length Feature a raised prow Named "snake boats" by former colonial rulers, based on a native boat in Norway Kerala's Chundans bear little resemblance to their European namesakes.
<p>Gadgil Committee report</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The recent landslides in Wayanad have caused significant devastation, leading to a resurgence of the slogan "Call Gadgil and save Kerala" on social media. This slogan refers to the Gadgil Committee report, which emphasized the need for sustainable development and stricter environmental regulations in the Western Ghats. <p>About Gadgil Committee report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name of Committee: Western Ghats Ecology Expert Panel (WGEEP) Chairperson: Dr. Madhav Gadgil Objective:



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To assess the environmental and ecological status of the Western Ghats. ○ Suggest measures for conservation and sustainable development. ● Categorize the Western Ghats into three ESZs (ESZ 1, ESZ 2, and ESZ 3) based on ecological sensitivity. ● ESZ 1 is the most sensitive and should have the highest level of protection. ● Establishment of a Western Ghats Ecology Authority (WGEA) for monitoring and implementation of the recommendations.
<p>Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS)</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thiruvananthapuram MP has urged the Home Minister to declare the Wayanad landslides as a "calamity of severe nature" under the MPLADS guidelines. <p>About MPLADS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Launch Year: 1993 ● Objective: To enable Members of Parliament (MPs) to recommend developmental works in their constituencies with emphasis on creating durable community assets based on locally felt needs. ● Fund Allocation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Each MP receives an annual fund of ₹5 crore. ○ Funds are non-lapsable, meaning they can be carried over to the next fiscal year if not fully utilized. ● Monitoring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) oversees the scheme at the national level. ○ District authorities monitor the implementation and ensure adherence to guidelines.

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