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Kerala Regional News

Happiness Centres	 Why in the news? The Kudumbashree Mission will establish 'Happiness Centres' in Kerala to promote a happier society. These centres are part of the National Rural Livelihoods Mission's FNHW (Food, Nutrition, Health, and Wash) initiative, implemented through Kudumbashree.
	 Key points: Objective: The Happiness Centres focus on ensuring comprehensive welfare and betterment for each person in society, with the goal of making every family a center of happiness. FNHW (food, nutrition, health, and Wash) resource persons will be appointed in each model CDS. Areas Covered: The centers will address problems related to equality, financial stability, environment, mental health, arts, sports, literature, sanitation, and democratic values. Implementation Steps: A survey will be conducted in the model community development societies (CDS) of Kudumbashree. Micro-plans will be prepared to improve each family's happiness index. Project activities will integrate with existing Kudumbashree initiatives.











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Operation Life	 Why in the news? The Food Safety Department in Kerala recently conducted a special drive called Operation Life. Inspections: The department inspected 1993 establishments across the state during this two-day drive. The inspections are part of "Operation Monsoon," aimed at ensuring food safety during the monsoon season. Objective: The focus was on ensuring food safety and hygiene standards in various establishments. Outcome: As a result of the inspections, 90 shops were shut down due to violations.
District Anti-Narcotic Special Action Force (DANSAF)	 Why in the news? The state government has empowered the district narcotic cell and the District Anti-Narcotic Special Action Force (DANSAF) to register cases on their own to streamline action against drug trafficking. About DANSAF: Composition: Each DANSAF team comprises more than 15 police officers of varying ranks. These officers are selected based on their skills, track record, and genuine interest in anti-drug work. Leadership: The District Police Chief heads DANSAF, with a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DySP) or an Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) assigned as the District Team Leader. DANSAF operates as part of the Kerala Anti-Narcotics Special Action Force (KANSAF) activities. DANSAF participates in anti-drug campaigns, awareness classes, and modern social media initiatives. Initiatives like Student's Police Cadet and Janamaithri Project help gather information and take necessary legal action.











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Coliform bacteria	 Why in the news? The Kerala health department has confirmed the presence of coliform bacteria, including E-coli, in the water samples collected from Kochi.
	 About Coliform bacteria: Coliform bacteria are a group of Gram-negative, rod-shaped bacteria commonly found in the environment, including soil, water, and vegetation. Indicator Organism: They are used as indicator organisms to detect water contamination and the potential presence of harmful pathogens. Types: The group includes genera such as Escherichia, Klebsiella, Enterobacter, and Citrobacter.
Pusthakathoni	 Why in the news? The Kerala State Water Transport Department (KSWTD) developing the reading habits of commuters across the state. KSWTD introduced 'Pusthakathoni' (floating libraries) in ferry boats operating in the Panavally-Poothotta and Ernakulam-Fort Kochi sections.
	 About Pusthakathoni: Location: Kerala, India Purpose: A project aimed at promoting reading and accessibility to books in rural and underprivileged areas. Initiative: Launched by the Kerala State Library Council. Method: Uses boats to deliver books to remote and waterlogged regions.

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