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<p><b>Kerala, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu Unite to Mitigate Human-Animal Conflict</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Forest departments of Kerala, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu collaborate to prevent human-animal conflict in Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve.</li><li>• Meeting held at Theppakadu training centre in Mudumalai Tiger Reserve to discuss strategies.</li><li>• Participants include field directors of Bandipur Tiger Reserve, Nagarkole National Park, and Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary, along with respective deputy directors and district forest officers (DFOs).</li><li>• <b>Meeting prompted by an incident of elephant killing a man in Wayanad</b>, allegedly due to lack of information sharing between Karnataka and Kerala forest departments.</li><li>• <b>Decision made to hold meetings every three months as per NTCA guidelines.</b></li><li>• Focus on timely communication and cooperation to address cross-border movement of problematic animals.</li><li>• <b>Emphasis on coordinated efforts to manage wildlife</b> in the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve landscape.</li></ul>
<p><b>Chennai Set to Emerge as Global Hub for Renault-Nissan Automotive Manufacturing</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chennai poised to become a pivotal global asset for <b>Renault-Nissan Alliance with the launch of four new SUVs from the Oragadam plant.</b></li><li>• Emphasis on localisation and advancement in technologies like autonomous driving, connectivity, and electrification for global markets.</li><li>• <b>President and CEO of Nissan Motor, Makoto Uchida, announces plans for unveiling five-seater and seven-seater SUVs</b>, heavily localised for production.</li><li>• Oragadam plant, under 'Make in India' initiative, currently manufactures 90% of car components locally.</li><li>• <b>Over 2.7 million cars were produced at the plant, with 1.2 million exported to over 100 destinations.</b></li><li>• Efforts underway to introduce vehicles compatible with Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and ethanol.</li></ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Oragadam plant in Chennai operates at capacity to produce 480 cars per day, currently producing 178 cars daily.</li><li>• Focus on reducing carbon footprint, water usage, and increasing renewable energy utilisation, according to Renault-Nissan Alliance chairman, Jean-Dominique Senard.</li></ul>
<b>Technical Issue Affects Two Thermal Units in Tamil Nadu, Resulting in 810MW Output Reduction</b>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Power generation halted at Tangedco's 600 MW Mettur thermal plant and 210 MW North Chennai stage 1 unit due to technical issues.</li><li>• Estimated time for fixing the 600 MW unit is 48 hours, while the 210 MW unit is expected to resume operation within 18 hours.</li><li>• Other thermal units in North Chennai, Mettur, and Thoothukudi continue power generation.</li><li>• State records highest power demand of 19,409 MW on March 22, with demand expected to rise due to increasing temperatures.</li><li>• Issues in both plants attributed to boiler tube damage and minor glitches.</li><li>• Power demand for agriculture decreases by 1,000 MW, aiding demand management efforts.</li><li>• Tamil Nadu procures 54% of its total power from private entities, with plans to acquire an additional 3,000 MW in the near future.</li><li>• Concerns raised over impact on Tangedco, consumers, and state government due to utility's significant debt of Rs 1.4 lakh crore, expressed by E Natarajan of Bharathiya Electricity Engineers Association.</li></ul>
<b>State has over 6.23cr voters</b>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chief Electoral Officer Satyabrata Sahoo reports 6,23,26,901 voters in Tamil Nadu, comprising 3.06 crore male, 3.17 crore female, and 8,465 third gender voters.</li><li>• Over 10.9 lakh first-time voters and 4,61,730 persons with disabilities registered as of March 26.</li><li>• A total of 68,144 polling stations were established across 39 constituencies, with permission sought for 177 additional auxiliary polling stations.</li><li>• Seizures amounting to 69.7 crore made, including cash worth 33.31 crore, and 6.1 crore seized by the income tax department.</li></ul>



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- Issuance of 648 star campaigner passes between March 20 and March 27, entailing certain privileges.
- **4,30,734 senior citizens issued Form 12D for postal ballot applications.**