

Pink Bloom

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In news

A 'pink bloom' phenomenon is drawing tourists to a village in Kerala

What is it?

- Actually it is a invasive pink flowering plant which is spread over a vast area in Kozhikode's Avala Pandi near Perambra
- Avala Pandi, a village in Kerala's Kozhikode has generated a lot of interest among locals as images of the aquatic plant spread across the village has sparked a lot of attention.
- This plant belongs to the family of Cabomba furcata
- It is locally known as 'mullan payal'.
- According to botanists, though these invasive plants appear attractive, they pose a serious threat to water bodies
- The 1,500-acre Avala Pandi, known as the rice-bowl of Kozhikode

What is an invasive species?

An invasive species is most often a non-native species that spreads from a point of introduction to become naturalized and negatively alters its new environment