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LAKE NAIVASHA

Why in News?

Lake Naivasha is increasingly impacted by **spreading water hyacinth**, disrupting its ecosystem balance.



Crucial Facts

Location: Great Rift Valley, Kenya.

Basin countries: Kenya

Fed by: Malewa and Gilgil rivers

Geological combination: Volcanic rocks and Sedimentary deposits

Key Highlights



- **1937-1950:** Lake Naivasha served as a **landing spot for flying boats** on the Imperial Airways route.
- **1999:** Lake Naivasha Riparian Association won the **Ramsar Wetland Conservation Award**.
- The shores of Lake Naivasha are home to **European immigrants and settlers**.

ASHTAMUDI LAKE

Why in News?

A recent fish mortality incident in **Ashtamudi Lake** highlights increasing pollution concerns in the area.



Crucial Facts

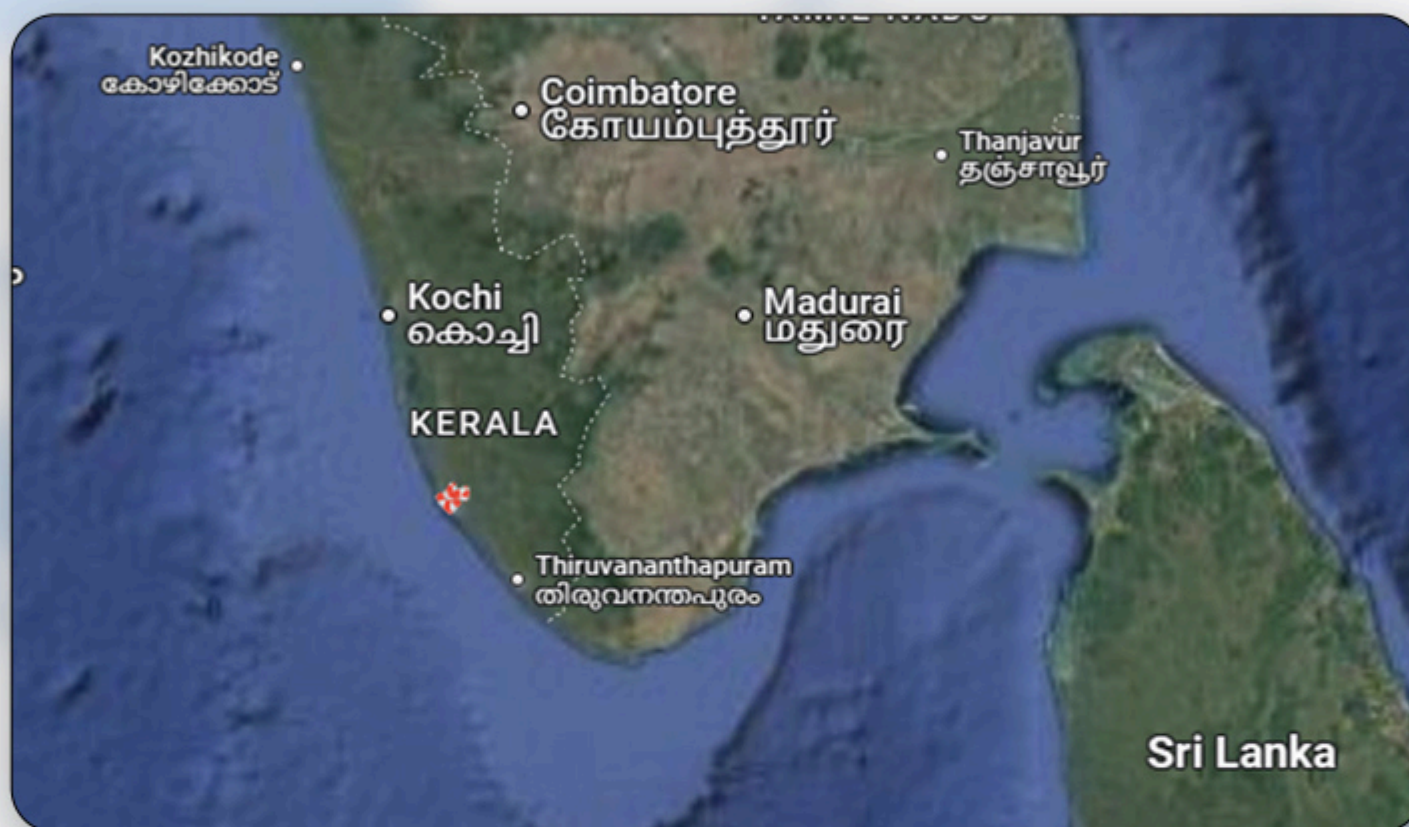
Location: Kollam district, Kerala.

Designated as: Ramsar wetland (2012)

Primary inflows: Kallada River

Islands: Sambranikodi Island, Munroe Island, Chavara Thekkumbhagam

Key Highlights



- The name **"Ashtamudi"** means **"Eight Braids"** in Malayalam, reflecting its palm-shaped topography.
- It is Kerala's **second-largest lake**, connected to the Arabian Sea via the **Neendakara estuary**.
- Ashtamudi Lake's region was a major port in the 14th century, **linking Quilon (Kollam) to global trade**.
- **Ibn Battuta, the Moroccan explorer**, referred to Quilon as a significant trading hub on the lake's banks.

GALATHEA BAY

Why in News?

The government has classified the international trans-shipment hub at Galathea Bay as a 'Major Port'.



Crucial Facts

Location: Situated in Great Nicobar Island, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, India.

Project: Overview Development of an International Container Transshipment Port (ICTP). To be developed under a public-private partnership model.



Key Highlights



Phases of Development

- Phase 1: Expected to be commissioned in 2028 with a handling capacity of approximately 4 Million TEUs.
- Ultimate Development: Projected capacity to reach 16 Million TEUs by 2058.

Strategic Importance

- Aims to capture a significant share of transshipped cargo, currently handled outside India.
- Funding and Eligibility
- Eligible for central government funding.



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