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<p><b>Drastic Behavioral changes shown by Macaque</b></p> 	<p><b>In News:</b>Elusive macaques show drastic behavioral changes when exposed to garbage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. Dhawale, an independent researcher, has discovered that groups of endangered lion-tailed macaque (<i>Macaca silenus</i>) have been increasingly frequenting human habitations after adapting to an unconventional food source-garbage.</li></ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A four-year-long study was done in Valparai, Anamalai Tiger Reserve (ATR)</li><li>• The study has also found that the major threats faced by lion-tailed macaques (LTM) in Valparai are collision with vehicles and electrocution, especially in the town area.</li></ul>
<p><b>Keeladi Excavation</b></p> 	<p><b>In News:</b>Ninth phase of Keeladi excavation concludes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The ninth phase of Keeladi excavation came to an end on Saturday.</li><li>• CM MK Stalin inaugurated the ninth phase of excavation in Keeladi and a cluster village Konthagai in April.</li></ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The department dug up 14 trenches, where the officials traced a weighing unit made of crystal quartz, a snake figurine made of terracotta, and other artifacts.</li><li>• In Konthagai, they made three trenches and found 26 burial urns.</li><li>• Carnelian beads were also found inside a burial urn.</li><li>• Keeladi is an archaeological site located in Thiruppuvanam taluk of Sivagangai district in Tamil Nadu</li><li>• The site has been excavated by the Tamil Nadu Archaeological Department since 2014.</li></ul> <p><b>Did you Know?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The excavations have revealed a well-planned urban settlement dating back to the <b>6th century BCE to the 1st century CE.</b></li></ul>
<p><b>Special fever camps conducted in view of increasing dengue cases, TN</b></p>	<p><b>In News:</b>Special camps identify 1,400 fever cases in Tamil Nadu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Around 1,400 fever cases were identified by the Health and Family Welfare Department in TN</li></ul> <p><b>Key points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The health department decided to conduct special fever camps in areas across the state as the state has</li></ul>



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	<p>recorded 4,000 dengue cases so far.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It organized 2,000-odd special medical camps across the state</li> </ul>
<p><b>Wildlife Act overpowers Elephant Conservation Authority</b></p>	<p><b>In News:</b> ‘Elephant conservation authority not needed, Wildlife Act is good enough’</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The National Board of Wildlife (NBWL) decided not to constitute National Elephant Conservation Authority (NECA), a long-pending proposal, to conserve the elephant corridors that are increasingly getting fragmented and degraded due to encroachments and other anthropogenic pressures.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The decision was taken at the 74th meeting of the standing committee of NBWL</li> <li>NBWL said that there is no need for the constitution of the National Elephant Conservation Authority and the ministry shall inform the Supreme Court accordingly.</li> <li>It said that the declaration of elephant corridors and regulation of activities in those corridors may not be acceptable to the public at large</li> </ul>
<p><b>Wildlife Protection Act</b></p>  <p>WILD LIFE PROTECTION ACT, 1972</p>	<p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 (WPA) is a comprehensive legislation enacted by the Government of India to provide for the protection of wild animals, birds, and plants and for matters connected therewith or ancillary or incidental thereto.</li> <li>The Act has been amended recently in 2011.</li> </ul> <p>The WPA classifies wild animals into two categories:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Schedule I</b> : Animals are the most endangered and their killing or trading is strictly prohibited.</li> <li><b>Schedule II</b>: Animals are also protected, but some limited exceptions are allowed for scientific research, captive breeding, and other purposes</li> </ol>



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125 tonnes copra procured

**In News:** 125 tonnes copra procured in Madurai this season

- The agricultural marketing department has procured more than 125 metric tonnes of copra, which is 70 tonnes more than the amount of copra procured in the previous year.

**Key Points:**

- The procurement of copra was carried out under the **Price Support Scheme by the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED)**
- It was carried through the agricultural marketing department between April and September this year.
- Though the target was 100 tonnes, more than 125 tonnes of copra has been procured in Madurai.



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