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<p>Meghalaya-Kerala youth exchange programme</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Meghalaya-Kerala Youth Exchange Programme is a unique initiative that aims to foster cultural exchange and understanding between the two states. • The program is open to young people between the ages of 18 and 35, and it provides them with the opportunity to live and work in each other's state for a period of one month. • The program is designed to help participants learn about each other's culture, traditions, and way of life. It also provides them with the opportunity to develop their leadership skills and gain valuable work experience.
<p>Person in News: T P Madhavan</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veteran Malayalam actor T P Madhavan passed away recently at the age of 82. • Madhavan was a popular actor in Malayalam cinema, having appeared in over 400 films. • He is best known for his roles in comedy films, but he also appeared in dramas, thrillers, and action films. • Madhavan was a founding member of the Association of Malayalam Movie Artists (AMMA), and served as its general secretary for many years. • He was a vocal advocate for the rights of actors and was instrumental in improving the working conditions of Malayalam film actors.
<p>Kerala chosen as best marine State</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kerala has been crowned the 'Best Marine State' in the Union Fisheries Ministry's prestigious awards. • Additionally, Kollam district has been recognized as the 'Best Marine District' for the year 2023. • These achievements underscore Kerala's unwavering commitment to sustainable fisheries and its significant contributions to the national economy. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This award was given as part of the World Fisheries Day celebrations. • Kerala was selected for this award due to its comprehensive interventions in the fisheries sector. • World Fisheries Day is celebrated on November 21st each year to raise awareness about the importance of



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	<p>fisheries and aquaculture.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was established in 1997 at the World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fish Workers in New Delhi. • The day aims to highlight the significant role of fisheries in providing food, nutrition, and income to millions of people worldwide. • It also emphasizes the need for sustainable fishing practices to ensure the long-term health of our oceans and fisheries. <p>Theme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Fisheries Day 2024 theme is "India's Blue Transformation: Strengthening Small-Scale and Sustainable Fisheries". • This theme emphasizes the importance of small-scale fisheries in sustainable fisheries management and their contribution to local food security and livelihoods
<p>Kerala mulls increasing retirement age of govt employees to 57</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kerala is considering raising the retirement age of government employees from 56 to 57. • This move is aimed at addressing the state's growing fiscal deficit and reducing its dependence on borrowing. • The government has estimated that this change could save around Rs 2,000 crore per year. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kerala is the only state where government employees retire at the age of 56. • During the tenure of Oommen Chandy (2011-16) to standardize the retirement age of all employees, it was decided to increase the retirement age from 55 to 56 years. • As per a recent study by a committee, the state government will be able to divert more than Rs 5,000 crores if the retirement age is increased by one year as the retirement benefits including gratuity and end-of-service benefits for capital spending. <p>Refer to Addapedia notes for detailed info on Fiscal Deficit.</p>

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