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TAMIL NADU

17th wildlife sanctuary

ABOUT THE SANCTUARY



JUMBO SIGHTING: Elephants at the new sanctuary

Location Between Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary in TN and Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary in Karnataka	chances are the animals may enter the newly notified sanctuary
In pipeline Wildlife authorities to write an integrated management plan for the sanctuary	Important elephant habitat A sizeable population of elephants is reported
Tiger movements As tiger sightings have been reported in Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary,	Formation Ten reserved forests in Krishnagiri and six in Dharmapuri have been clubbed to form the sanctuary

- ❖ Tamil Nadu government has notified the Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary on as the state's 17th wildlife sanctuary.
- ❖ The sanctuary is covering reserve forest areas in Krishnagiri and Dharmapuri districts.
- ❖ It is home to 35 species of mammals, 238 species of birds and other red-listed species.
- ❖ This landscape maintains further continuity to the Nilgiri Biosphere through Malai Mahadeshwara Wildlife Sanctuary, Billigiri Rangaswamy Temple Tiger Reserve in Karnataka and Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve and Erode District.
- ❖ Two important and large elephant corridors namely, the Nandimangalam-Ulibanda Corridor and the Kovaipallam-Anebiddahalla Corridor fall in this area.

Third-largest state in own tax revenues

- ❖ Tamil Nadu has displaced Karnataka to emerge as the third largest state in terms of own tax revenue collections in the first half of the current fiscal.
- ❖ It is driven largely by excise duty on liquor sales.

- ❖ Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh take the first two positions.

A substantial rise
The tax collection in Tamil Nadu has increased by over 50% in the first quarter of fiscal 2023

	Q1 2023	Q1 2022	% change
State Goods and Services Tax	13692.84	9224.11	48.4
Stamps and Registration Fees	4457.95	2314.46	92.6
Land Revenue	58.46	38.07	53.5
Taxes on Sales, Trade etc	13119.24	9484.81	38.3
State Excise Duties	2594.55	1199.23	116.3
Total	33923.04	22260.68	52.3

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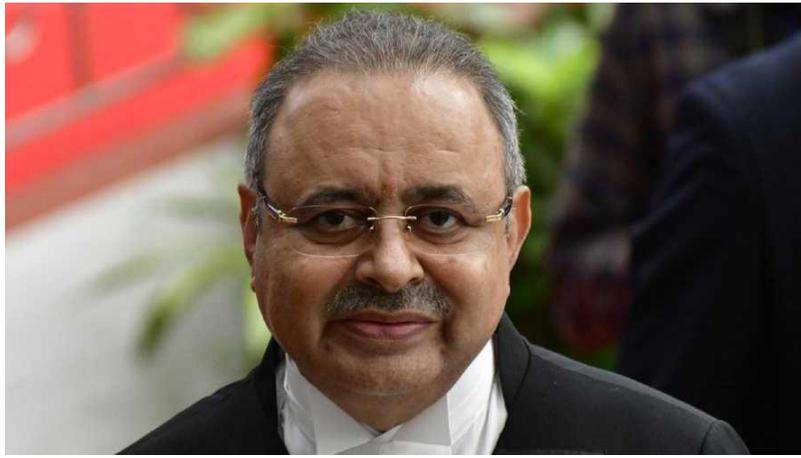
50th Chief Justice of India



- ❖ Justice D Y Chandrachud took charge as the 50th Chief Justice of India.
- ❖ He will serve as CJI for a period of two years, succeeding Uday Umesh Lalit.

- ❖ He has been part of several Constitution benches and landmark verdicts of the top court including on matters relating to the Ayodhya land dispute, the right to privacy and adultery.
- ❖ His father YV Chandrachud was also served as CJI.
- ❖ He and his father are the only father-son duo to have reached the position of the CJI in the country's judicial history.

22nd Law Commission



- ❖ After two and a half years, the 22nd Law Commission of India has been constituted with Justice (retd) Rituraj Awasthi as its head.
- ❖ Justice Awasthi took over as CJ of the Karnataka High Court in October 2021, and retired in July this year.
- ❖ He headed the Bench that upheld the state government's restriction on women and girls wearing the hijab in educational institutions.
- ❖ Law Commission of India is a non-statutory body that is constituted by a notification of the Government of India.
- ❖ The Law Commission was first constituted in 1955, and has so far submitted 277 reports.
- ❖ The tenure of the 21st Law Commission, which was headed by former Supreme Court judge Justice B S Chauhan, came to an end on August 31 2018.

India's First Floating Financial Literacy Camp

- ❖ Recently, India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) conducted India's First Floating Financial Literacy Camp.
- ❖ This initiative called 'Niveshak Didi' to promote Financial Literacy 'By the women, for the women', in Srinagar.

- ❖ It is launched by IPPB, in collaboration with Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) under the aegis of Ministry of Corporate Affairs.



India's G20 presidency



- ❖ PM unveiled the logo, theme and website of India's G20 presidency.
- ❖ The logo, theme and website of India's G20 presidency reflected the country's "message and overarching priorities" to the world.
- ❖ India will assume the presidency from the current chair Indonesia on December 1.
- ❖ The G20 or Group of 20 is an intergovernmental forum of the world's major developed and developing economies.

