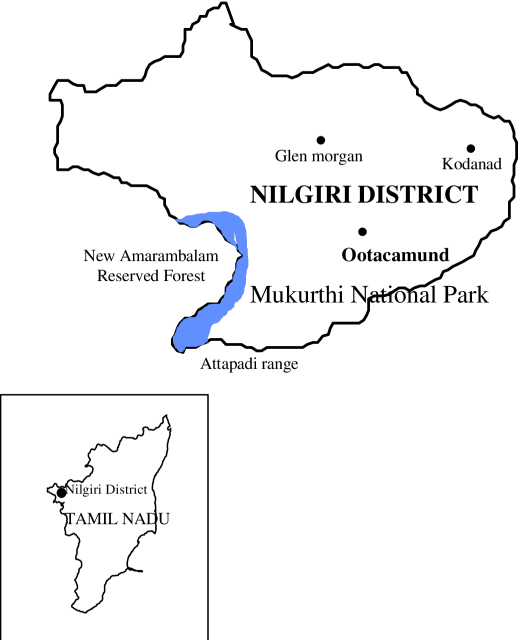




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National and International News

<p><b>Mukurthi National Park (MNP)</b></p> 	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An increase in tiger deaths and combing operations were started by the Forest dept. to ensure that there is no illegal movement of people and poachers.</li> </ul> <p><b>About Mukhurthi National Park</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The park is a <b>part of the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve.</b></li> <li>Its <b>vegetation</b> consists mostly of <b>grassland, Montane Evergreen Forest (shola).</b></li> <li>The park <b>drains by the Bhavani River.</b></li> <li>It consists of <b>peaks inside the National Park, the highest being Kolaribetta (2,630m), Mukurthi Peak (2,556m), and Nilgiri Peak (2,477m.</b></li> <li>It is sandwiched between the <b>Mudumalai National Park and the Silent Valley National Park.</b></li> <li>The area was <b>declared a wildlife sanctuary in 1982 and upgraded to a National Park in 1990.</b></li> <li>It was established by conserving its keystone species – <b>the Nilgiri Tahr.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Did you know?</b> Mukurthi National Park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and was <b>formerly known as Nilgiri Tahr National Park.</b></p>
<p><b>India Smart Cities Award Contest (ISAC) 2022</b></p>	<p><b>About award</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The ISAC recognizes and rewards the cities, projects, and innovative ideas that are promoting sustainable development across the 100 smart cities.</li> </ul> <p>Winners:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indore - Best Smart City Award</li> <li>Madhya Pradesh - Best State Award</li> <li>Chandigarh - Best UT Award</li> </ul>
<p><b>Urban-20 (U20): Investment in Urban Development</b></p>	<p><b>Context</b> The President of India informed that overall investment in urban development has increased by more than 10 times over the last decade.</p>



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### Key points

- Under the G20, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs organized the Urban 20 event.
- U20 is an important city diplomacy initiative, which reinforces the role of cities in taking the sustainable agenda forward.
- U20 is a subgroup of the G-20, which is working to establish a practice of collaboration between cities.
- It was launched on December 12, 2017, at the One Planet Summit in Paris.

### Did you know?

- U20 2023 Cycle was chaired by the City of Ahmedabad.

### KX to help harness the potential of GenAI

#### About Generative AI

### Context

U.K. and New York-based KX, has entered the Indian market with software offerings to help enterprises and developers harness the full potential of generative AI (GenAI).

### Generative AI

- Generative Artificial Intelligence is a type of AI system that can create new content or data that resembles human-made content, such as text, images, music, code, etc.
- It works by using neural networks to learn from large amounts of data and then generate outputs based on the patterns and rules it has learned.
- ChatGPT, DALL-E, and Bard are examples of generative AI applications that produce text or images based on user-given prompts or dialogue.

### Iran military's New Imaging Satellite



### Context

- Iran's Revolutionary Guards successfully launched a new military imaging satellite.
- The Nour-3 imaging satellite was placed in orbit 450 kilometers above Earth.

