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National and International News

<p>Women's Quota Bill in Lok Sabha</p>	<p>Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Central government passed the Women's Reservation Bill in the Lok Sabha to reserve one-third of the seats in the Lower House and In the legislative Assemblies for women. <p>Key points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is tabled as the Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-Eighth) Amendment Bill, 2023. It would be implemented only after the 2026 delimitation exercise using data from the Census to be conducted. The reservation in the Lok Sabha can hence be implemented only in the Lok Sabha election in 2029 and not in 2024. The women's participation will then go to 181 from the current participation of 82 members. <p>Did you know?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was first introduced in the parliament in 1996 by the Deve Gowda government
<p>Delimitation Commission</p>	<p>Context</p> <p>The 128th Constitutional Amendment Bill, 2023 will be implemented after the 2026 delimitation.</p> <p>Key points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delimitation deals with adjusting the boundaries of constituencies according to the population. Article 82 and Article 170 of the Constitution empower the Parliament to readjust the allocation of seats in the Lok Sabha and the Legislative Assemblies of States respectively, after every census. <p>About Delimitation Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is a high-powered committee entrusted with the task of drawing and redrawing boundaries of different constituencies for state assembly and Lok Sabha election. It is appointed by the President and works in collaboration with the Election Commission. The Commission consists of – A retired or working Supreme Court Judge (chairperson), Election Commissioner, and Concerned State Election Commissioners <p>Did you know?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Commission's orders cannot be called into question before any court.



Three Hoysala temples declared World Heritage Sites



Context

- The Hoysala temples at Belur, Halebid, and Somanathapura in Karnataka were declared UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Key points

- The **Chennakeshava temple at Belur** the **Hoysaleswara temple at Halebid** — both in Hassan district — and the **Keshava temple at Somanathapura** in Mysuru district are given this tag.
- The Hoysala temples are known for their unique temple i.e. **Stellate plan** on a raised platform.
- The material used in temple construction is **soapstone**

Chennakeshava Temple, Belur:

- Construction commenced in 1117 AD and took 103 years to complete.
- The temple is **dedicated to Lord Vishnu**
- The theme of the temple narrates **scenes from the life of Vishnu and his incarnation and epics of Ramayana and Mahabharata** and some of Shiva

Hoysaleshwara Temple, Halebidu:

- Built-in **1121 CE** during the reign of **Vishnuvardhana** Hoysaleshwara.
- The temple is **dedicated to Shiva**
- and was built by wealthy citizens and merchants of **Dwarasamudra**.
- Halebid has a walled complex containing three **Jaina Basadi** (temples) of the Hoysala period as well as a stepped well.

Keshava Temple, Somanathapura:

- It is a beautiful Trikota Temple **dedicated to Lord Krishna**.

Centre floats new science awards



Context:

- The Union government is set to institute the **Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar** — 56 prizes to felicitate **scientists, technologists, and innovators**.

Key points

- these awards will bestow a certificate and a medallion on the awardee
- The Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar to have **three Vigyan Ratna**, **25 Vigyan Shri**, **25 Vigyan Yuva-Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar**, and three **Vigyan Team awards**;
- the awards will be announced every year on May 11 which is **National Technology Day**

Did you know?



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- These prizes will be awarded **annually for 13 categories**

WHO releases report on global impact of high BP

Why in the news?

World Health Organization (WHO) released its first-ever report on hypertension.

Key facts:

- According to **the report, four of every five people** with hypertension are not adequately treated
- Hypertension is the most important risk factor for death and disability in **India**
- The WHO report states that **hypertension affects one in three adults worldwide.**
- This condition **leads to stroke, heart attack, heart failure, kidney damage,** and many other health problems.
- The number of people living with **hypertension doubled between 1990 and 2019,** from 650 million to 1.3 billion.
- More than **three-quarters of adults with hypertension live in low- and middle-income countries.**

Did you know?

- **FSSAI** has launched an awareness campaign called **Heart Attack Rewind** to educate people.

Kerala Regional News

Literacy Commission Authority is now under the Local Department

In News: Literacy Commission Authority and Perrakars is now under the local department.

- Kerala's cabinet decided to transfer the State Literacy Mission Authority and literacy promoters from the Public Education Department to the Local Government Department.
- The change of department is considering the administrative convenience in the situation where the central assistance to the promoters has stopped.

