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<p>kerala govt urges World Bank to relax rules</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amid growing concern over the slow progress of the Kerala State Waste Management Project (KSWMP), the state government has urged the World Bank to relax its stringent guidelines and make them more adaptable considering the unique circumstances of the state. The Rs 2,400-crore project, launched in 2021, aims to improve solid waste management in 93 urban local bodies across Kerala. However, the World Bank has rated its progress as 'moderately unsatisfactory' in terms of overall implementation pace, project management and project development objectives. <p>Data:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Around 40% of the Bank grant as part of the initiative has already been allotted to 93 local bodies based on the population, while the rest is allotted as incentives.
<p>Kasaragod farmer is first in state to land fruit-based winery license</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Kasaragod farmer, Sebastian Augustine has made history by becoming the first person in Kerala to secure a license for a fruit-based winery. This groundbreaking achievement opens up new avenues for the state's agricultural sector and could potentially boost local economy and tourism. Sebastian already holds a patent in 2007 for making wine from tender coconut. The farmer's innovative venture showcases the potential of Kerala's fertile lands and the entrepreneurial spirit of its people.
<p>Pinarayi Vijayan launches 'Ente Bhoomi'</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Kerala government has launched a comprehensive land management system called "Ente Bhoomi." This innovative platform aims to streamline land-related transactions, ensuring transparency, efficiency, and accountability in the process.



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	<p>Key features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Centralized database: The system maintains a centralized database of land records, making it easier to access and verify information. ● Online services: Landowners can access various services online, such as applying for land certificates, registering property, and paying taxes. ● Transparency: The platform promotes transparency by providing real-time information about land ownership and transactions. ● Efficiency: "Ente Bhoomi" reduces the time and effort required for land-related transactions, streamlining the process for both citizens and government officials. ● Integration: The system is integrated with other government databases, ensuring consistency and accuracy of land-related data.
<p>Kozhikode city to become fully digitally literate in a week</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Kozhikode Corporation is set to declare itself fully digitally literate within a week. ● Efforts are on to ensure that everyone above 14 years of age in the city can operate a smartphone and understands the basics of online media. ● These efforts are part of the State government's 'Digi Kerala' project. ● A survey was conducted across all households within the Corporation limits, identifying 30,187 people as digitally illiterate. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Digi Kerala is a comprehensive initiative by the Kerala State Government aimed at transforming the state into a digitally empowered society. ● The project seeks to leverage technology to improve governance, enhance public services, and create a digital economy.
<p>Ernakulam declared first fully digital literate district in Kerala</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ernakulam, a district in the southern Indian state of Kerala, made history by becoming the first district in the state to be declared fully digital literate. ● The announcement was made by district panchayat president Manoj Moothedan, who is also the chairman of the Digi Kerala project. ● The declaration was made at a meeting chaired by District Collector N.S.K. Umesh.



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