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<p>Landslides in Kerala</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> According to Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies (KUFOS) 14% of land in Wayanad is prone to landslides. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Landslide is rapid movement of rock, soil and vegetation down the slope under the influence of gravity. These materials may move downwards by falling, toppling, sliding, spreading or flowing. Geological causes: Weak, sensitive and weathered material, presence of joints and fissures, variation in physical properties such as permeability. Physical causes: Intense rainfall, earthquake/volcanic eruption, rapid snow melt/freeze.
<p>Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRI)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kerala urges Centre to include 109 panchayats in Zone II of coastal zone management plan. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) is a system of rural local self-government in India. It was constitutionalized through the 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992 to build democracy at the grass roots level and was entrusted with the task of rural development in the country. They have been established in all States as the third tier of government, aiming to build democracy at the grassroots level.
<p>Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recently, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has opened a space exhibition at the Sooryakanthi fairground at Kanakakkunnu, Kerala. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indian Space Research Organisation is the space agency under the Department of Space of Government of India, headquartered in the city of Bengaluru, Karnataka. Its vision is to harness space technology for national development, while pursuing space science research and



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	<p>planetary exploration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Antrix Corporation Limited (ACL) is a Marketing arm of ISRO for promotion and commercial exploitation of space products, technical consultancy services and transfer of technologies developed by ISRO. ● Shri S. Somanath is the incumbent chairman of ISRO.
<p>National Film Awards</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Recently, a Malayalam film Aattam made it into the 70th National Film Awards. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The National Film Awards in India, established in 1954, are among the most prestigious awards in the Indian film industry. ● Administered by the Directorate of Film Festivals under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, they aim to honor the best of Indian cinema annually.
<p>Places in news: Thiruvananthapuram</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan launched the official website of Raja Ravi Varma Art Gallery in the State capital, Thiruvananthapuram. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ravi Varma (1848–1906) was one of the first Indian painters to successfully adopt Western painting techniques and adapt academic realism to the visual interpretation of Indian mythology. ● He was born into aristocracy at Kilimanoor in the erstwhile Travancore state of present-day Kerala. ● He is also known as ‘The Father of Modern Indian Art’ was an Indian painter of the 18th century who attained fame and recognition for portraying scenes from the epics of the Mahabharata and Ramayana.

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