### Five Eyes Alliance

### Context



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- The recent allegations by the Canadian PM on the Indian government for the killing of Khalistani leader Hardeep Singh Nijjar are based on the **information given by the Five Eyes Alliance**

### Key points

- The Five Eyes intelligence alliance consists of the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand.
- They share intelligence through a secret collective database known as 'Stone Ghost.'
- Its objectives include exchanging views on mutual interests, sharing best practices, exploring cooperation, and engaging with non-Five Eyes countries.
- It is both surveillance-based and tracks signals intelligence (SIGINT).
- Intelligence documents shared between the member countries are classified as 'Secret—AUS/CAN/NZ/UK/US Eyes Only,' which gave the group its title 'Five Eyes.'

## Kerala Regional News

**Kerala's Kanthalloor has won the Gold award**



### In News:

**Kanthalloor won the 'Best Tourism Village Gold' award for the best tourism implemented with the participation of people.**

### Key Points:

- The Best Tourism Village Gold Award is a prestigious award **given by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India**
- It is given to a village that **best exemplifies a rural tourism destination.**
- The award is given to villages that have demonstrated excellence in the following areas:
  1. Community participation
  2. Cultural heritage
  3. Natural beauty.
  4. Sustainability

### Did you know?

Kanthalloor won the award **for community participation**



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Person in News: Ramla Begum



In News:

Mappilapattu singer Ramla Begum passes away

Key facts

- Singer Ramla Begum (86), who won the hearts of fans with her Mappilapattu songs, passed away.
- Ramla Begum was a singer who broke taboos and **performed in several temples.**
- She started her musical career by singing Hindi songs
- She has won several awards such as the **Sangeet Natak Akademi Award, Kerala Mappila Kala Academy Award, and others.**

Did you Know?

Ramla Begum holds the record of presenting **Kadhprasangam in more than 10,000 venues.**

M S Swaminathan and Kuttanad Package

In News:

M.S. Swaminathan, architect of the Green Revolution, was deeply concerned about the conservation of Kerala's biodiversity.

Key Points:

- In 2006, Swaminathan was invited by the Kerala government to frame the **Kuttanad Package**
- It is a master plan for the **development of the state's rice bowl** region

Kuttanad Package



About package

- It is a **comprehensive development program for the Kuttanad region of Kerala.**
- It was **announced in 2008**
- It was announced with the **aim of reviving agriculture, restoring ecology, and making the region flood-free.**
- The package has been allocated over Rs. **4,000 crore** by the central and state governments.

Did you know?

- The first phase was completed in 2017, **focused on salinity control and flood management** and The second phase is ongoing.



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## Nava Kerala program

### In News:

The Nava Kerala program launched by the Kerala government is helping The Kerala government on a path to eradicate extreme poverty in the state by November 2025.

### Key points:

- “Kerala has set a target to eradicate extreme poverty by 93% in 2024 and completely in November 2025”
- Extreme poverty is defined by the international community as **living below \$1.90 a day (Rs 158 per day)**, as measured in 2011 international prices.

### Nava Kerala Mission

- Nava Kerala Mission is a **flagship initiative of the Government of Kerala.**
- It was launched in November 2016.
- The mission **aims to address the socioeconomic development challenges faced by the state.**
- It plans to create a "New Kerala" **through new development perspectives** and prospective planning.
- mission focuses on four key sectors:
  1. Health:
  2. Education
  3. Agriculture
  4. Housing

## Movie '2018'



### In News:

Malayalam film '2018: **Ellarum Pathiravum**'{ **2018: Everyone is a Hero**} is India's official entry in the foreign language Oscar category.

### Key Points:

- The **film was selected by a 16-member Film Federation of India committee** headed by renowned director Girish Kasaravalli.

### Did you Know?

The '2018' movie is **based on the floods in Kerala.**





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### Heart Health Campaign, Kerala

#### In News

Kerala Health department decided to launch a heart health campaign

- The campaign will be titled as “Hridayasparsham”.
- It will be part of World Heart Day observance

#### Key points:

- The campaign **aims at the early detection and treatment of cardiac diseases, and heart disease prevention**
- It also provisions first aid measures during a heart attack or delivery of CPR in the event of a cardiac arrest etc.
- ECG and Troponin T tests will be provided free of cost as part of the campaign.

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