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Kerala Regional News

<p><b>State to set up maritime education hub in Neendakara</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Kerala government has announced plans to <b>set up a maritime education hub in Neendakara</b>, a coastal town in Kollam district.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The hub will be developed in <b>collaboration with the Kerala State Fisheries Development Corporation (KSFDC) and the Central Institute of Fisheries Education (CIFE)</b>.</li> <li>The proposed hub will offer a range of courses related to fisheries and maritime studies, including marine engineering, naval architecture, and fisheries management</li> <li>The hub will also help to boost the growth of the fisheries sector in Kerala, which is a major contributor to the state's economy.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Person in News: Shaikh Hassan Khan</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Kerala govt employee Shaikh Hassan Khan</b> has become the <b>first Indian to climb the highest peaks on all 7 continents</b>.</li> <li>He achieved this feat on May 22, 2023, after summiting Mount Everest, the highest peak in the world.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>So far, he has scaled Mount Vinson (Antarctica), Mount Everest (Asia), Mount Denali (North America), Mount Kilimanjaro (Africa), Mount Elbrus (Europe) and Mount Aconcagua (Argentina).</li> <li>He had also submitted Ojos del Salado, the highest active volcano, located on the Argentina-Chile border.</li> </ul>
<p><b>House sparrow</b></p> 	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Numbers of House sparrows have been declining in recent years, and they are <b>now considered to be an endangered species</b> in some parts of the world.</li> <li>Nature conservationists are set to assemble at Sparrow Park in Palayam's Connemara Market in the city to emphasize the critical need for urban planning that respects and accommodates wildlife, marking National Bird Day.</li> </ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>house sparrow, Passer domesticus</b>, is a small, adaptable bird found in most parts of the world.</li> <li>These birds are known for their association with human settlements, often nesting in buildings and feeding on human-provided food sources.</li> <li>Males have a distinctive black bib and a gray head, while females are</li> </ul>



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	<p>a more subdued brown.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They are social birds, often forming large flocks, and are known for their cheerful chirping calls.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Person in News: MT Padma</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>M T Padma, a prominent figure in Kerala's political landscape, passed away on November 12, 2024, at the age of 81.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She was a senior leader of the <b>Indian National Congress</b> and served as a minister in the Kerala government from 1991 to 1995.</li> <li>• Born in Kannur, Padma began her political journey with the Kerala Students Union (KSU) during her law college days.</li> <li>• She was <b>elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly from Koyilandy</b> constituency in 1987 and 1991.</li> <li>• Padma served as the Minister for Fisheries, Rural Development, and Registration in the K Karunakaran Cabinet.</li> </ul>

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