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National and International News

<p>UN Security Council (UNSC)</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The United States has requested a UN Security Council vote on its draft resolution supporting an "immediate ceasefire with the release of hostages" between Israel and Hamas. <p>About UNSC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment: The UNSC was established in 1945 by the United Nations Charter. Primary Responsibility: The maintenance of international peace and security. Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permanent Members (P5): United States, United Kingdom, France, Russia, China. Non-Permanent Members: 10 members elected for two-year terms by the General Assembly. Voting System: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each member has one vote. Decisions on substantive matters require nine votes, including the concurring votes of all five permanent members (veto power). Functions and Powers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine the existence of a threat to peace or an act of aggression. Call upon parties to settle disputes by peaceful means. Recommend methods of adjustment or terms of settlement. Impose sanctions to maintain or restore international peace and security. Authorize the use of force to maintain or restore international peace and security. Recommend the admission of new UN members. Recommend the appointment of the UN Secretary-General.
<p>Indian Navy gets its first woman helicopter pilot</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sub-Lieutenant Anamika B Rajeev has become the first woman helicopter pilot in the Indian Navy. She received the prestigious 'Golden Wings' at a passing-out parade at a naval air station in Arakkonam, Tamil Nadu.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lt Jamyang Tsewang, the first commissioned naval officer from Ladakh, also graduated as a qualified helicopter pilot. • Both Sub-Lieutenant Rajeev and Lt Tsewang were among the 21 officers awarded the 'Golden Wings'. • The awards were presented by Vice Admiral Rajesh Pendharkar, the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Eastern Naval Command.
National Health Claim Exchange	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The National Health Claim Exchange (NHCE), a digital platform, is being launched. • The launch is being carried out by the Health Ministry in collaboration with the IRDAI. <p>About National Health Claim Exchange:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The National Health Claim Exchange is a digital platform established to streamline and standardize the process of health insurance claims in India. • Objective: To provide a unified and efficient system for processing health insurance claims, reducing administrative overhead, and ensuring timely payments to healthcare providers. • Functionality: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Standardization: Implements standardized formats for claim submissions, processing, and settlements. ○ Transparency: Enhances transparency in the claims process for both insurers and insured individuals. ○ Efficiency: Aims to reduce the turnaround time for claim processing and settlements.
Child Nutrition Report 2024	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The recently released Child Nutrition Report 2024 indicates that severe food poverty is being experienced by one in four children under the age of 5 globally. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The report was released by the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund. • UNICEF defines child food poverty as the inability of children to access and consume a nutritious and diverse diet during the first five years of life. • Prevalence: One in four children under age 5 (27%, or 181 million) globally experiences severe food poverty, making them vulnerable to life-threatening malnutrition. • Geographical Distribution: Over two-thirds of these children live in South Asia and sub-Saharan Africa. Specifically, 20 countries account for 65% of the children in severe food poverty: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, China, Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt,



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	<p>Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Myanmar, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, the Philippines, Somalia, South Africa, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, and Yemen.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Context: The report finds that severe food poverty affects children in both poor and non-poor households. Approximately half (97 million) of the children in severe food poverty live in middle- and upper-income households.
<p>Santiago Network for Loss and Damage</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This week, the 60th Session of the Subsidiary Bodies (SB60) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Bonn, Germany, hosted the third Glasgow Dialogue on Loss and Damage. <p>About Santiago Network for Loss and Damage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Santiago Network aims to catalyze technical assistance to developing countries for averting, minimizing, and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change. • Establishment: It was established at COP25 (Conference of the Parties) held in Madrid, Spain, in 2019. • Operationalization: The network is operationalized under the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts.

Kerala Regional News

<p>Solar roofing project</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan announced the State government's intention to popularise renewable energy sources. • He inaugurated the 'Solar roofing' project inaugurated at Chandrasekharan Nair Stadium. <p>About Solar roofing project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objective: To promote the use of renewable energy by installing solar panels on rooftops, reducing dependency on non-renewable energy sources and lowering electricity costs. • Initiated By: Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB) • Target Audience: Residential, commercial, and institutional buildings. • Focus: green energy • The Indian Oil Corporation provided ₹2.75 crore for the project. • The electricity produced is likely to be distributed to
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<p>Operation Life</p>	<p>private companies via KSEB.</p> <p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Kerala government has launched a new initiative called 'Operation Life' to ensure the quality of food. • This initiative clubs together various drives undertaken by the Food Safety department. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The initiative was announced by the Minister for Health, Veena George. • Various drives such as Operation Shawarma, Operation Matsya, Operation Jaggery, and Operation Holiday, which were implemented by the current government, will now be known under the single name 'Operation Life'. • These drives have led to Kerala achieving the top spot in the country in the food safety index. • This initiative is a significant step towards ensuring food safety and maintaining high standards of quality in food products.
<p>Centre for Clean Energy and Circular Economy (C-CECE)</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The National Institute of Technology Calicut (NITC) has inaugurated a new Centre for Clean Energy and Circular Economy (C-CECE). • This centre is dedicated to developing effective and affordable solutions for clean and sustainable energy, as well as advancing the principles of a circular economy. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The centre aims to converge the activities related to clean energy and the circular economy, aligning closely with the related national goals and missions of India. • It aims to develop unique and translational research facilities, and carry out advanced research in the areas of clean energy and sustainable technologies aiding the circular economy. • The centre will also focus on creating technologies and solutions for sustainable and clean smart cities and communities, as well as enhancing climate resilience. • To bolster its mission of promoting clean energy and a circular economy, NIT Calicut signed three Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with the Energy Management Centre (EMC), Kerala; the Agency for Non-conventional Energy and Rural Technology (ANERT), Kerala; and Brunel University, UK.
<p>Periyar Tiger Reserve</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Green Film Festival was held at Thekkady. • The festival was a three-day event hosted by the Periyar Tiger Reserve.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was conducted in association with the Periyar Foundation and Chaithanya Film Society. <p>About Periyar Tiger Reserve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Location: Districts of Pathanamthitta and Idukki, Kerala. Area: Designated as Periyar National Park in 1982. Significance: Renowned Elephant and Tiger reserve. Biodiversity: Repository of rare, endemic, and endangered flora and fauna. Watershed: Major watershed for the Periyar and Pamba rivers. Geography: Located in the Cardamom Hills and Pandalam Hills of the south Western Ghats, bordering Tamil Nadu. History: Founded as Nellikkampatty Reserve in 1934 by the Maharaja of Travancore, Chithira Thirunal Balarama Varma, to prevent tea plantation encroachment.
Tropical BioSummit 24	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A three-day international conference titled 'Tropical BioSummit 24' being held at Farook College. The event has been organised by the Centre for Tropical Biodiversity Conservation, in collaboration with the postgraduate and research department of Zoology, Farook College. <p>About Tropical BioSummit 24:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Themes: The major themes of the conference revolve around <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biodiversity conservation, Sustainable development, Biotechnology and molecular biology, Evolutionary biology, ecology, ethnography and livelihood, Plant science, environmental modelling, and community engagement.

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