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CoMaD at Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute

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- Marine Biological Association of India (MBAI) is to organize a national conference to draw an action plan to control marine debris (CoMaD - Conference on Marine Debris) at the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute.

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- There are 5.25 trillion pieces of plastic debris in the ocean, of which 269,000 tones float on the surface.

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- Further, four billion plastic microfibers per sq km litter the deep sea.

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- In India, micro and macro plastics have been observed at all tropic levels from sardines to tunas and sea birds.

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- The Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute was established by Government of India on 1947 under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

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- Later it joined the ICAR family in 1967.

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- Kochi is the head quarter of the Institute.

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Chindu Bhagavatham

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- Chindu Bhagavatham is an art form dating back to second century BC.

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- It is popular in the Nizamabad district, Telegana.

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- Chindu is derived from the artistes' caste - Chindu Madiga - a sub-caste of Madiga among the Scheduled Caste community.

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- The Chindu Bhagavatam is also called Chindu Yakshaganam, as it is similar to Yakshaganam of Karnataka.

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- The Chindu artistes lead a nomadic life.

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- They camp in a particular place for about eight months where they stage plays and during rainy days they work as agriculture laborers.

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e- Jagrata

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- e-jagrata is a novel initiative to ensure safe, secured and effective Internet usage by schoolchildren.

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- It was launched by the district administration of Ernakulum.

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- The project is being implemented with the support of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) and State Bank of India (SBI).

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- Students of standards eight and nine from government schools and aided schools will be trained under the program.

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- The current training phase will cover cloud computing, android development, ethical hacking, robotics, and Internet payment among other topics.

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- The previous phases focused on basic IT and safe and responsible usage of Internet.

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Ranganthittu Bird Sanctuary

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- The Forest Department and Mysore Bird Watchers' group will soon conduct the first bird census at Ranganathittu Bird sanctuary.

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- Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary is situated in Srirangapatna of Mandya district, Karnataka.

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- Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary located on the islands of river Cauvery.

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- It is an example of riverine ecosystem.

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- The flying fox, bonnet macaque, common otter, common mongoose, palm civet, marsh crocodile are found here.

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- Rich avifauna includes the large cormorand, darter, spoonbill, open-billed stork, painted stork, egret, heron, and the lesser whistling teal.

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- It is an Important Bird Area (IBA) that is identified by Birdlife International and Bombay Natural History Society.

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SUVIDHA

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- Government is set to launch 'SUVIDHA', under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP).
 - SUVIDHA is a 100% Oxo-biodegradable Sanitary Napkin at a cost of Rs.2.50.
 - Oxo-biodegradable product is made by blending a pro-degrading additive into it that causes breakdown by oxidation when exposed to heat or sunlight.
 - The material will eventually be in a state where it can be digested by microorganisms.
 - A similar special additive is added in the Suvidha napkin, which makes it biodegradable when it reacts with oxygen after it is used and discarded.
 - It will be available at the Janaushadhi Kendaras.
 - It would ensure 'Swachhta, Swasthya and Suvidha' for the underprivileged women of India.
 - This affordable sanitary pad will promote hygiene, ease of disposal as well as keep the environment clean.
 - According to the National Family Health Survey 2015-16, about 58% of women aged between 15 to 24 years use locally prepared napkins, sanitary napkins and tampons.
 - Click [here](#) to know about PMBJP
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IIDEM

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- The India International Institute for Democracy and Election Management (IIDEM) is conducting a training program on 'Capacity Development for Election Management'.
 - It is conducted under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) program of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).
 - IIDEM is an advanced resource centre of learning, research, training and extension for participatory democracy and election management.

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- The Institute is being developed in collaboration with the Government of India, United Nations, the Commonwealth and inter-governmental organizations like International Institute of Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA).

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- IIDEM has four components which are

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1. Training and Capacity Development,
2. Voter Education and Civic Participation,
3. Research, Innovation and Documentation
4. International Projects and Technical Collaboration

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- IIDEM will work for promoting democratic values and practices, enhancing voter education and awareness and developing efficient human resources.

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Map of the Day

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South America

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- Bolivia and Paraguay are the only landlocked countries.
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- Galapagos is a part of Ecuador and is an archipelago of volcanic islands distributed on either side of the Equator.
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- Chile Island is a part of Chile is a southern extension of the Chilean coastal mountain range.
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- Easter Island is also a Chilean island and is of volcanic origin.
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- Falkland Island is a part of a British overseas territory and lies on the on the Patagonian Shelf (continental shelf).
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