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| <p>Person in News: Omchery N N Pillai</p> | <p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Omchery N N Pillai, a renowned Malayalam writer, critic, and translator, passed away at the age of 100. ● He was a prominent figure in Malayalam literature, known for his insightful literary criticism and contributions to translation. ● His works have significantly enriched the Malayalam literary landscape. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● His plays were known for their bold experiments in form and technique, as well as their unique themes. ● Pillai won the Kerala Sahitya Akademi Award twice: in 1972 for his play "Pralayam" and in 2010 for his overall contribution to Malayalam literature. ● He was also honored with the Kerala Prabha Award in 2022 |
| <p>Hepatitis A</p> | <p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Due to a significant surge in Hepatitis A cases in Ernakulam district, health department has urged the public to be cautious while consuming cold drinks and food from outside. ● As many as 722 suspected cases, 563 confirmed cases, and eight deaths have been reported in the district so far this year with Sreemoolanagaram, Malayattoor, Payipra, Kizhakkambalam, Mattancherry, Nellikkuzhi, Kothamangalam, Nedumbassery, Kalamassery, Vengoor, and Avoli being the worst-affected areas. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hepatitis A is a viral infection that affects the liver. ● It causes inflammation and can lead to mild to severe illness. <p>Transmission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Primarily spreads through the fecal-oral route, meaning it's transmitted when infected stool enters the mouth of another person. ● Can also spread through close contact with an infected person ● Often contracted through contaminated food or water |
| <p>Antimicrobial Awareness Week</p> | <p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Amritapuri campus observed World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW) to raise awareness about the growing threat of antimicrobial resistance (AMR). ● The week-long event included various activities such as |



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| | <p>seminars, workshops, and exhibitions focused on the importance of prudent antibiotic use and infection prevention and control.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The aim was to educate the public and healthcare professionals about AMR and its consequences, and to promote responsible antibiotic use to combat this global health crisis. <p>Theme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The theme for the WAAW 2024 this year is “Educate. Advocate. Act now.” <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is the ability of microorganisms, such as bacteria, viruses, fungi, and parasites, to resist the effects of antimicrobial drugs. <p>Key factors contributing to AMR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The overuse and misuse of antimicrobial drugs The emergence of superbugs. The lack of new antibiotics |
| <p>Species in News: Dunlin</p> | <p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dunlin, a small shorebird with a droopy bill, which is facing threat to its survival, was among the 192 avian species spotted during the recently held Kochi edition of the Kerala Bird Race. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Red List of Threatened Species prepared by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) has upgraded the threat level of the species to Near Threatened in 2024 from Least Concern in 2023. The species is often found in large flocks on mudflats and beaches, according to the available scientific information on the species. While its global population is still relatively large, it has been experiencing a significant decline in recent years. |
| <p>National Kayaking Championship</p> | <p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Kayaking Championship, held in Kannur, Kerala, showcased the state's natural beauty and its potential for water sports tourism. The event attracted top kayakers from across the country, who competed in various categories. Kannur Kayakathon 2024 sees 90 participants from across the country. This event is expected to boost tourism in the region and inspire more people to explore the state's diverse water bodies. <p>About:</p> |



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- The National Kayaking Championship is a prestigious event that showcases the skills and talent of India's top kayakers.
- It brings together athletes from across the country to compete in various kayaking disciplines, including sprint, slalom, and marathon.
- The championship serves as a platform to identify and nurture young talent, promote the sport, and set national records.
- It also plays a crucial role in preparing Indian kayakers for international competitions and the Olympics.

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