
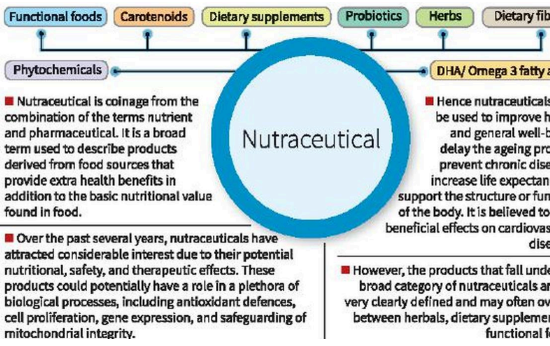




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<p>Kerala State Human Rights Commission chief</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Justice Alexander Thomas is the newly appointed Chairperson of the Kerala State Human Rights Commission (KSHRC). <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> He previously served as a judge in the Kerala High Court from 2014 to 2023 and also held the position of Acting Chief Justice in July 2023. Known for his expertise in constitutional, criminal, civil, labor, service, and company laws, Justice Thomas has a strong legal background. His appointment to head the KSHRC is expected to bring significant experience and knowledge to the commission's role in protecting human rights in Kerala.
<p>Kerala Cabinet nod for Centre of Excellence in Nutraceuticals in Thiruvananthapuram</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kerala's cabinet has given its green signal to the establishment of a Centre of Excellence for Nutraceuticals in Thiruvananthapuram. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This significant move aims to bolster the state's position as a leader in the healthcare and wellness sector. The centre will focus on research, development, and production of nutraceutical products, utilizing Kerala's rich biodiversity as a resource. This initiative is expected to create new job opportunities, promote innovation, and contribute to the state's economy. By establishing this centre, Kerala is positioning itself as a hub for nutraceutical research and development in India. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nutraceuticals are products derived from food sources that claim to provide additional health benefits beyond basic nutrition.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The term combines "nutrient" and "pharmaceutical." • Examples: Vitamins, minerals, antioxidants, probiotics, and herbal supplements. • Benefits: Can potentially prevent chronic diseases, improve overall health, and support bodily functions. • Regulation: The regulation of nutraceuticals varies widely between countries, leading to concerns about safety and efficacy.
<p>UPI payments now accepted at Kerala government offices</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kerala has become a pioneer in digital governance by introducing UPI payments in government offices. • This significant move aims to streamline processes, reduce corruption, and enhance citizen convenience. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Transformation: Kerala is leading the way in adopting digital payment methods. • Convenience: Citizens can now make payments easily using UPI apps like Google Pay and PhonePe. • Transparency: The system reduces cash handling, minimizing opportunities for corruption. • Efficiency: UPI payments are faster and more efficient compared to traditional methods. • QR Code System: Government offices will use QR codes for easy UPI payments.
<p>Thiruvananthapuram International Airport has been awarded the ACI Level 2 certification</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thiruvananthapuram International Airport has been awarded the ACI Level 2 certification for delivering exceptional customer experience. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This recognition from the Airport Council International (ACI) highlights the airport's commitment to passenger satisfaction and operational efficiency. • The airport has implemented several initiatives to enhance passenger experience, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Introduction of e-gates for faster check-in ○ Expansion of retail and food options ○ Prioritizing passenger feedback • This achievement reflects the airport's focus on creating a seamless and enjoyable travel experience for its passengers.



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- The introduction of e-gates at both terminals has significantly improved the check-in process, while the expansion of retail and F&B outlets has provided passengers with a wider array of options.

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