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24-hour online court opens in Kollam district	**Context:** ● **Kerala's Kollam district** has made history by **launching India's first 24-hour online court.** ● This groundbreaking initiative **aims to reduce the backlog of cases** and expedite legal solutions. ● The court operates on a hybrid mode, allowing for both online and in-person proceedings ● Initially, it will focus on cases related to check dishonor under **Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.** ● This innovative approach is set to revolutionize access to justice in India.
Vizhinjam seaport	**Context:** ● **The Kerala government has allocated ₹1000 crore** for the **acquisition of land for the Vizhinjam Development Zone.** ● The project will cover an area of approximately 200 acres. ● The land acquisition will be **carried out by the Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board (KIIFB).** ● The project will include a new seaport, a container terminal, a logistics hub, and a residential area. ● The project is expected to generate employment for thousands of people. **About:** ● **Location**: Vizhinjam, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. ● **Purpose**: Designed for **container transhipment**, multi-purpose cargo, and break bulk cargo ● **Development**: **Public-Private Partnership (PPP)** model with Adani Vizhinjam Port Private Limited as the concessionaire ● **Strategic Location**: Located 10 nautical miles from the busy international shipping route connecting Europe, the Persian Gulf, and the Far East **Advantages**: ● Natural draft of 20-24 meters ● Minimal littoral drift ● Large-scale automation for quick vessel turnaround ● State-of-the-art infrastructure for handling Megamax containerships ● Capacity: **Phase 1 capacity of 1 million TEUs**, with potential for expansion to 6.2 million TEUs in subsequent phases.
World Fisheries Day	**Context:**

	● **The World Fisheries Day celebration and Sea Rights Declaration will take place on Nov 21, emphasizing the slogan 'The sea and its resources belong to the coastal community.'** ● The event is jointly organized by the Coastal Students Cultural Forum and Kerala Independent Fish Workers Federation at Puthiyathura beach. **About**: ● **World Fisheries Day is celebrated on November 21st** each year to raise awareness about the importance of fisheries and aquaculture. ● 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. **Theme:** ● **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
Hemophilia	**Context:** ● Kerala has become a pioneer in hemophilia care in India by offering a costly but effective monoclonal antibody treatment to patients. ● This treatment, which is not available in many other states, has significantly improved the quality of life for hemophilia patients in Kerala. ● The monoclonal antibody treatment is a preventive therapy that helps to reduce the frequency and severity of bleeding episodes. **About:** ● **Hemophilia** is a **rare inherited bleeding disorder that impairs the body's ability to clot blood.** ● This occurs due to a deficiency in specific clotting factors, essential proteins in the blood that help form clots. ● **Types of Haemophilia:** ● **Hemophilia A:** The most common type, caused by a deficiency in **clotting factor VIII**. ● **Hemophilia B:** Less common, caused by a deficiency in **clotting factor IX**

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