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<p><b>CMFRI-KSCADC sign MoU for marine development projects</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI)</b> is set to <b>partner with the Kerala government</b> to improve the State's coastal infrastructure and marine development efforts.</li> <li>• The institute signed a <b>pact with the Kerala State Coastal Area Development Corporation (KSCADC)</b> under the Fisheries department of the State government, fostering collaboration in the construction and implementation of various developmental projects in the marine sector.</li> <li>• The collaboration <b>aims to leverage CMFRI's technical expertise to support the implementation of projects undertaken by KSCADC.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI)</b> was established in <b>1947</b>.</li> <li>• It comes under <b>the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare</b>.</li> <li>• It is located in Kochi, Kerala.</li> <li>• It is recognized as a <b>leading tropical marine fisheries research institute globally</b>.</li> <li>• CMFRI focuses on various aspects of marine fisheries, including resource assessment, sustainable management practices, and mariculture development.</li> </ul>
<p><b>KERA project</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The State government has constituted multiple project management and monitoring units for the implementation of the <b>World Bank-aided Kerala Climate Resilient Agri Value Chain Modernisation (KERA) project</b>.</li> <li>• The government decision comes on the heels of the World Bank clearing a ₹2,365.5 crore project submitted by the State Agriculture Department for KERA in October.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The State government has given its <b>nod for the formation of a State-level Project Management Unit (PMU), three Regional PMUs and four Project Implementation Units (PIU) and the creation of posts for them.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>PMU:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>State PMU</b> will be based in <b>Thiruvananthapuram</b>.</li> <li>• <b>The Regional PMUs at Kottayam, Thrissur and Kannur.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b></p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The State-level PMU will be headed by an officer of the rank of Joint Secretary, Local Self Government Department.</li> </ul> <p>PIU:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The PIUs will be set up at the Kerala Agricultural University (KAU), the Department of Industries and Commerce, the Kerala Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (KINFRA) and the Kerala Startup Mission.</li> </ul> <p>Refer to Addapedia notes for detailed info on the KERA project.</p>
Daniel Award	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Filmmakers <b>Shaji N. Karun and Karun Pratap</b> have been selected for the prestigious <b>JC Daniel Award 2023</b> by the Kerala government.</li> <li>This award is conferred to recognize significant contributions to the Malayalam film industry.</li> <li>The award includes a <b>cash prize of five lakh rupees, a citation and a sculpture.</b></li> <li>It is the <b>highest film award given by the state govt.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shaji, who worked as a <b>cinematographer for over 40 films</b>, provided creative energy to the new wave cinema in Malayalam as the cameraman of legendary filmmaker G Aravindan.</li> <li>His <b>films like 'Piravi,' showcased at over 70 film festivals and won 31 awards, 'Swam,' nominated for the Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival and 'Vanaprastham,'</b> screened in the official section at Cannes, brought international recognition to Malayalam cinema.</li> <li>Other notable films include 'Kutty Srank,' 'Swapaanam,' 'Nishad' and 'Oolu.'</li> <li>He played a key role in planning the formation of the Kerala State Film Development Corporation in 1975 and took charge as a film officer in 1976.</li> <li>He handled cinematography for several Aravindan films and won the National Award for Best Cinematographer and three state awards.</li> <li>His <b>directorial debut was 'Piravi' in 1988.</b></li> <li><b>He has won seven national and seven state awards.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>J. C. Daniel Award is the highest honor in Malayalam cinema, conferred by the Government of Kerala.</b></li> <li>It recognizes outstanding contributions to Malayalam cinema.</li> <li>The award is named after J. C. Daniel, often hailed as the <b>"Father of Malayalam Cinema."</b></li> </ul>



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