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<p>Kerala tops industrial friendliness index</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kerala has recently topped the industrial friendliness index, marking a significant achievement for the state. <p>Key Findings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CM has recently announced that Kerala's investment-friendly ecosystem and reforms have led to this success, with the state establishing over 334,000 enterprises through its Entrepreneurship Year project. ● Kerala secured first place in nine reform areas, surpassing Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat, and is recognized for its effective interventions in the MSME sector. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Kerala government has declared 2022-23 as the "Year of Entrepreneurship". ● Aim is to establish one lakh new Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). ● This target was achieved in the first nine months, and the project was extended to 2023-24 as Entrepreneurship Year 2.0. ● Overall, 3,34,000 new enterprises have been launched, with Rs 21,352cr investment and 7,08,000 jobs <p>Key Features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Focus on Job Creation: The primary objective is to create a significant number of employment opportunities within the state. ● Empowering Entrepreneurs: The initiative aims to empower individuals, particularly youth, to become entrepreneurs and contribute to the state's economic growth. ● Government Support: The government has implemented various support measures, including: ● Financial Assistance: Providing loans and subsidies to aspiring entrepreneurs. ● Skill Development Programs: Offering training programs to enhance
<p>Kerala's solar power vs hydropower capacity</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kerala's solar power installations are set to exceed hydropower capacity, currently at 2,096.36 MW. ● As of March 2024, solar capacity stands at 224.08 MW, with plans to add 1,342 MW in the coming years through various initiatives, including rooftop systems and floating solar projects.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By 2040, projections indicate solar capacity could reach 10,558 MW, significantly contributing to the state's renewable energy goals and reducing reliance on traditional hydropower sources.
<p>Swachh Survekshan 2023 audit</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kozhikode's public toilets have achieved an impressive average cleanliness score of 90.44% in the Swachh Survekshan 2023 audit. • This marks a significant improvement in public sanitation, reflecting effective maintenance and management practices. • The successful audit results indicate a positive shift away from previously poor conditions, with over 80% of the facilities reported as clean and well-maintained. • This initiative highlights the city's commitment to enhancing public hygiene standards and improving the overall experience for residents and visitors alike.
<p>KSINC to launch three new boat cruises to islands off Kochi</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KSINC (Kerala Shipping and Inland Navigation Corporation) is set to launch three new boat cruises to islands off Kochi and Alappuzha. • This initiative aims to enhance tourism and provide scenic experiences through Kerala's picturesque backwaters. • The announcement was made recently, highlighting KSINC's commitment to expanding its cruise services in the region. • These cruises will complement existing services and aim to attract more visitors to the beautiful waterways of Kerala. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was formed in 1989 by the amalgamation of the Kerala Inland Navigation Corporation (KINCO) established in 1975, and the Kerala Shipping Corporation (KSC) established in 1974. • KSINC is a government of Kerala undertaking that oversees the shipping and inland navigation matters of the state.

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