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| <p>Clade 1b monkeypox</p> | <p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kerala will issue Mpox prevention guidelines following a man testing positive for the rapidly spreading Clade 1b strain. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monkeypox spreads primarily through close contact with an infected person's skin lesions, bodily fluids, or respiratory droplets. • The Clade 1b monkeypox virus spreads through close physical contact. It is virulent in nature. • Clade 1b strain of the virus is more infectious than Clade 2 and it is currently behind the global outbreak. |
| <p>'She-Toilet' project</p> | <p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kerala's 'She Toilet' initiative has crumbled, failing to meet its objectives and provide the intended benefits to women in the region. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was launched as a model initiative to provide safe, hygienic and accessible public restrooms for women. • The plan was to establish women-friendly, technology-driven She Toilets equipped with various features such as coin-operated sanitary napkin vending machines, incinerators for disposing of used napkins, electronic display boards on the doors, security enhancements, FM radio, and SMS alerts. |
| <p>Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ)</p> | <p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ministry of Forests, Environment and Climate Change on Monday approved the draft Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Management Plan submitted by Kerala based on the 2019 Coastal Zone Regulation notification. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) is a regulatory framework that aims to protect the coastal environment, preserve natural beauty, and manage coastal development. • The CRZ Notification 2011, issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, categorizes coastal areas into five zones. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CRZ-I: Ecologically sensitive areas |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CRZ-II: Developed areas up to or near the shoreline ○ CRZ-III: Rural areas and relatively undisturbed land areas ○ CRZ-IV: Water areas up to 12 nautical miles from the territorial waters and tide-influenced water bodies ○ CRZ-V: Areas that require special consideration for protecting the coastal environment. |
| Peechi-Vazhani Wildlife Sanctuary | <p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A female elephant was discovered dead near a tribal colony close to the Peechi Wildlife Sanctuary. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Peechi-Vazhani Wildlife Sanctuary is a wildlife sanctuary headquartered in Peechi, Thrissur District of Kerala, India. ● The sanctuary was established in 1958 consisting of Palappilli-Nelliyampathi forests including the area of Chimmony Wildlife sanctuary and is the second oldest sanctuary in Kerala. |
| Mechanical thrombectomy | <p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● For the first time, a mechanical thrombectomy procedure for stroke patients was conducted at a government hospital in Kerala. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mechanical thrombectomy is a minimally invasive procedure that removes blood clots from arteries to restore blood flow. ● It's often used to treat ischemic strokes, but can also be used for other conditions like pulmonary embolism and acute myocardial infarction. |

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