Key Points:

- The Literacy Commission Authority and Perrakars will become part of the local department after this.
- The Local Government Department will consult with the Finance Department to make a decision regarding the Government share for payment of honorarium to promoters and the share to be paid by local bodies.

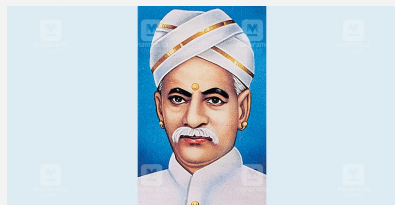


Kerala State Literacy Mission Authority

Key points:

- The Kerala State Literacy Mission Authority is an autonomous institution under the General Education Department, Government of Kerala.
- It was set up in 1998 for the purpose of coordinating and activating 'Literacy and continuing education.
- Kerala launched the continuing education endeavour on 26th October 1998 propagating the slogan "Education for all and Education forever" six years after it bagged the envious title of total literacy.
- Presently the KSLMA is fully funded by the Government of Kerala in order to implement literacy, continuing education, and lifelong learning programs designed and developed by the state.
- The District Literacy Missions are looking after the activities at the district level.
- The Continuing Education Centers functioning under the Local Self Government Institutions spread across the state are the service delivery unit of the mission. activities launched by the National Literacy Mission, Ministry of HRD, Government of India. Its headquarters is in Thiruvananthapuram.

Crime Branch to investigate Ayyankali Case



In News: The case of insulting Ayyankali to Crime Branch

- The case of morphing Ayyankali's picture and spreading it on social media has been handed over to the crime branch.
- The Crime Branch Thiruvananthapuram unit will investigate the cases registered in Ernakulam and Thiruvananthapuram

Key Points:

- Ayyankali (1863-1941) was a prominent social reformer and Dalit leader in Kerala, India.
- He was born into the Pulayar community, which was one of the most oppressed and marginalized communities in Kerala at the time.
- Ayyankali dedicated his life to fighting for the rights of Dalits and other oppressed communities.
- He led several protests and movements against the caste system and untouchability. He also worked to promote education and economic development among Dalits.

Person in News: Marat Joseph



In News: Marat Joseph passed away


- Marat Joseph (93), a theater-music-cinema artist who was immortalized in the hearts of Malayalam theater lovers through his numerous roles and songs, has passed away.
- Maradu Joseph has won many honors including Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Akademi Distinguished Membership.

Key Points:

- Marat Joseph remained in professional theater for 67 consecutive years.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He acted in the play 'Vaithara' written by Cherai G. • The name Joseph was changed to Maradu Joseph. . • The first movie he acted in was the yet-to-be-released 'Para'. • He also acted in films like 'Manjil Viriyam Pulami' and 'Pooviriyum Pulari'.
<p>Pradhan Mantri Krishi Samman Scheme</p> 	<p>In News: Pradhan Mantri Krishi Samman Scheme: Notice to farmers to repay benefit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PM Kisan scheme (Prime Minister Krishi Samman Scheme) has started sending notices to those who have benefited, asking them to repay the amount. • Notices are sent through Agriculture Offices. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme is a Central Sector Scheme launched in February 2019 to provide income support to all eligible farmer families across the country. • Under the scheme, an amount of Rs. 6000 per year is provided to eligible farmer families, payable in three equal installments of Rs. 2000 • Farmers who are already availing other benefits from the government, such as farmers who are paying income tax or who are retired government officials, are not eligible for the PM-KISAN scheme.
<p>Women Adalat</p>	<p>In News: Two-day Women's Adalat concludes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The two-day adalat organized by Kerala Women's Commission concluded on Friday with 56 cases being considered on the second day. • About 15 grievances were resolved while two cases were handed over to the police. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's adalats are a type of informal court in India that are specifically designed to address the grievances of women. • They are typically held at the village or district level and are presided over by a panel of judges that includes at least one woman. • Women's adalats were first established in the early 1980s, and have since become an important part of the Indian justice system



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Vizhinjam international seaport's new Logo



In News: Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan unveils logo of Vizhinjam international seaport

- As the initial phase of the ambitious international seaport coming up at Vizhinjam in Thiruvananthapuram is nearing completion, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan unveiled its logo and identity at a function held in the capital on September 20.
- The port will be known as Vizhinjam International Seaport, Thiruvananthapuram.
- He said that the logo would help the port's identity on the global maritime trade map.

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