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| <p>Ease of Doing Business</p> | <p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kerala has emerged the leader in the country in 'Ease of Doing Business Reforms' as per the ranking of the Union Ministry of Commerce and Industries <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ease of Doing Business refers to how conducive a country's regulatory environment is for starting and operating a business. • It encompasses various factors and indicators that affect the ease with which businesses can be established and run. • The Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) index is a World Bank ranking system that measures business regulations and their implementation across 190 economies and selected cities. |
| <p>India Graphene Engineering and Innovation Centre (IGEIC)</p> | <p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kerala to become a hub for cutting-edge technology with the launch of the India Graphene Engineering and Innovation Centre (IGEIC). <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The India Graphene Engineering and Innovation Centre (IGEIC) is a not-for-profit company that aims to commercialize graphene technology in India. • The IGEIC is a key initiative under the Government of India's Viksit Bharat@2047 vision. <p>Discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is Viksit Bharat@2047 vision? |
| <p>Person in news: Prem Kumar</p> | <p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recently, actor Prem Kumar has been appointed as interim chairman of Kerala State Chalachitra Academy. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kerala State Chalachitra Academy, Trivandrum is an autonomous non-profit institution working under the Department of Cultural Affairs, Government of Kerala. • The academy was first of its kind in India and was formed on the basis of the Karant committee report (1980), which |



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| | proposed the formation of a national film academy. |
| <p>Places in news: Cherthala</p> | <p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Tamil Nadu government is all set to construct a monument to social reformer and father of the Dravidian movement Periyar E V Ramaswamy at Arookutty near Cherthala. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Erode Venkatappa Ramasamy (17 September 1879 – 24 December 1973) was an Indian social activist and politician who started the Self-Respect Movement and Dravidar Kazhagam. He is known as the 'Father of the Dravidian movement'. Ramasamy joined the Indian National Congress in 1919 and in 1924, he participated in non-violent agitation (satyagraha) involving Mahatma Gandhi in Vaikom, Travancore. |
| <p>Business-centric reforms & Citizen-centric reforms</p> | <p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kerala has emerged the country leader in two categories of business-centric reforms and seven categories of citizen-centric reforms in the ranking of the Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Citizen-centric reforms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Citizen-Centric Reforms are initiatives and policy changes designed to improve the quality of life for citizens and make government services more accessible, efficient, and responsive to their needs. These reforms focus on enhancing the relationship between the government and the public by addressing various aspects of public administration and service delivery. Business-centric reforms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It refers to a series of policy changes and regulatory adjustments aimed at improving the business environment by making it more conducive for startups, existing businesses, and investors. These reforms typically focus on several key areas to enhance overall ease of doing business. |



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