
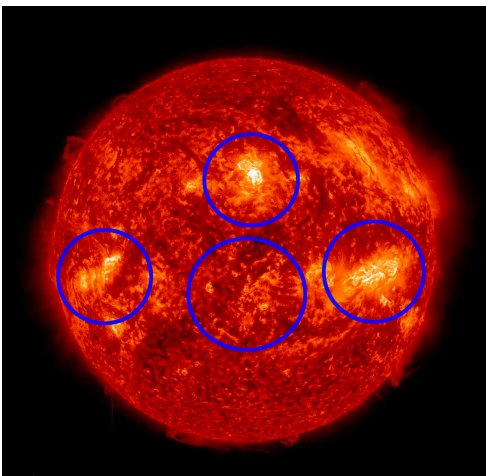





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National and International News

<p>National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)</p>  <p>National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) of India is preparing to defend the government’s human rights processes at a meeting in Geneva. The meeting is crucial as a decision on whether the NHRC will retain its “A status” is expected to be made. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The decision on the NHRC’s rating would affect its ability to vote at the UN Human Rights Council and some UNGA bodies. The meeting of the Sub-Committee on Accreditation (SCA) of the UN-recognised Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) will be held on May 1. According to a six-point submission by the SCA in March 2023, the NHRC has failed to create conditions required to be “able to operate independent of government interference”. <p>Think:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Know about NHRC. Know about Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI).
<p>Sympathetic Solar Flares</p> 	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Astronomers recently observed a rare event, a “super-sympathetic” solar flare. This event featured four simultaneous eruptions. <p>About Solar flares:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solar flares are intense bursts of radiation that come from the release of magnetic energy associated with sunspots. The increased solar radiation from a solar flare can lead to geomagnetic storms, which may impact power grids and cause auroras (northern and southern lights) at lower latitudes. <p>About Sympathetic Solar Flare:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sympathetic solar flares occur when sunspots or



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	<p>filaments are invisibly linked by massive magnetic field loops that arch above the solar surface.</p>
<p>Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN)</p>  <p>UN Climate Technology Centre & Network UNFCCC Technology Mechanism</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) is celebrating its 10th anniversary. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CTCN is the implementation arm of the UNFCCC's Climate Change Technology Mechanism, which is mandated under the Paris Agreement. It is hosted by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP). The CTCN was established to speed up the development and transfer of environmentally sound technologies for low carbon and climate resilient development, as requested by developing countries.
<p>Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released a master direction for Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs), effective from April 24, 2024. <p>About Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs) are specialized financial institutions that buy bad debts from banks and try to recover them. ARCs are registered under the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and regulated under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Securities Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act, 2002). ARCs perform various functions such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquiring financial assets, Changing or taking over management, Selling or leasing the business of the borrower, rescheduling debts, Enforcing security interest, and Settling dues payable by the borrower.
<p>Biohacking</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biohacking is gaining popularity in India. It is especially picking up in metro cities like Delhi and Mumbai. The trend is also gradually spreading to Tier II and III cities in the country.



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	<p>About Biohacking:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biohacking is a term used to describe various methods aimed at enhancing the body's ability to function at peak performance and potentially extend lifespan. • It involves using techniques from fields such as biology, genetics, neuroscience, and nutrition. • The goal of biohacking is to enhance physical or mental performance, improve overall health and well-being, or achieve a specific health outcome.
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Kerala Regional News

IT corridors	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The government has extended the deadline to submit Expressions of Interest (Eols) for its plan to set up four IT corridors and 20 satellite IT hubs to May 31. The earlier deadline was February 2. • The Kerala State Information Technology Infrastructure Ltd (KSITIL) extended the deadline after only five firms showed interest in the project. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The key criteria requiring companies to purchase land for building the IT infrastructure acted as a deterrent. • KSITIL identified 76 land parcels totalling 5,000 acres for the four proposed IT corridors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Technopark Phase III to Kollam (corridor 1), ○ Cherthala to Ernakulam (corridor 2), ○ Ernakulam to Koratty (corridor 3) and ○ Kozhikode to Kannur (corridor 4).
'Haritha Mithram' app	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Local Self-Government Department (LSGD) is planning to deploy 'Haritha Mithram'. • The plan is to digitise the scheduling to ensure timely movement and lifting of collected non-biodegradable waste from these facilities and avoid accumulation. <p>About 'Haritha Mithram' app:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Haritha Mithram' is a smart garbage monitoring application developed by the Local Self-Government Department (LSGD) in Kerala. • The application is designed to streamline waste collection and management.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It aims to track the transportation of non-biodegradable waste across the state. The app also includes a database on waste deposits, a technician app for service providers and technicians, and a customer app for the general public.
Vizhinjam Port	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Vizhinjam Port in Kerala has received approval from The Port and Shipping Ministry to operate as India’s first trans-shipment port. This significant development comes after a proposal was made to designate it as a customs-notified port. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) is expected to provide permission to set up a customs office at Vizhinjam port. Currently, 75 percent of the country’s trans-shipment cargo is processed at ports overseas, including Colombo and Singapore.
IoT Geospatial Hackathon	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IoT Geospatial Hackathon is organized by the International Centre for Independent Knowledge Research and Development (ICFOSS), a state government institution. The hackathon is a national level open hardware-IoT geospatial competition. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is supported by IIT Bombay-FOSSEE, IIT, and Tirupati. The event aims to provide a platform for students, IoT and geospatial experts, professionals, and start-ups to present their ideas, demonstrate their capabilities, and find solutions using IoT – geospatial technology. Winners will be given priority for various fellowships and internships conducted by IIT Mumbai. The hackathon will be inaugurated by the local self-government principal director.
Keralam	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The state of Kerala, also known as “God’s Own Country”, is looking to reclaim its traditional identity. The local Malayalam name for Kerala has always been “Keralam”. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Kerala Chief Minister moved a resolution in the state assembly to rename Kerala to its traditional Malayalam name, “Keralam”. The state’s legislative body passed the resolution



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unanimously.

- Article 3 of the Constitution deals with the renaming or changing the names of existing states.

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