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Kerala Regional News

<p>Person in news: Sharada Muralidharan</p> 	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recently, Sharada Muralidharan has been appointed as the 49th Chief Secretary of Kerala. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chief Secretary is the top-most executive official and senior-most civil servant of the state government. The Chief Secretary is an officer of the Indian Administrative Service. The Chief Secretary is the senior-most cadre post in the state administration, ranking 23rd on the Indian order of precedence. The Chief Secretary acts as the principal advisor to the chief minister on all matters of state administration.
<p>Kerala Industrial Corridor Development Corporation Limited (KICDC)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The state industries department has constituted a four-member task force to coordinate the further work of the Palakkad Industrial Smart City under Kerala Industrial Corridor Development Corporation. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kerala Industrial Corridor Development Corporation Limited (KICDC) is a special purpose vehicle formed for the implementation of Kochi Bangalore Industrial Corridor (KBIC). KICDC is a 50:50 joint venture between Govt of India and Govt of Kerala. KICDC is planning to set up an Industrial Manufacturing cluster under the Kochi Bangalore Industrial Corridor in Palakkad Node.
<p>Wayanad landslide - largest in India's history</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> According to a study commissioned by the Kerala State Disaster Management Authority, the Wayanad landslide is the biggest in India's recorded history. Previously, the 1998 Malpa landslide in Uttarakhand held the record for the largest debris flow in the country. The Wayanad landslide was five times larger than Malpa.



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	<p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Wayanad district of Kerala has witnessed one of the most devastating landslide-related disasters due to extreme rainfall and fragile ecological conditions. • A landslide is the downward movement of rock, soil, and debris on a slope, ranging from small shifts to large, destructive events. • It can occur on natural or man-made slopes and is triggered by factors like heavy rainfall, earthquakes, volcanic activity, human activities, and changes in groundwater levels.
<p>App, portal - real-time rain data</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Kerala State Council for Science, Technology, and Environment (KSCSTE), in collaboration with the Institute of Climate Change Studies (ICCS), is developing an online platform and a mobile app. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This app allows citizens, district and state agencies to access live rainfall data and prepare themselves. • The initiative will be crucial for people in hilly regions and other areas susceptible to landslides and floods.
<p>Kerala State Literacy Mission (KSLM)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recently, Literacy Mission to upgrade migrant workers' syllabus in Kerala. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The literacy programme was first introduced in Palakkad district and hundreds of migrant laborers have completed the courses offered in the state. • The Kerala State Literacy Mission Authority is an autonomous institution under the General Education Department, Government of Kerala. • It was set up in 1998 for the purpose of coordinating and activating the 'Literacy and continuing education.

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