

Kollam declared India's first Constitution literate district

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In news—Kollam in Kerala has been declared as the first Constitution literate district in the country.

What is Constitution literacy?

- It means knowledge and education on and about the Constitution and the laws set in place for citizens of a nation.

Key updates-

- This feat was achieved through The Citizen, a Constitution literacy campaign jointly launched by the Kollam district panchayat, District Planning Committee and Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA).
- This ambitious campaign aimed to educate people (above the age of 10) in the district on the Constitution, and the impact it has on their daily lives.
- The campaign was a remarkable success in educating citizens, who were unaware of the Constitution, on their rights and the importance of the document.
- It is an ongoing effort to ensure that all citizens are aware of the Constitution and their rights as citizens.
- As part of the campaign, the entire population of Kollam above the age of 10 were briefed on the preamble of the Constitution and the historical background of the document, its basic principles, fundamental rights of citizens, and legal remedies. Everyone, including government institutions, private establishments, socio-cultural organisations, and educational institutions.
- Around 20 to 25 individuals from each municipality and

10 to 15 persons from each grama panchayat were selected for training and they are called senators. The Kollam Corporation will have 100 to 150 senators.