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<p>Mural Paintings</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The exquisite murals of Kumaranallur Temple are undergoing restoration. The murals, spread across 14 distinct sections known as Chithrakandas, primarily depict scenes from Ramayana and Mahabharata. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A mural is a large picture painted or affixed directly on a wall or ceiling. The existence of mural paintings in India dates back to 2nd century BC to 8-10th century AD. Some of the places where this painting is found include- Ajanta, Bagh, Sittanavasal, Armamalai cave, Ravan Chhaya rock-shelter and Kailashnath temple in Ellora caves.
<p>Eravikulam National Park</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eravikulam National Park in Munnar has been declared both a disabled-friendly destination and a carbon-negative zone. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Location: It is located along the Western Ghats in the Idukki district of Kerala. It was declared a National Park in 1978. The highest peak south of the Himalayas, the Anamudi (2695 meters), is situated on the southern side of the park.
<p>Bioinvasion</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new study has revealed significant ecological degradation in the Veli-Akkulam lake, primarily driven by bioinvasion. The study reveals a stark decline in the biomass of species such as prawns, cichlids. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bioinvasion, or biological invasion, is the introduction of a species to a new environment where it's not native. Bioinvasions can happen intentionally or accidentally. For example, a ship carrying fruit cargo might also carry in a new species of spider, parasites, or burrs.



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<p>CardsApp</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Spices Board of India introduced a mobile application called 'CardsApp' to encourage cardamom production. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The app was introduced during a spices conclave and buyer-seller meet at the Indian Cardamom Research Institute (ICRI) at Myladumpara. It provides vital soil test results, including soil fertility, and was developed based on samples collected across 19 villages in Udumbanchola and Idukki taluks, which are known for their cardamom cultivation potential.
<p>Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Department of Fisheries under the Union Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has designated the ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) as a Centre of Excellence for seaweed cultivation. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute was established by the government of India on 3 February 1947 under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and later, in 1967. It joined the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) family and emerged as a leading tropical marine fisheries research institute in the world. The Headquarters of the ICAR-CMFRI is located in Kochi, Kerala.

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