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<b>New project to protect dolphins</b>	<b>Context:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tamil Nadu launches Rs.8.13 crore '<b>Dolphin Project.</b>'</li><li>Aims to safeguard dolphins and marine habitats.</li><li>9 dolphin species inhabit <b>Tamil Nadu, Gulf of Mannar.</b></li><li>Project enhances marine health, safeguards habitats, and species.</li></ul> <b>Threats:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dolphins face a variety of natural and human threats such as<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Poaching</li><li>Entanglement</li><li>Overfishing</li><li>Climate change</li><li>Noise pollution</li><li>Habitat degradation etc.,.</li></ol></li></ul>
<b>Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)</b>	<b>Key Points:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>The Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)</b> is the main crop insurance scheme implemented in Tamil Nadu.</li><li>It is a comprehensive crop insurance scheme that provides <b>financial protection to farmers</b> against crop losses due to natural calamities, pests, and diseases.</li><li>Under PMFBY, farmers can insure their crops against a variety of risks, including:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Yield loss due to drought, flood, hail, lightning, fire, pest attack, and diseases</li><li>Pre-sowing and post-harvest losses</li><li>Localized calamities</li></ol></li><li>PMFBY is a subsidized scheme, with the government paying <b>50%</b> of the premium for <b>Kharif crops</b> and <b>90%</b> of the premium for <b>Rabi crops.</b></li></ul>
<b>Dr. Muthuletsumi Reddy Maternity Funding Scheme.</b>	<b>Context:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Minister of Public Welfare M.Subramanian said that <b>Rs.14,000 in cash and Rs.4,000 worth of nutrition fund will be given in 3 installments</b> under the Maternity Fund Scheme in Tamil Nadu.</li></ul> <b>Key Points:</b>



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**Muthulakshmi Reddy**  
Maternity Benefit Scheme (MRMBS)

- **Dr. Muthuletsumi Reddy Maternity Funding Scheme** and Prime Minister **Mathru Vandana Yojana Scheme 2.0** were jointly launched by Minister M. Subramanian.

### Dr. Muthuletsumi Reddy Maternity Funding Scheme:

- It is a social welfare scheme launched by the Government of Tamil Nadu in 2006
- Under this scheme, the beneficiaries are given **Rs.18,000 (Central Government Rs 3,000, State Government Rs 15,000)**
- It was being paid in five installments for the first two deposits but now will be paid in **3 installments**.

### Prime Minister Mathru Vandana Yojana Scheme 2.0

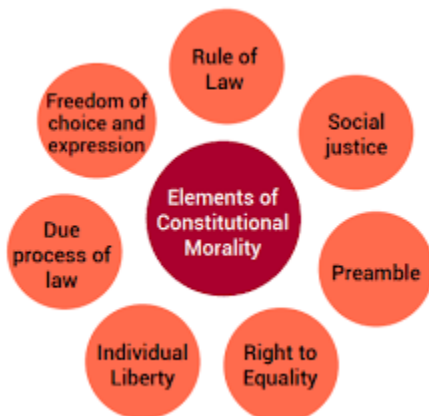
### Key Points:

- It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the **Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD)**, Government of India.
- It was **launched on 1st April 2022** with the objective to provide **financial assistance to pregnant women and lactating mothers** for improved health seeking behavior amongst them.
- The scheme provides a **cash incentive of Rs. 5000/-** to all eligible pregnant women and lactating mothers **for the first living child**

### Courts should be guided by constitutional morality

### In News:

- Senior counsel P Wilson contended that the court has to be guided by **constitutional morality** and not by societal morality, while defending Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin in a **quo warranto** petition filed by Hindu Munnani.



### Constitutional Morality:

- It is a term used to **describe the spirit or ethos of a constitution**.
- It is the idea that the government should act in **accordance with the values and principles enshrined in the constitution**, even if those values and principles are not explicitly stated.
- Constitutional morality is important because it helps to ensure that the **government remains accountable to the people**.
- It also helps to **protect the rights and freedoms of individuals**.



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### Quo Warranto:

- Quo Warranto is a **Latin term that means "by what warrant."**
- **Articles 32 and 226 of the Indian Constitution empower the Supreme Court and the High Courts, respectively**
- It is a **prerogative writ that is used to challenge the right of a person to hold a public office.**
- The writ can be used to challenge the appointment or election of a person to a public office, or to remove them from office if their appointment or election was illegal.



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