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Kerala Regional News

<p>Person in News: M.T. Vasudevan Nair</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● M.T. Vasudevan Nair, a revered figure in Malayalam literature, passed away at the age of 91 due to heart failure. ● He was also an exceptional scriptwriter who revolutionised the art of screenplay writing in Malayalam cinema and authored several landmark films. ● Some of those films were directed by M.T. himself. ● His debut film as a director was Nirmalyam. ● He won the National Award for the best film in 1974 for Nirmalyam. ● He is known for his influential works like Naalukettu and Asuravithu <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● He was born at a village called Kudallur, near Ponnani. ● He was a writer of remarkable skills from an early age. ● At the age of 29, he wrote Asuravithu. ● His famous novels are: Randamoozham, Asuravithu, Manju, Kaalam and Nalukettu.
<p>Kerala governor reassigned to Bihar</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In a significant reshuffle, President Droupadi Murmu recently appointed two new governors and reassigned three others, reorganising the leadership in five states. ● Arif Mohammed Khan, the governor of Kerala has been reassigned to Bihar. ● Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar moved from Bihar to Kerala. <p>Other appointments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ajay Kumar Bhalla, a former Union Home Secretary, has been appointed as the Governor of Manipur. ● General (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Singh has been appointed as Governor of Mizoram. ● Hari Babu Kambhampati, the Governor of Mizoram, who has been transferred to Odisha. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Article 153: It states that there shall be a Governor for each state. ● Article 155: It states that the Governor of a State is appointed by the President of India by warrant under his hand and seal. ● Article 156: It states that the Governor holds office during the pleasure of the President
<p>Kerala Folk Festival</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kerala is set to celebrate Kerala's vibrant cultural heritage with a



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	<p>unique festival that promises to showcase some of the state's rare folk art.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It will be held from December 27 to December 30 at Vyloppilly Samskrithi Bhavan. • The festival includes: • Charadupinnikkali: A centuries-old art from southern Kerala, performed on the opening night. • Vilpattu: A narrative ritual art form from southern Travancore. • Seethakali: A tribal dance-drama rooted in mythology, concluding the festival. <p>About:</p> <p>Charadupinnikkali:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charadupinnikkali, also known as Urikkali, is a unique and vibrant dance form practiced in South Kerala. • The dance features energetic and rhythmic movements, often accompanied by traditional percussion instruments like the chenda (a percussion drum). <p>Vilpattu:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Villu Pattu is a traditional folk art form popular in South India, particularly in the states of Kerala and Tamil Nadu. • It involves musical storytelling accompanied by the playing of a villu (bow), a long wooden instrument. • The bow is played by striking it with a stick, creating rhythmic sounds. • Performers narrate stories, often from Hindu mythology or folklore, while accompanying themselves with the villu and other instruments like the udukku (a small drum) and cymbals. <p>Seethakali:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seethakali is a vibrant and dynamic folk dance-drama form that originated in Kerala. • It primarily depicts episodes from the Ramayana, but with a unique focus on the perspective of Sita. • It is characterized by its fast-paced movements, intricate footwork, and expressive gestures. • Performers adorn themselves with elaborate costumes, vibrant makeup, and intricate headdresses. • The dance is accompanied by traditional instruments like the chenda (a percussion instrument) and maddalam (a drum). • Seethakali has historically been performed by members of the Pulaya community, a Dalit community in Kerala.
<p>KIRTADS</p>	<p>Context:</p>



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- **Nera Thinka -24'**, a national tribal festival, has begun at the Kerala institute for Research Training and Development studies of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (KIRTADS) in Kozhikode
- The week-long festival features several aspects of the tribal culture such as food, art, literature, medicine, and handicrafts.
- Tribal communities from Kerala, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu are taking part in the festival that also includes an **ethnic food festival**, 'Uchal', a **tribal literary camp**, 'Bellibane', a **tribal medicine camp**, and a **tribal dance festival**.

Refer to Addapedia notes for detailed info on Nera Thinka.

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