SHORTNEWS:

1.TIANWEN-2 MISSION

• China is set to launch its first asteroid sampling mission called Tianwen-2.

About Tianwen-2 Mission

- The mission will investigate **469219 Kamo'oalewa**, a **near-Earth asteroid** that orbits the Sun close to Earth.
- It aims to collect samples from Kamo'oalewa using a "touch-and-go" technique or possibly an "anchor and attach" method.
- It aims to advance scientific understanding of asteroids and demonstrate China's growing capabilities in deep-space exploration.
 - If successful, China will join the ranks of the U.S. and Japan as one of the few countries to have collected and returned asteroid samples.

Kamo'oalewa

- It is a small quasi-satellite asteroid of Earth and it was discovered in 2016 by the Pan-STARRS 1 telescope in Hawaii.
- It orbits the Sun but appears to follow Earth due to its unique, elliptical path.
- It has been in its current orbit for about 100 years and is expected to remain for another 300 years.

2.Matryoshka

• Google's annual I/O developer conference in 2025 showcased AI Matryoshka.

About

- AI Matryoshka is Google's strategic framework for layering AI models and capabilities across its entire ecosystem—mirroring the structure of Russian nesting dolls (matryoshkas) where each layer supports the next.
- AI Matryoshka represents Google's strategic vision to interlace AI throughout its entire product and service lineup.
- By nesting AI functionalities within each layer of its ecosystem, Google aims to **deliver** seamless, intelligent experiences that adapt to users' needs across various platforms and devices.

Significance

- AI Matryoshka reflects how each AI capability is nested inside another, allowing:
 - Tight integration between hardware and software;
 - Reusability and specialization at different levels (from cloud to edge);
 - Seamless transitions between on-device and cloud-based intelligence.
- This creates a unified AI experience, where different AI "layers" work together depending on the task's complexity and device capability.

3.MORINGA

• PKM1, a variety of **Moringa oleifera**, has created a global impact, especially in countries such as Senegal, Rwanda and Madagascar in the African continent.

About Moringa (Moringa oleifera)

- Origin and Distribution:
 - Native to India, especially the foothills of the Himalayas.
 - Now widely cultivated in South Asia, Africa, and tropical regions of Central and South America.

• Agricultural Requirements:

- Prefers deep sandy loam soil with pH between 6.5–8.0.
- Thrives in semi-arid and tropical climates. Optimal temperature: 25–30°C.
- Drought-resistant and fast-growing can be harvested multiple times a year.

• Medicinal & Health Uses:

- Used in Ayurveda to treat over 300 conditions.
- Known for anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, and anti-diabetic properties.
- Seeds are used to purify water due to their coagulating ability.