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Kerala Regional News

<p>Spice Award 2024 for Sopna Kallingal</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sopna Kallingal, agriculturist from Kallingal Plantation, awarded Spice Award 2024. <p>About Spice Award 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awarded by: ICAR-Indian Institute of Spices Research. • Recognition: Outstanding work in business diversification and integrated crop management. • Significance of the Spice Award: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Created by the Indian Institute of Spices Research (IISR). ○ Purpose: To recognize and encourage innovative and environmentally friendly farming methods in India's spice industry. ○ Goal: To honor individuals and businesses contributing significantly to the industry's growth through safe and effective farming practices.
<p>Pachathuruthu Project</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kerala's Pachathuruthu project cannot singularly drive the state to net zero carbon emissions. <p>About Pachathuruthu Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part of: Navakeralam Karmapaddhati II • Inauguration Location: Kumarakam North Government LP School • Objective: Enhance biodiversity by increasing greenery • Launch Date: June 5 (coinciding with Environment Day celebrations) • Goal: Establish 1000 pachathuruthu throughout Kerala • Leading Organization: Haritha Kerala Mission under Nava Keralam Karma Project II • Implementation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Planting saplings in every Local Self-Government Body ○ Each Gram Panchayat-Nagara Sabha to host one pachathuruthu



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Collaboration: Local self-governing bodies, voluntary organizations, public institutions, government departments, and individuals ● Objective: Identify unused public lands and create natural forest models with unique and indigenous plant species.
C.S. Mohit	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● C.S. Mohit has assumed charge as the member secretary of the Kerala State Legal Services Authority (KELSA). <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● He previously served as a judge of the Labour Court in Ernakulam and as an Additional District Judge in Mavelikara. ● Additionally, he held the position of secretary of the District Legal Services Authority in Ernakulam.
Kerala State Legal Services Authority (KELSA)	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● C.S. Mohit has assumed charge as the member secretary of the Kerala State Legal Services Authority (KELSA). <p>About KELSA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Establishment: KELSA was established under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987. ● Purpose: It aims to provide free legal services to the weaker sections of society and ensure that opportunities for securing justice are not denied to any citizen by reason of economic or other disabilities. ● Functions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Conducting Lok Adalats to provide speedy justice through alternative dispute resolution. ○ Organizing legal awareness camps to educate the public about their legal rights. ○ Providing free legal aid to eligible individuals, including women, children, and marginalized communities. ○ Implementing various schemes and initiatives to promote legal literacy and awareness. ● Structure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Chief Justice of the Kerala High Court serves as the Patron-in-Chief. ○ The Executive Chairman is usually a senior judge of the Kerala High Court.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Member Secretary oversees the daily operations and implementation of policies.
Chiri project	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 'Chiri' project in Kerala has been making a positive impact on children's well-being. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Name: Chiri (which means 'smile' in English) Objective: To resolve the mental struggles faced by children. Collaborators: The project is jointly developed by the Student Police Cadet, Our Responsibility to Children, and the Child Friendly Police. Counseling Services: Children can call the Chiri helpline for help with conflict resolution, friendly conversations, and emotional support.

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