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EV industrial park	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kerala's first EV industrial park is being established in Vilappilsala. ● This park will be a hub for research and manufacturing of electric vehicle components and designs. ● It will be located on a 23-acre site owned by Trivandrum Engineering Science and Technology Research Park (TrEST). ● The park will be operational by Dec 2025.
SilverLine project	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The SilverLine project, a proposed semi-high-speed rail line in Kerala, has faced significant opposition, particularly in Aluva. ● The project has been facing significant opposition due to environmental concerns, land acquisition issues, and financial viability. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The SilverLine project is a proposed semi-high-speed rail line in India that would connect Thiruvananthapuram, the capital city, and Kasaragod of Kerala state. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Route: The 529.45 km line will connect Thiruvananthapuram to Kasaragod, covering 11 districts through 11 stations. ● Speed: Trains will run at a maximum speed of 200 km/h, reducing travel time from 12 hours to less than 4 hours. <p>Benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reduced travel time and improved connectivity. ● Reduced road congestion and accidents. ● Boost to tourism and economic development. ● Environmentally friendly mode of transport. <p>Challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Land acquisition: Requires acquiring 1,200 hectares of land, facing resistance from landowners and environmentalists. ● Environmental concerns: Concerns about deforestation, habitat destruction, and water table impact. ● Financial viability: The project is estimated to cost ₹66,079 crore, raising questions about its financial feasibility.
Green Leaf Rating system	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The state of Kerala is implementing a "Green Leaf Rating" system to encourage and recognize excellence in waste management



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practices across various sectors.

- This initiative aims to promote sustainable waste management and reduce environmental pollution.

About:

- The Green Leaf Rating system is a **star-rating system** that evaluates the waste management practices of institutions and establishments in both the public and private sectors.
- The rating system is based on various parameters like **waste segregation, recycling, composting, and overall waste management practices**.
- The aim of this system is to promote sustainable waste management practices and encourage institutions to adopt eco-friendly methods.

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