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Drastic Behavioral changes shown by Macaque



In News: Elusive macaques show drastic behavioral changes when exposed to garbage

Dr. Dhawale, an independent researcher, has discovered that groups of endangered lion-tailed macaque (Macaca silenus) have been increasingly frequenting human habitations after adapting to an unconventional food source-garbage.

Key Points:

- A four-year-long study was done in Valparai, Anamalai Tiger Reserve (ATR)
- 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.

Keeladi Excavation



In News: Ninth phase of Keeladi excavation concludes

- The ninth phase of Keeladi excavation came to an end on Saturday.
- CM MK Stalin inaugurated the ninth phase of excavation in Keeladi and a cluster village Konthagai in April.

Key Points:

- 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.
- In Konthagai, they made three trenches and found 26 burial urns.
- Carnelian beads were also found inside a burial urn.
- Keeladi is an archaeological site located in Thiruppuvanam taluk of Sivagangai district in Tamil Nadu
- The site has been excavated by the Tamil Nadu Archaeological Department since 2014.

Did you Know?

The excavations have revealed a well-planned urban settlement dating back to the 6th century BCE to the 1st century CE.

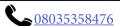
Special fever camps conducted in view of increasing dengue cases, TN

In News: Special camps identify 1,400 fever cases in Tamil Nadu

Around 1,400 fever cases were identified by the Health and Family Welfare Department in TN

Key points:

 The health department decided to conduct special fever camps in areas across the state as the state has





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recorded 4,000 dengue cases so far.
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Wildlife Act overpowers Elephant Conservation Authority

In News: 'Elephant conservation authority not needed, Wildlife Act is good enough'

 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.

Key points:

- The decision was taken at the 74th meeting of the standing committee of NBWL
- 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.
- It said that the declaration of elephant corridors and regulation of activities in those corridors may not be acceptable to the public at large

Wildlife Protection Act



Key Points:

- 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.
- The Act has been amended recently in 2011.

The WPA classifies wild animals into two categories:

- 1. **Schedule I**: Animals are the most endangered and their killing or trading is strictly prohibited.
- 2. **Schedule II:** Animals are also protected, but some limited exceptions are allowed for scientific research, captive breeding, and other purposes



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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

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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