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<p>QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) World University Rankings</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the recently published QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) World University Rankings on Sustainability, Cochin University of Science and Technology (Cusat) was named among the top 1,000 universities. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cusat is placed in the 971-980 band globally, ranking 299th in Asia, 53rd in South India, 38th in India, and first in Kerala. Cusat also achieved significant rankings in several sub-categories, securing the 609th position globally in the environmental impact category and 576th in governance. Of the 1,744 institutions evaluated in the rankings, University of Kerala was placed in the 1,181-1,200 band. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> QS World University Rankings is a globally recognized ranking system for universities. It assesses universities based on several factors, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic Reputation: Measures the reputation of a university among academics worldwide. Employer Reputation: Evaluates the reputation of a university among employers. Faculty-Student Ratio: Assesses the number of faculty members per student. Citations per Faculty: Measures the research impact of a university's faculty. International Faculty Ratio: Assesses the proportion of international faculty members. International Student Ratio: Measures the proportion of international students.
<p>Industrial Smart City project in Palakkad</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Kerala Cabinet has allocated 105 acres for the development of a Smart City in Palakkad, which is part of a larger initiative to establish an Industrial Smart City at Pudussery. This project, with an estimated investment of ₹3,806 crore, aims to create approximately 51,000 jobs and enhance the state's manufacturing sector. The initiative is a key component of the Kochi-Bengaluru Industrial Corridor, intended to boost economic growth and attract investments in various sectors, including pharmaceuticals, food processing, and high-tech industries. The project is expected to transform Palakkad into a major industrial hub



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	<p>in Kerala.</p> <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Kochi-Bengaluru Industrial Corridor (KBIC) is a planned industrial corridor in India that aims to connect the cities of Kochi and Bengaluru. • It is envisioned to be a major economic driver, promoting industrial growth, investment, and job creation in the southern states of India.
<p>Kerala State Energy Conservation Awards</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Kerala State Energy Conservation Awards 2024 have been announced. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fertilisers and Chemicals Travancore Ltd (FACT), Ernakulam, and Peekay Steel Castings Pvt Ltd, Kozhikode, have been jointly awarded the Kerala State Energy Conservation Award in the large-scale energy consumer category. • The award carries a cash prize of ₹1 lakh. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Kerala State Energy Conservation Awards are given in recognition of the efforts made by industries, establishments, and individuals in Kerala to reduce energy consumption while maintaining production levels. • The awards are given in various categories, including large-scale, medium-scale, and small-scale energy consumers, buildings, institutions, and organizations.
<p>Malappuram Perumpadappa grama panchayat</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perumpadappa Grama Panchayat in Malappuram district, Kerala, has been awarded the Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar for its effective initiatives aimed at poverty eradication and enhancing livelihoods. • This recognition is part of the National Panchayat Awards 2024, which honor exemplary efforts by Panchayati Raj Institutions across India in promoting sustainable development. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar is a prestigious award given by the Government of India to recognize and reward the outstanding efforts of Panchayats (village councils) in India that have made significant contributions towards achieving sustainable development goals. • The award is named after Deen Dayal Upadhyay, a prominent Indian thinker and philosopher who advocated for integral humanism and equitable development <p>Refer to Addapedia notes for detailed info on National Panchayat Awards 2024.</p>



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Thanthai Periyar Memorial

Context:

- Kerala CM and Tamil Nadu CM are set to **discuss the contentious Mullaperiyar Dam issue** during their meeting coinciding with the **inauguration of the Thanthai Periyar Memorial**.
- This meeting aims to address ongoing concerns regarding dam maintenance and safety, which have been points of contention between the two states.

Key Points:

- The **Thanthai Periyar Memorial is a tribute to E. V. Ramasamy Naicker**, popularly **known as Periyar**, a prominent Indian social reformer, politician, and Dravidian ideologue.
- The memorial, located in Vaikom, Kerala, commemorates his contributions to the Vaikom Satyagraha movement and his fight against social injustice and caste discrimination

About:

- The **Mullaperiyar dam is a source of both irrigation and friction**.
- **Location:** Idukki district, Kerala (dam) & Tamil Nadu (irrigated region)
- **Built:** 1887-1895
- **Purpose:** Divert Periyar River water eastward for irrigation in Tamil Nadu
- **Capacity:** **299 million cubic meters**
- **Lease:** A 999-year agreement grants operational control to Tamil Nadu

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