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<p>KAU Aadhya (MO 24) and KAU Punya (MO 25)</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Kerala Agricultural University (KAU) has received approval to release 15 new seed varieties across various crops. • The varieties include seeds of rice, coco, coconut and pea. • The two new rice varieties are KAU Aadhya (MO 24) and KAU Punya (MO 25). • This significant development will contribute to enhancing agricultural productivity and food security in Kerala. <p>Key benefits of these new seed varieties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased Yield • Disease Resistance • Improved Quality • Climate Resilience
<p>International Film Festival Kerala (IFFK)</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 29th International Film Festival of Kerala (IFFK) will have films from Armenia in the ‘country focus’ section. • Seven critically acclaimed Armenian films will be screened, showcasing the nation’s rich cultural and socio-political narratives. • The Armenian lineup include Amerikatsi (Michael A. Goorjian), Gate to Heaven (Jivan Avetisyan), Labyrinth (Mikael Dovlatyan), Lost in Armenia (Serge Avedikian), Parajanov (Olena Fetisova and Serge Avedikian), Should the Wind Drop (Nora Martirosyan), and The Lighthouse (Mariya Saakyan). <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Among the highlights, Amerikatsi has been shortlisted for the International Feature Film category at the 96th Academy Awards. • It portrays Soviet-era Armenia, delving into identity and resilience through a personal and cultural lens. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The International Film Festival of Kerala (IFFK) is a prestigious annual film festival held in Thiruvananthapuram • It was established in 1996 and is hosted by the Kerala State Chalachitra Academy on behalf of the Department of Cultural Affairs, Government of Kerala. • IFFK is renowned for showcasing a diverse range of films from around the world, including international, regional, and Indian cinema.
<p>Agri-Nutri Garden</p>	<p>Context:</p>



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<p>Project</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agri-Nutri Garden project is a pioneering initiative aimed at promoting sustainable agriculture and improving food security. • It involves the creation of urban and peri-urban gardens to cultivate fresh, nutritious food. <p>Key benefits of the Agri-Nutri Garden project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Security: Increases local food production and reduces reliance on imported food. • Improved Nutrition: Encourages the consumption of fresh, organic produce. • Community Engagement: Fosters a sense of community and empowers individuals to grow their own food. • Environmental Benefits: Promotes sustainable practices like composting and water conservation.
<p>Kerala releases antibiogram report to combat antibiotic resistance</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Kerala Health Department has released its 2023 Antibiogram Report. • This report provides valuable insights into antibiotic resistance patterns in the state, aiding healthcare professionals in making informed decisions about antibiotic prescriptions. • The report is based on tertiary health centres included in the KARS-Net network. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antibiotic resistance occurs when bacteria develop the ability to resist the effects of antibiotics. • This means that antibiotics are no longer effective in treating infections caused by these bacteria. <p>Causes of Antibiotic Resistance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overuse of Antibiotics: Overusing antibiotics, even for minor infections, can lead to the development of resistant bacteria. • Misuse of Antibiotics: Not taking antibiotics as prescribed, such as stopping treatment early, can contribute to antibiotic resistance. • Antibiotic Use in Agriculture: The use of antibiotics in livestock and agriculture can contribute to the spread of antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

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