- ❖ It is representing around 85% of the global GDP, over 75% of the global trade, and about two-thirds of the world population.

ENVIRONMENT

Dolphins in Ganga



- ❖ The dolphins which had started disappearing due to pollution in the Ganga River have started coming back due to the improvement in the water quality of the river.
- ❖ Dolphins have also been seen breeding in Brijghat, Narora, Kanpur, Mirzapur, Varanasi.
- ❖ At present, the population of dolphins in the Ganga in Uttar Pradesh is estimated to be around 600.

Pseudohelice Annamalai

- ❖ New species of estuarine crab named Pseudohelice annamalai was discovered in Cuddalore District in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ The species' name recognizes 100 years of service by Annamalai University in the areas of research and education.
- ❖ The new species is found across the Indian Subcontinent and the eastern Indian Ocean.

- ❖ Before this, only two species have been identified from the genus Pseudohelice.
- ❖ They are Pseudohelice subquadrata and Pseudohelice latreilli.



STATES

World's First Vedic Clock



- ❖ Madhya Pradesh's Ujjain, will soon boast the world's first Vedic clock.
- ❖ It will be synced with the position of the Sun.
- ❖ The foundation stone was laid at the 300-year-old Jiwaji Observatory in Ujjain.
- ❖ This (Vikramaditya) Vedic clock will be divided into 24 muhurats (hours).

Grama Vandī – Kerala

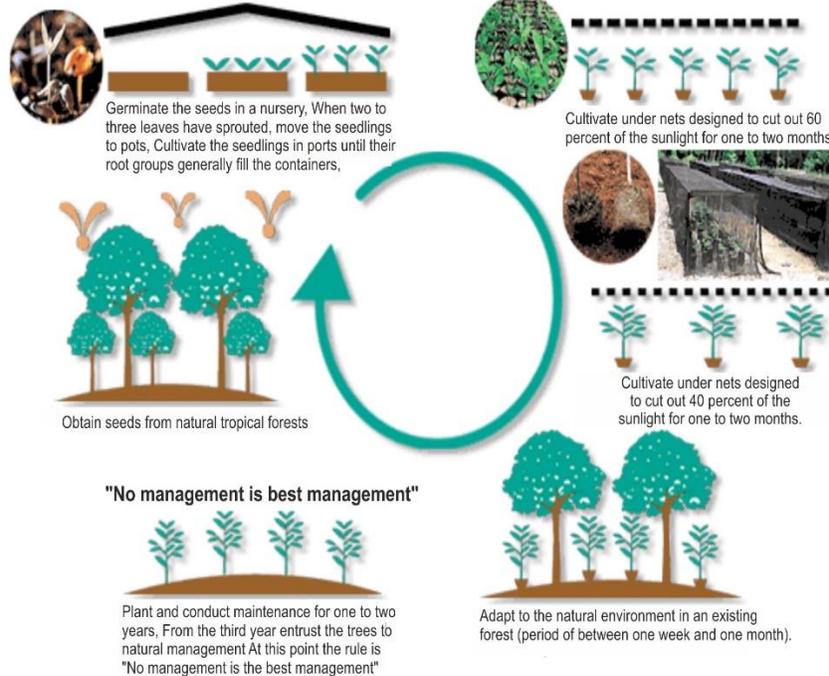
- ❖ The KSRTC's "Grama Vandī" was introduced in collaboration with State-level local self-government organisations.

- ❖ Recently, it got the “Commendation Award in Urban Transport” for “City with the Best Public Transport System”.
- ❖ This award was established by the Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry.
- ❖ The projects are intended to improve public transportation in all Indian cities were taken into consideration.



Country's largest Miyawaki park

The Miyawaki method for restoring tropical forests



- ❖ The country’s largest Miyawaki urban forest spread over 18 acres is hosted by Kavaguda, Hyderabad.

- ❖ This is the country's largest Miyawaki forest, followed by one in Gujarat, spread over 14 acres.
- ❖ The Miyawaki method was pioneered by Japanese botanist Akira Miyawaki.
- ❖ It helps build dense, fast-growing forests with native plants.

Uniform Gold Price

- ❖ Kerala becomes the first state in India to launch uniform gold prices based on the bank rate.
- ❖ The decision of uniform price is applicable to 916 purity 22-carat gold.
- ❖ Generally, Gold is priced at Rs 150-300 per gram extra over the bank rate.
- ❖ Bank rates on gold, GST, and other taxes including import duty are the same across India.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

National Florence Nightingale Awards 2021



- ❖ President Draupadi Murmu conferred the 'National Florence Nightingale Award 2021'.
- ❖ This was awarded to two nurses Shashikala Pandey and Ganga Joshi from Kumaon, Uttarakhand.
- ❖ The National Florence Nightingale Awards were instituted in the year 1973 by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

- ❖ It is a recognition for meritorious services rendered by nurses and nursing professionals in society.

MISCELLANEOUS

Venkateswara temple's net worth

- ❖ Tirupati's Venkateswara temple's net worth was over Rs 2.5 lakh crore (about USD 30 billion).
- ❖ Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams declared its net worth for the first time since its founding in 1933.
- ❖ The assets owned by TTD include land parcels, buildings, cash and gold deposits in the banks, given as offerings to the temple by devotees.

