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<p>Kavacham' sirens</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kerala has introduced a new siren system named 'Kavacham' sirens designed to provide advances as well as detailed warnings for disasters. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The "Kavacham" project, initiated under the State Disaster Management Authority, aims to enhance disaster preparedness and response capabilities. • The sirens will use different sounds and colors to indicate the severity of various threats, such as sea attack, heavy rain, strong winds, and heat.
<p>Waqf (Amendment) Bill</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kerala aims to present a unified stance in opposition to the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, seeking to articulate a collective voice against the proposed legislation. • The Bill proposes major changes to the Waqf Act 1995, by introducing sweeping changes in the governance and regulation of Waqfs in India. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A waqf, also known as habs or mortmain property, is an inalienable charitable endowment established under Islamic law. It is a personal property given by Muslims for a specific purpose— religious, charitable, or for private purposes. • The Waqf can be formed through a deed, or Instrument, or even orally. • The Central Waqf Act, 1954 was enacted after independence to provide for the regulation of Waqfs. This act was ultimately replaced by the Waqf Act, 1995.
<p>Awards & Honors: Cybercrime Award</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kerala has been chosen for 'commendable performance' by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs in combating cybercrime against women and children. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Cybercrime Award recognizes outstanding contributions in the field of cyber security and combating cybercrime. • The award was announced on the first anniversary of the



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	Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) , functioning under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
Avian flu	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restrictions aimed at curbing avian flu have ignited anger among poultry farmers. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avian influenza, often referred to as bird flu, is a highly contagious viral infection that primarily affects birds, particularly wild birds and domestic poultry. In 1996, highly pathogenic avian influenza H5N1 virus was first identified in domestic waterfowl in Southern China. The virus is named A/goose/Guangdong/1/1996. Human cases of H5N1 avian influenza occur occasionally, but it is difficult to transmit the infection from person to person. When people become infected, the mortality rate is about 60%.
Kavach System	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ernakulam-Shoranur rail corridor to get 'Kavach' safety cover in three years. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is an indigenously developed Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system. Kavach was developed by the Research Design and Standards Organisation (RDSO) under Indian Railway (IR) in collaboration with Medha Servo Drives Pvt Ltd, HBL Power Systems Ltd and Kernex Microsystems. It is a set of electronic devices and Radio Frequency Identification devices installed in locomotives, in the signaling system as well the tracks, that talk to each other using ultra-high radio frequencies to control the brakes of trains and also alert drivers, all based on the logic programmed into them.

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