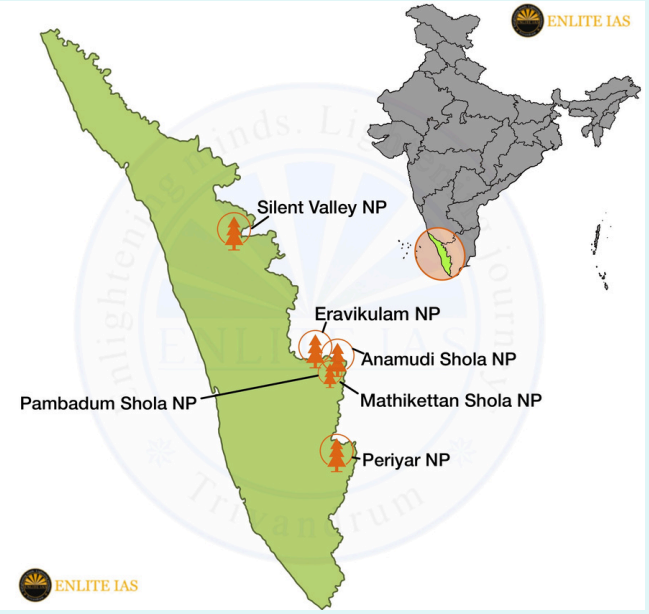
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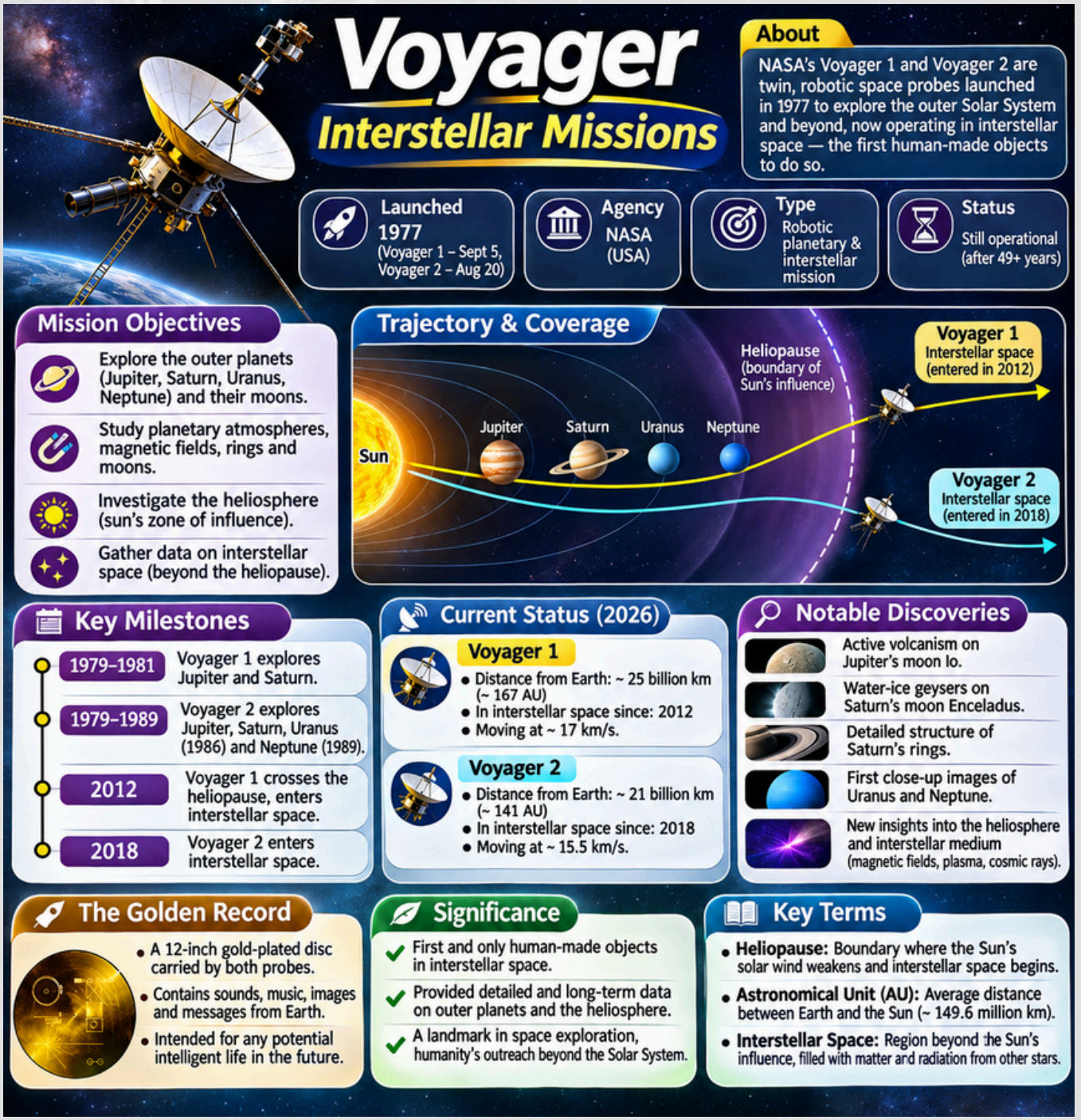
1 Silent Valley National Park (Source: The Hindu)

- **Location:**
  - Palakkad district, Kerala.
  - Nilgiri Hills, Western Ghats
- **Vegetation**: Tropical wet evergreen forests and montane shola-grassland ecosystems at higher elevations.
- **Key Fauna**: Lion-tailed macaque, Nilgiri langur, Indian giant squirrel, Great hornbill
- **Major River**: Kunthipuzha (Kunthi River), a tributary of the Bharathapuzha.
- **Key Protection Status**
  - **Biosphere Reserve**: Part of the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve, India's first biosphere reserve (1986).
  - **UNESCO**: Located within the Western Ghats World Heritage landscape.



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2 Voyager Interstellar Missions (Source: The Indian Express)



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4 JAIMEX 2026 (Source: PIB)

JAIMEX 2026 is the Japan–India Maritime Exercise, a bilateral naval drill between the Indian Navy and the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF).

- **Location**: South of Honshu, Japan
- **Aim**: Improve interoperability, operational coordination, and mutual understanding; support a free, open and secure Indo-Pacific
- **Objectives**
  - The exercise included tactical manoeuvres, communication drills, and cross-deck landings—where helicopters or personnel operate from the other navy's ship.
  - These activities build practical interoperability: compatible procedures, communications, and coordinated operations between two navies.

Other Exercises Between Both Countries

- Dharma Guardian: Army
- Shinyuu Maitri: Air Force
- Veer Guardian: Air Force
- Jaa Mata: Coast Guards