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Kerala Regional News

<p>Person in news: Sundararajan Padmanabhan</p> 	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recently, Kerala native and former Indian Army Chief General Sundararajan Padmanabhan has passed away. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> He was born in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, on December 5, 1940. He was awarded the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (AVSM) for his services as the 15 Corps Commander. He served as the Chief of Army Staff from September 30, 2000 to 31 December 31, 2002.
<p>Places in news: Kochi</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A workshop on ‘Kochi as World Heritage’ was held which aimed at getting a Unesco heritage tag for the city. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A World Heritage site is a landmark or area with legal protection by an international convention administered by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO). They are designated by UNESCO for having cultural, historical, scientific or other forms of significance. The sites are judged to contain “cultural and natural heritage around the world considered to be of outstanding value to humanity.”
<p>Important Days: Chingam 1</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kerala welcomes the new century in the Malayalam calendar, Chingam 1. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Kollavarsham calendar was first prepared in 824 AD. Malayalees rely on Kollavarsham to determine the day and stars for sowing and harvesting, marriage ceremonies, new house construction



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	<p>and housewarming.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chingam 1 marks the beginning of the new year for the Keralites and marks the beginning of the century as well. • The Kollavarsham calendar was started to commemorate the founding of the city of Kollam.
<p>Awards & Honors: National Film Awards</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recently, Malayalam films have been awarded gold at 70th National Film Awards. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The National Film Awards were established in 1954, when the awards were given for the films of the year 1953. • It was set up under this Ministry of Information and Broadcasting in 1973. • The National Film Awards are given in three sections: Feature Films, Non-Feature Films, and Best Writing in Cinema. • These awards have been administered by the Directorate of Film Festivals since 1973.

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