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<p>Kochuveli, Nemom stations renamed Thiruvananthapuram North, South</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The central government has approved the Kerala government's proposal to rename two major railway stations in the Thiruvananthapuram district. • Kochuveli will now be known as Thiruvananthapuram North. • Nemom will be renamed Thiruvananthapuram South. • This decision aligns with plans to develop these stations as satellite terminals for Thiruvananthapuram Central, aiming to improve railway infrastructure and passenger convenience in the region.
<p>Wayanad landslide</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A devastating landslide in Wayanad, Kerala, has inflicted significant damage to the ecologically sensitive Western Ghats. • Over five hectares of pristine forestland, rich in biodiversity, have been destroyed. • This catastrophic event underscores the fragility of the region's ecosystem and the urgent need for robust conservation measures. • The landslide has not only caused environmental loss but has also raised concerns about the impact on local communities and their livelihoods. <p>Refer to Addapedia notes for detailed info on Wayanad Landslides</p>
<p>Wayanad landslides due to heavy rains, not human activity: Geologists</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geological experts have confirmed that the recent landslides in Wayanad were caused by heavy rainfall and not human activities. • The landslides' point of origin was in forested areas, not in populated regions, and happened in a location previously affected by a landslide in 1984.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The area is part of the landslide hazard map. • The region experienced intense precipitation, which saturated the soil and destabilized slopes, leading to multiple landslides. • While human activities like deforestation and construction can exacerbate the impact of landslides, experts believe that in this case, the primary trigger was the extreme weather conditions. <p>Landslide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A landslide is the movement of rock, earth, or debris down a sloped section of land. <p>Causes:</p> <p>Natural Causes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earthquakes: Shake and weaken the ground, triggering landslides. • Rainfall: Saturates the ground, adding weight and reducing stability. • Erosion: Coastal waves and river currents erode the base of slopes. • Groundwater: Dissolves rocks within slopes, weakening them. <p>Human-Induced Causes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deforestation: Tree roots stabilize slopes; their removal increases landslide risk. • Construction: Buildings and roads can alter natural drainage patterns and load on slopes. • Mining: Explosions and vibrations from mining activities can destabilize slopes. • Agriculture: Farming practices can lead to soil erosion and slope instability.
<p>Kudumbashree to roll out 'Lunch Bell' in Ernakulam shortly</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kudumbashree, Kerala's women's self-help group network, is set to launch its 'Lunch Bell' service in Ernakulam soon. • This initiative provides office-goers with healthy and hygienic lunch options through a food delivery service. • The project, already successful in Thiruvananthapuram, aims to empower Kudumbashree women by providing them with employment opportunities. • Customers can place orders through the Kudumbashree 'Pocket Mart' app.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The service emphasizes sustainability by using steel containers for delivery and adhering to strict hygiene standards. <p>KUDUMBASHREE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kudumbashree is a pioneering poverty alleviation and women empowerment program implemented by the Government of Kerala. Launched in 1998, it has been instrumental in transforming the lives of millions of women. The program operates through a three-tiered structure involving Neighborhood Groups (NHGs), Area Development Societies (ADS), and Community Development Societies (CDS). This grassroots approach ensures maximum participation and ownership at the community level.
<p>KSSIA welcomes Kerala govt. order suspending collection of building tax in industrial estates</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kerala State Small Industries Association (KSSIA) has expressed its appreciation for the Kerala government's decision to temporarily halt the collection of building tax in industrial estates. This move is seen as a significant relief for small and medium-scale industries in the state, providing them with much-needed financial respite. KSSIA believes that this decision will boost industrial growth and create more job opportunities in the region. <p>Kerala State Small Industries Association (KSSIA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KSSIA is the apex body representing small-scale industries in Kerala. Established in 1961, it has grown to represent over 20,000 member units. <p>Key roles of KSSIA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocacy: Represents the interests of small-scale industries before the state and central governments. Support: Provides support services like training, technology upgradation, and market linkages to its members. Development: Promotes the growth of the small-scale industrial sector in Kerala.



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