

Cheraman Juma masjid

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In news- The renovation work of Cheraman Juma Masjid, the **oldest mosque in the Indian subcontinent**, is in the final stages.

About the mosque-

- The mosque located in Methala, near Kodungallur, Thrissur District, Kerala was **built in 629CE**.
- It was built by **Malik Deenar, on the orders of the successor of Cheraman Perumal**, the Chera King of modern-day Kerala.
- The mosque was constructed in **Kerala style** with hanging lamps.
- The mosque was completely destroyed by the Portuguese in 1504 when **Lopo Soares de Albergaria** attacked the port of Kodungallur.
- In 1984, to organise prayers at the mosque, concrete structures – mainly corridor and hall were built.
- To bring back the heritage structure, the **Muziris Heritage Project** took up the task of renovating the Cheraman Juma Masjid.