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Kerala Regional News

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| <p>Kallai river</p> | <p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Kerala government has announced that the restoration work on the Kallai river is likely to begin in January. The project is expected to take about two years to complete. The restoration work will involve cleaning up the riverbed, removing silt and debris, and planting trees along the banks. The project is being funded by the Kerala State Water Authority (KSWA). The KSWA has also appointed a consultant to oversee the project. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Kallai River is a small river in Kerala flowing through the Kozhikode district. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Origin: The river originates in Cherikkulathur in the Western Ghats. Length: It is approximately 22 kilometers long. Connection to Chaliyar River: The Kallai River is connected to the larger Chaliyar River through a man-made canal Historical Significance: The river played a crucial role in the timber trade of the region, especially during the 19th and early 20th centuries. The town of Kallayi, located on its banks, was a major center for timber processing and trade. |
| <p>Red-Headed Vulture</p> | <p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A rare Red-Headed Vulture was recently spotted in Kasaragod, Kerala. This is the first time this species has been seen in India in over 100 years. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The vulture was seen feeding on a carcass in a forest area. The Red-Headed Vulture is a critically endangered species. There are only an estimated 10,000 individuals left in the world. The vulture is found in Asia, Africa, and Europe. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> India is home to 9 species of Vulture namely the Oriental white-backed, Long-billed, Slender-billed, Himalayan, Red-headed, Egyptian, Bearded, Cinereous, and the Eurasian Griffon. <p>IUCN Status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The species has been classified as critically endangered in the IUCN |



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| <p>Mpox</p> | <p>Red List since 2002 due to the rapid decline in population.</p> <p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kerala has become the first state in India to conduct genome sequencing to identify the variant of Monkeypox virus. ● The state has sent samples of the virus to the National Institute of Virology (NIV) in Pune for testing. ● Genome sequencing is a technique that can be used to identify the genetic makeup of a virus. ● This information can be used to track the spread of the virus and to develop effective treatments. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mpox, formerly known as monkeypox, is a viral illness caused by the monkeypox virus. ● It is a rare disease similar to smallpox and can spread through close contact with an infected person or animal. <p>Symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fever ● Headache ● Muscle aches ● Swollen lymph nodes ● Fatigue ● Rash that can appear on the face, hands, feet, or genitals <p>Transmission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Close contact with an infected person's rash or bodily fluids ● Contact with contaminated materials or objects ● Contact with infected animals. <p>Vaccine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The primary vaccine used for mpox prevention is JYNNEOS, which is a two-dose vaccine. ● The vaccine provides significant protection against mpox, reducing the risk of severe illness and death |
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