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<p><b>Resettlement: Five-member panel to assess preps in Wayanad</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recently, a Cabinet sub-committee members K Rajan, P A Mohamed Riyas, A K Saseendran and O R Kelu , a five-member committee headed by Wayanad District Collector D R Meghashree has been formed to assess the arrangements for temporary rehabilitation.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>Wayanad district of Kerala</b> has witnessed one of the most devastating <b>landslide-related disasters</b> due to <b>extreme rainfall</b> and <b>fragile ecological conditions</b>.</li> <li>A <b>landslide</b> is the <b>downward movement of rock, soil, and debris</b> on a slope, ranging from small shifts to large, destructive events.</li> <li>It can occur on <b>natural or man-made</b> slopes and is triggered by factors like <b>heavy rainfall, earthquakes, volcanic activity, human activities, and changes in groundwater levels</b>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Mettukurinji blooms</b></p> 	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recently, Idukki hills in Kerala turn blue as rare Mettukurinji blooms in the district.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Mettukurinji blooms</b> every <b>seven years</b> at an elevation of <b>600 to 1000 meters</b> above sea level.</li> <li>It is a <b>rare species of Kurinji</b>, the Strobilanthes sessilis variety that bursts into bloom.</li> <li>Mettukurinji blooms are also present in Parunthumpara hills.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Awards &amp; Honors: State Kayakalp awards</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recently, the State Health Department has announced the <b>Kayakalp Award for 2023-24</b>, recognising <b>government health institutions that excel in cleanliness, waste management, and infection control</b>.</li> </ul>



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	<p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>seven thematic areas</b> include: 'A' - Hospital/Facility Upkeep, 'B' - Sanitation &amp; Hygiene, 'C'- Waste Management, 'd' - Infection Control, 'E' - Support Services, and 'F' - Hygiene Promotion.</li> <li>It is an <b>extension of the Swachh Bharat Mission in India.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>PM Gati Shakti</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The South Zone district-level capacity building workshop for the PM Gati Shakti (PMGS) project, which focuses on integrated infrastructure planning, is being held.</li> <li>It will include participants from various districts across five southern states.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>PM Gati Shakti (launched in 2021)</b> is a National Master Plan for <b>multi-modal connectivity</b> that will incorporate the infrastructure schemes of various Ministries and State Governments like <b>Bharatmala, Sagarmala, inland waterways, dry/land ports, UDAN</b> etc.</li> <li>Under the programme, 100 critical infrastructure gap projects have been prioritized in FY24 for development with a budgetary allocation of Rs. 75,000 crores.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Species in news:</b> <b>Dancing Frog</b></p> 	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kallar dancing frog was found in Ranni forest division.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The dancing frogs that are <b>endemic to the Western Ghats</b> are the most <b>threatened amphibian genus</b> of India.</li> <li>They are specifically from the <b>Micrixalus genus</b>, a group of frogs.</li> <li>Dancing frogs exhibit a <b>unique mating behavior</b> characterized by <b>foot flagging</b>, where males extend their hind legs and wave their webbed toes.</li> </ul>

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