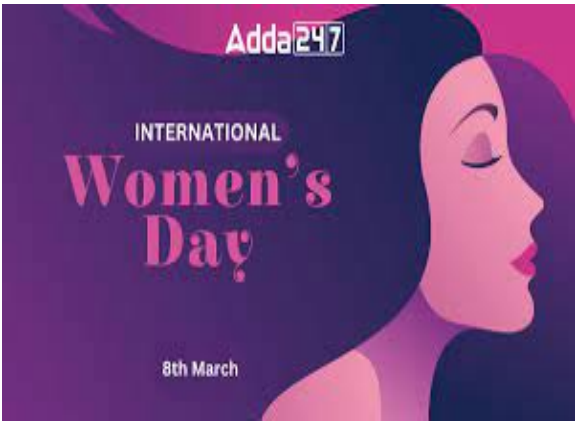






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<p>International Women's Day</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated annually on March 8th. It's a day to recognize the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. It also serves as a call to action for accelerating gender equality. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The United Nations began celebrating International Women's Day in 1975, which had been proclaimed the International Women's Year. In 1977, the United Nations General Assembly invited member states to proclaim March 8 as an official UN holiday for women's rights and world peace. <p>Theme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The United Nations has designated the year 2024's theme as 'Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress' It focuses on addressing economic disempowerment The campaign theme for this year is 'Inspire Inclusion.'
<p>Kerala School Introduces IRIS: India's First AI Teacher Robot Redefining Education</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A school in Kerala is pioneering the use of AI in education with Iris, the country's first AI teacher robot. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designed by Makerlabs Edutech, Iris personalized learning through interactive activities, voice assistance, and explanations tailored to each student's needs. This innovative approach has the potential to make education more engaging and cater to different learning styles.




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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Iris is part of a larger movement to boost extracurricular activities in schools through the Atal Tinkering Lab project. This development marks a significant step towards redefining the learning experience in India.
<p>Kerala CM launches India's first state-owned OTT platform</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kerala CM launched CSpace, marking a significant step for Indian entertainment. CSpace is the country's first state-owned OTT platform, aiming to promote Malayalam cinema and prioritize films with artistic and cultural value. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This initiative stands out from profit-driven private platforms by focusing on quality over commercial success. CSpace offers a pay-per-view model, allowing viewers to choose what they watch. The platform launched with a curated selection, including feature films, documentaries, and short films. This move is seen as a positive step for preserving and promoting Malayalam language and culture. CSpace is managed by the Kerala State Film Development Corporation (KSFDC), ensuring its focus on artistic merit alongside entertainment.
<p>Norka's programme to offer free nursing education in Germany</p>  <p>A Government of Kerala Undertaking</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Norka Roots Triple Win program offers a path to become a registered nurse in Germany for Indian high school graduates. Applicants are required to have achieved a minimum of 60% marks in their Plus Two examinations, with Biology included in the Science stream. Priority will be given to individuals who have obtained A2 or B1 levels in German Language from recognised institutions such as Goethe, Telc, or testDaf after April 2023 <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This program covers the entire journey: Free Nursing Education: You'll receive vocational training to become a nurse in Germany. Financial Support: Monthly stipends are provided during your studies.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language Training: German language classes up to level B2 are included. • Job Placement Assistance: They'll help you find a job in Germany after graduation.
<p>New wasp species named after taxonomist from Trivandrum</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new species of digger wasp has been named after Dr. Kalesh S., a researcher based in Trivandrum, Kerala <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Kalesh is a dedicated taxonomist who has discovered numerous new species, including butterflies, ants, and mantises. • This wasp species, named Miscophus kaleshi, honors his significant contributions to studying biodiversity in the Western Ghats. • This recognition highlights the crucial role of taxonomists in understanding and preserving our natural world.

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