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<p>Person in news: Vinay Goyal</p> 	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recently, Vinay Goyal has been appointed as State Mission Director of National Health Mission (NHM). <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NHM was launched by the government of India in 2013 subsuming the National Rural Health Mission (Launched in 2005) and the National Urban Health Mission (Launched in 2013). The NHM envisages achievement of universal access to equitable, affordable & quality health care services that are accountable and responsive to people's needs.
<p>Places in news: Chinnakkanal</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chinnakkanal, a key wild elephant habitat near Munnar in Idukki, has seen its elephant population decline by nearly 50% over the past 14 years, with experts warning of potential extinction. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asian elephants are categorized into three subspecies: the Indian, Sumatran, and Sri Lankan. IUCN Red List: Endangered. Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972: Schedule I. CITES: Appendix I
<p>Green Tourism Destinations</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kerala is all set to declare 25 prominent tourist spots in the state as 'Green Tourism Destinations'. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project is part of 'Malinya Muktham Nava Keralam' — the campaign that aims to make Kerala a garbage-free state by March 30, 2025. The initiative aims at transforming tourist centers into green destinations that promote sustainable waste management practices, hygiene, cleanliness and environmental conservation.
<p>Important Days : World Suicide Prevention Day</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD) is observed on 10th



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<p>(WSPD)</p>	<p>September every year.</p> <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was established in 2003 by the International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) in conjunction with the WHO. • It focuses attention on the issue, reduces stigma and raises awareness among organizations, government, and the public, giving a singular message that suicide can be prevented.
<p>Awards & Honors: Legend of Honour award</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recently, lyricist and filmmaker Sreekumaran Thampi received the Legend of Honour award instituted by the Malayalam Cine Technicians' Association. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Legend of Honour award is a prestigious recognition given to individuals who have made significant contributions to society in various fields. • Purpose: The award aims to acknowledge and celebrate individuals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, dedication, and excellence in their respective fields. • Fields of Contribution: The award can be given to individuals from various domains, including arts, culture, social service, education, and public service.

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