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Kerala Regional News

<p>The State Institute of Educational Technology (SIET) launches Projects Kinavu and Trend</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The State Institute of Educational Technology (SIET) will launch two significant projects named Kinavu and Trend aimed at enhancing educational resources and technology integration in schools. • These initiatives are part of a broader effort to modernize education in the region, focusing on improving access to digital learning tools and resources for students and educators. <p>Key Points:</p> <p>Kinavu:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is an initiative to train Scheduled Tribe (ST) students in visual technology so that they can go for higher studies or find employment in this field. • Hundred ST students with an aptitude in this area will be identified and given four-day residential training in scripting, editing, camera, graphics, and animation at the K.R. Narayanan National Institute of Visual Science and Arts from January. <p>Trend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trend (Tech ready educators network in districts) is an initiative to create a district-level pool of teachers who are tech experts and equipped to create digital content. • With smart classrooms set up in schools, creation of digital content has become imperative. • As part of Trend, select teachers in all 14 districts will be trained in technical aspects of digital content creation such as scripting, camera, editing, sound mixing. • A group of 20 trained teachers will be created initially in each district. • They will aid development of digital content of the curriculum in all districts under the supervision of District
<p>Literary corridor</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kozhikode is set to develop a literary corridor within the next year. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It in view that Kozhikode recently recognized as India's first UNESCO City of Literature • This initiative aims to enhance the city's rich literary heritage, which includes a vibrant community of writers, libraries, and cultural



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	<p>events like the Kerala Literature Festival.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The corridor will celebrate Kozhikode's historical significance in Malayalam literature and its contributions to the arts, fostering public engagement and tourism. • This project aligns with UNESCO's goals of promoting creativity and cultural diversity, further establishing Kozhikode as a hub for literary excellence and cultural innovation.
<p>SmartCity Kochi</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Kochi Smart City project, initiated in 2011, aims to create a state-of-the-art IT township in Kochi, Kerala, covering 246 acres. • Despite ambitious plans for 8.8 million square feet of built-up space and the creation of 90,000 jobs, the project has faced significant delays and controversies. <p>Key issues include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TECOM Withdrawal: After 13 years of minimal progress, TECOM (Dubai Holding), the main partner, exited the project due to lack of substantial investment and job creation, leading to government intervention for compensation and future planning. • Slow Development: Although the first IT tower was inaugurated in 2016, the project has not met its initial completion targets and continues to struggle with stalled phases. • Future Prospects: The Kerala government is seeking new investment opportunities to revitalize the project while addressing ongoing challenges related to infrastructure and management.
<p>Person in News: Bose Krishnamachari</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bose Krishnamachari has been featured in ArtReview's Power 100 list for 2024 • He is ranked at 52. • He is recognized for his influential role as the co-founder of the Kochi-Muziris Biennale, a significant contemporary art exhibition in India. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Power 100 list highlights key figures in the art world based on their recent activities and impact. • This year's list emphasizes the growing cultural prominence of various regions, including the Gulf states, while also acknowledging influential curators and artists globally. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bose Krishnamachari, born in 1963 in Magattukara, Kerala, is a prominent Indian painter and art curator based in Mumbai. • He graduated from the Sir J.J. School of Art in Mumbai and later earned a Master's degree from Goldsmiths College, University of London. • He is best known as the co-founder and president of the Kochi-Muziris Biennale.



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- It is India's first international biennale of contemporary art, which has significantly influenced the art scene since its inception in 2012.

ArtReview Power 100:

- The **ArtReview Power 100** is an annual ranking that highlights the most influential figures in the contemporary art world. In **2024, Hoor Al Qasimi**, the founding director of the Sharjah Art Foundation, **topped the list**, reflecting her significant impact on promoting Middle Eastern artists globally.
- The list recognizes individuals based on their recent activities and contributions to the art scene, including curators, artists, collectors, and cultural leaders.

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