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Kerala Regional News

<p><b>One Nation, One Election</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Why in news?</b> The state government and the opposition have criticized the Union Cabinet's approval of the 'one nation, one election' proposal.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The One Nation, One Election concept envisions <b>synchronizing Lok Sabha and state elections, allowing citizens to vote for both on the same day.</b></li> <li>• It requires <b>significant constitutional amendments</b> and aims to <b>improve election management and reduce costs.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Ecologically Sensitive Areas (ESAs)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Why in news?</b> The state government submitted the details sought by the Union government to revise the Ecologically Sensitive Areas (ESA) in the state.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ecologically Sensitive Areas (ESAs) are areas that <b>require special protection and attention</b> because of their <b>unique biodiversity and ecosystems.</b></li> <li>• The <b>Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (MoEFCC)</b> notifies ESAs under the Environment Protection Act, 1986.</li> </ul>
<p><b>NPS Vatsalya scheme</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman has introduced the NPS Vatsalya scheme, enabling parents to invest in a pension account for their children.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under this scheme, <b>parents or guardians can open an account for their minor children</b> and make contributions towards their retirement savings.</li> <li>• To open a Vatsalya account, a minimum <b>initial contribution of Rs 1,000</b> is required, followed by an annual contribution of Rs 1,000.</li> <li>• This saving-cum-pension scheme is regulated and administered by the <b>Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).</b></li> <li>• All Indian citizens <b>below the age of 18 are eligible</b> for the NPS Vatsalya scheme.</li> </ul>



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<p>eSIM or digital SIM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Why in news?</b> The Kerala Police have issued a warning to mobile phone users to stay alert against eSIM (embedded SIM) fraud.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An eSIM or digital SIM does <b>not have a physical SIM</b>, and it can be <b>activated online without the customer visiting the telecom company's office.</b></li> <li>• Telecom firms can directly programme and deactivate the SIM and transfer the connection to another phone.</li> </ul>
<p>Consumer Price Index</p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A new consumer price index will be prepared as part of the revision of wages of workers in more than 100 sectors covered under the <b>Minimum Wages Act.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consumer Price Index or CPI is the <b>measure of changes in the price level of a basket of consumer goods and services bought by households.</b></li> <li>• It is an economic indicator which is mainly used to <b>measure inflation.</b></li> <li>• It gives the government, businesses, and citizens an idea about the <b>change in prices in an economy.</b></li> </ul>

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