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<p>National Industrial Corridor Development Programme (NICDP)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recently, the Union Cabinet has approved Palakkad industrial city, part of the National Industrial Corridor Development program. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Government of India is developing various Industrial Corridor Projects as part of the National Industrial Corridor program, which is aimed at the development of futuristic industrial cities in India that can compete with the best manufacturing and investment destinations in the world. Administration: The National Industrial Corridor Development and Implementation Trust (NICDIT) is under the administrative control of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT). It is India's most ambitious infrastructure programme aiming to develop new industrial cities as "Smart Cities" and converging next generation technologies across infrastructure sectors. 11 Industrial corridor projects are being taken up for development, with 30 Projects to be developed in 04 phases up to 2024-25.
<p>Awards & Honors: PATA gold award 2024</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recently, Kerala tourism presented the PATA gold award 2024 for its online contest 'Holiday Heist' in the Digital Marketing Campaign category, at a function in Bangkok. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Pacific Asia Travel Association Gold Awards recognises exceptional achievement in a variety of endeavors, acknowledging and rewarding the very best that the Asia Pacific's travel industry has to offer. Kerala Tourism was the only destination from India to bag the PATA Gold award this year.
<p>Awards & Honors: Best Sports Photographer Award & Oommen Chandy Award</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recently, PR Sreejesh and K K Santhosh have been awarded with Oommen Chandy award and Best Sports Photographer award respectively. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Best Sports Photographer Award <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The World Press Photo award is a prestigious international



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	<p>competition for photojournalists (photographers who capture news events).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Oommen Chandy Awards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Oommen Chandy Best Sportsman Award is a notable recognition in Kerala that honors exceptional athletes. ○ The award is named after Oommen Chandy, a former Chief Minister of Kerala, in recognition of his contributions to sports and his support for athletes in the state.
<p>Person in news: M T Vasudevan Nair</p> 	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Legendary writer M T Vasudevan Nair to be honored with the N E Balakrishna Marar Memorial Literary Contribution Award at the Purna Cultural Festival. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● He is known for his influential works and significant impact on the literary world. ● M.T. Vasudevan Nair's body of work includes novels, short stories, and screenplays. ● His writing often reflects the rich cultural heritage and social issues of Kerala.
<p>Mahatma Ayyankali Jayanthi</p> 	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kerala commemorates the 161st birth anniversary of Mahatma Ayyankali as Mahatma Ayyankali Jayanthi. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ayyankali (1863-1941), who pioneered the movement to assert rights of suppressed classes in the caste-ridden society of erstwhile princely state of Travancore. ● He is renowned for his efforts in improving the socio-economic conditions of the marginalized sections of society. ● His activism focused on education, social equality, and the eradication of untouchability.

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