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<p><b>Omalloor Krishi Vaibhavam</b></p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Omalloor Krishi Vaibhavam</b>, a fair believed to be over <b>800 years old</b>, began as a <b>cattle fair</b>.</li> <li>• It has since <b>evolved into a market for agricultural produce and products</b> from cottage industries.</li> </ul> <p><b>About Omalloor Krishi Vaibhavam:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Location:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Held in <b>Omalloor</b>, about five kilometers from <b>Pathanamthitta</b> in Kerala.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Tubers Galore:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ The fair <b>showcases a profusion of tubers</b>.</li> <li>◦ Tubers include chena (yam), paal chembu, mutta chembu (two kinds of colocasia), kaachil (elephant foot yam), madhura kizhangu (sweet potato), and more.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Environment Assessment (EIA)</b>      <b>Impact</b></p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A public hearing on the draft <b>Environment Impact Assessment (EIA)</b> for the second and third phases of the <b>Vizhinjam International Seaport</b> was held on Wednesday.</li> </ul> <p><b>About Environment Impact Assessment (EIA):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EIA is a process used to <b>evaluate the environmental effects of a proposed development project or activity</b> before it is carried out.</li> <li>• <b>Purpose:</b> To ensure that <b>potential environmental impacts are considered and mitigated</b> during the planning and decision-making stages.</li> <li>• <b>Legal Framework:</b> In India, EIA is governed by the <b>Environment Protection Act, 1986</b>, and subsequent notifications issued by the <b>Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)</b>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO)</b></p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Siddharth Kumar Gopal</b>, a 16-year-old from Thiruvananthapuram, is <b>set to represent India in the International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO)</b>.</li> <li>• The IESO, organized by the <b>Ministry of Earth Sciences</b>, will take place in <b>China</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key points:</b></p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He won the <b>Prime Minister Rashtriya Bal Award in 2020</b>.</li> <li>• Previously, he represented India in the <b>International Junior Astronomy Olympiad</b> in Greece, where he secured a silver medal.</li> </ul> <p><b>About IESO:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Objective:</b> To promote <b>Earth Science</b> education among young students and foster an international collaboration and exchange of ideas in the field of <b>Earth Sciences</b>.</li> <li>• <b>Founded:</b> The first IESO was held in <b>2007</b>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Kerala Toddy Industry Development Board</b></p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The state government established the <b>Kerala Toddy Industry Development Board</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>About Kerala Toddy Industry Development Board:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Kerala Toddy Industry Development Board has been established to <b>oversee and enhance the quality of toddy production in Kerala</b>.</li> <li>• Its key responsibilities include <b>organizing, promoting, and ensuring the welfare of workers in the toddy industry</b>.</li> <li>• The board aims to provide consumers with natural toddy, <b>explore value-added product initiatives</b>, and maintain statistical data related to the industry.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Lt Col (retd) N Chandrasekharan Nair</b></p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lt Col (retd) N Chandrasekharan Nair, Kerala's first Vir Chakra awardee, passed away</b> at the age of 91 on Tuesday.</li> </ul> <p><b>About Lt Col (retd) N Chandrasekharan Nair:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Commissioned</b> into the <b>Indian Army in 1964</b>, Lt Col Nair served in the <b>Madras Engineers Group</b>.</li> <li>• He <b>showcased his skills during the 1965 war</b>, particularly at <b>Dera Baba Nanak</b>, a crucial battleground defended by the Madras, Gorkha, and Raj Rifles regiments.</li> <li>• He <b>won the prestigious medal</b> for his <b>outstanding service during the 1965 Indo-Pakistan war</b>.</li> <li>• His bravery earned him the <b>Vir Chakra</b> at the age of 31.</li> </ul>



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