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Koodiyattam

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- Koodiyaattam is one of the oldest traditional theatre forms of Kerala.
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- It is based on Sanskrit theatre traditions.
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- It is the only surviving specimen of the ancient Sanskrit theatre.
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- It is used to be a combined dance drama conducted by the Chakkiyars, who provided the male cast and the Nangiars, playing the female roles.
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- Themes are based on Hindu mythology.
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- It is widely believed that Kulasekhara Varma Cheraman Perumal, an ancient King of Kerala, was the creator of Koodiyattam in the present form.
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- His book '**Aattaprakaram**' is considered as the most authoritative work on the art form till date.
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- It is officially recognised by UNESCO as a **Masterpiece of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity.**
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Pilibhit Tiger Reserve

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- Pilibhit Tiger Reserve is one of India's 41 Project Tiger reserve and is located in Uttar Pradesh.
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- It lies along the India-Nepal border in the foothills of the Himalayas and the plains of the 'Terai' in Uttar Pradesh.
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- River Sharda and River Ghaghara (Tributaries of River Ganga) mark the boundary of the Tiger Reserve.

Social Media Policy

- The Election Commission is drafting a social media policy that will allow it to monitor content that transgresses the code of conduct and also checks the misuse of the social media for proxy publicity.
- Currently, Election Commission's media certification and monitoring committee is responsible for checking code of conduct on print and electronic media for advertisements of political nature.
- Under the new policy, candidates for all assembly and general elections are required to submit details of their social media pages in their affidavits.
- All political advertisements on websites or social media sites are required to secure a pre-certification from the commission.
- They also have to submit expenditure incurred on online campaigning, including payments made to websites for carrying advertisements.

TRIFED

- Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED) is celebrating **World Honey Bee Day** to create awareness about Beekeeping and uses of its products.
- It is a national-level apex organization functioning under the administrative control of Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- The objective of TRIFED is socio-economic development of tribal people by undertaking marketing development of the tribal products.
- It serves the interest of Tribal people by ensuring better remunerative price for their Minor Forest Produce and tribal art and handicraft products.
- It is also engaged in skill up gradation and capacity building to develop the

marketing of Minor Forest Produce.

Kala Azar

- Visceral leishmaniasis (VL), also known as kala-azar, is the most severe form of leishmaniasis.
- Leishmaniasis is caused by the **protozoan** Leishmania parasites.
- It is transmitted to humans through infected sandflies.
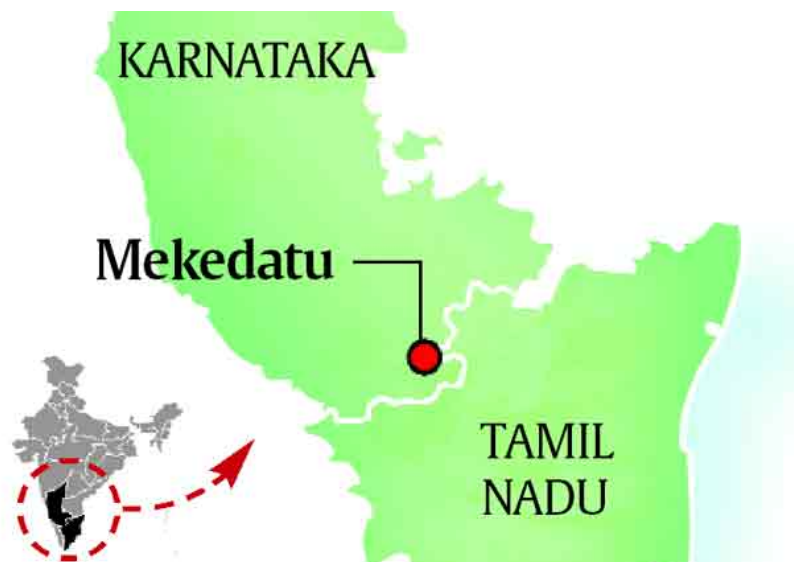- It is characterized by irregular bouts of fever, weight loss, enlargement of the spleen and liver, and anaemia.
- The parasite migrates to the internal organs such as the liver, spleen, and bone marrow, and, if left untreated, may result in the death.

Mekedatu Project

- It is a proposed project by Karnataka involving the construction of a reservoir across the Cauvery River at Mekedatu, located about 110 km from

Bengaluru.
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- It is proposed to have a storage capacity of 66.50 tmc ft and will meet the drinking water needs of Bengaluru.
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- Tamil Nadu objected the project saying that it would affect the flow of Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu.
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- Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal award, 2007, mandated an annual allocation of 419 tmcft to Tamil Nadu in the entire Cauvery basin, 270 tmcft to Karnataka, 30 tmcft to Kerala and 7 tmcft to Puducherry.
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- The Centre has notified the final award of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT) in 2013.
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