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<p>Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY)</p>  <p>PRADHAN MANTRI GARIB KALYAN PACKAGE</p> <p>PM Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana</p> <p>Farmers, Women Jan Dhan Account Holders, MGNREGA workers, Women SHGs, Old Age / Widow / Disabled pensioners, private employees to benefit</p>	<p>Context</p> <p>The Union government's scheme to provide 5 kg of free food grains every month to 80 crore Indians, which is slated to end this December, will be extended for another five years.</p> <p>Key points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) was introduced in 2020 as a pandemic relief measure, providing 5 kg of free foodgrains per beneficiary a month in addition to the 5 kg of subsidised foodgrains they were entitled to under the National Food Security Act.• This is now being extended to another 5 years.
<p>De-induction of the IL-38</p> 	<p>Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The de-induction of the IL-38 aircraft was done recently.• C-295 aircraft in the medium-range maritime patrol aircraft (MPA) can take its role in the future <p>About IL-38</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IL-38 is a maritime reconnaissance aircraft that was commissioned into the Indian Navy in 1977 and remained a formidable air asset throughout its service life for nearly 44 years.• It was with the induction of IL 38 aircraft that the Navy moved into the arena of airborne Long Range Maritime Reconnaissance (LRMR) combined with long range anti-submarine search and strike, anti-shipping strike, electronic signal intelligence and distant SAR.• The IL 38 is an all-weather aircraft with long endurance and substantial operating range. Having clocked nearly 10,000 hours of operational flying.
<p>India set to open new consulate in Seattle</p>	<p>Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Ministry of External Affairs has appointed its first Consul-General in the U.S. city, Seattle.



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Zika Virus

- This will be the sixth consulate in the U.S.

Context

Five Karnataka villages come under surveillance after Zika virus outbreak.

About Zika Virus

- It is a **mosquito-borne virus** that was first identified in the Zika Forest of Uganda in 1947.
- It is primarily transmitted to humans through the bite of infected *Aedes* mosquitoes, particularly ***Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus***.
- It can also spread through sexual contact, blood transfusion, and from an infected mother to her baby during pregnancy or childbirth.
- This virus infection is usually mild, it can have serious consequences for pregnant women and their babies.
- **Infection during pregnancy can lead to birth defects** such as microcephaly, as well as other neurological disorders in the baby.
- It has also been linked to **Guillain-Barré syndrome**, a rare autoimmune disorder that can lead to muscle weakness and paralysis.
- **Treatment:** There is no specific treatment available for Zika virus infection or disease.

NCERT to introduce electoral literacy content in textbooks



Context

In a bid to address voter apathy among young Indians, the **National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)** will introduce and update textbooks to include content on electoral literacy

Key points


- The measures are part of a memorandum of understanding signed the **Election Commission of India (EC) and the Education Ministry**.
- It is aimed at extending the EC's flagship **Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP)** in schools and colleges.
- The MoU aims to address issues such as voter apathy among urban and young



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	<p>Indians.</p> <p>Did you know? Almost 297 million of the 910 million electors did not vote in the Lok Sabha election in 2019</p>
<p>NICED makes quick detection of drug-resistant H. pylori possible</p>	<p>Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A two-step PCR-based assay of a small region of the Helicobacter pylori (H. pylori) bacteria can help detect H. pylori infection and also identify clarithromycin-resistant bacteria and those which are drug-sensitive in six-seven hours • This has been developed by a team of researchers from the National Institute of Cholera and Enteric Diseases (ICMR-NICED), Kolkata
<p>E-learning system for competitive exams launched</p> 	<p>In News:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TN competitive exam aspirants will have, for the first time, an e-learning management system that contains questions and answers that were asked during the last 30 years of 21 subjects. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launched by the Directorate of Public Libraries and School Education Department, the students could register free of charge to use the facility to train for various competitive exams, including the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission (TNPSC), Teachers Recruitment Board (TRB), Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), Railway Recruitment Board (RRB), and Banking. • A total of 31,000 questions with answers and explanations will be available for the students in the e-learning management system.
<p>“Blue Green-Chengalpet” project</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project is considered as a flagship initiative starting from November 2023 and various projects will be implemented over the next one year under it. • The project includes cleaning,



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	<p>establishment of boundary and construction of perimeter wall in Lower Katala Lake, second phase of rehabilitation in Venpakkam Lake aimed at increasing storage, and dredging of Polambakkam Lake.</p>
<p>TN Wildlife Board accords to construct training walls in Pulicat Lake</p> 	<p>In News:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fishermen in the Pulicat area can heave a sigh of relief as the State Board for Wildlife (SBWL) has accorded its clearance to construct training walls to stabilize the bar mouth of the Pulicat Lake. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The State Fisheries Department said that the mouth of the Pulicat Lake gets blocked every year and fishermen are suffering as they could not venture into the sea using their boats. The government order was issued in October 2020 to desilt the mouth and to construct training walls for permanent stability of the bar mouth. The project will be implemented at Rs. 26.85 crore. The fisheries department will also conduct post-construction marine biological studies to understand the impact on the corals, marine organisms, turtle nesting, and others.
<p>Muthuraja's road to scoring big in Asian para games</p>  <p>Hangzhou 2022 Asian Para Games</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coimbatore-based K Muthuraja (33) won two bronze medals in shot put (10.42m) and discus throw (35.06m) in the Asian Para Games held in Hangzhou China. He is among the 17 players from Tamil Nadu to win medals in the event and the state government honored him with a cash reward of Rs 40 lakh.
<p>Governor highlights speciality of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam policy</p>	<p>Key Points:</p>



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- Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam is the phrase that finds its origin in the Maha Upanishad, essentially meaning “the world is family”.
- It emphasizes the interconnectedness and unity of all people and nations, promoting a sense of global harmony, cooperation, and shared responsibility for the well-being of the planet and its inhabitants.
- The theme of India’s G20 Presidency “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam” or “One Earth · One Family · One Future” closely ties with LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment)



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