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<p>Blindness Prevention Week</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blindness Prevention Week is observed annually from April 1st to 7th • It is an initiative by the Indian government to raise awareness about preventable causes of blindness and promote eye care. • Aim: Educate the public about eye health, early detection of eye diseases, and the importance of regular eye checkups. • Significance: India has a high prevalence of blindness, and many cases are preventable. This week aims to address this issue. • Activities: Eye screening camps, awareness programs, and distribution of informative materials are organized during this week. <p>Theme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme for 2024 Blindness Prevention Week is “Taking timely treatments for age-related eye conditions”
<p>Tamil Nadu breaks power consumption record</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tamil Nadu recently set a new record for overall power consumption, reaching a staggering 426.439 million units (MU) in a single day. • This surpasses the previous high of 423.785 MU set in April 2023. • The surge is attributed to rising temperatures, increased activity due to elections and exams, and a trend of high consumption observed since early March. • This record comes on the heels of another milestone - Tamil Nadu reaching a peak power demand of 19,409 megawatts (MW) in late March.
<p>T.N. emerges top borrower in 2024 for the fourth successive year, says ICRA report</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tamil Nadu has emerged as the biggest borrower among Indian states for the fourth year in a row, according to a report by ratings agency ICRA. • The state borrowed ₹1,13,000 crore in the financial year 2023-24. • Maharashtra followed closely behind with ₹1,10,000 crore. • Tamil Nadu also plans to borrow a significantly higher amount of ₹1,55,584.48 crore in the coming year.



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Chennai DEO's voter awareness campaign bags 'elite' award



- The state's finance minister has assured that the debt levels are within permissible limits set by the Finance Commission.

Context:

- The voters awareness campaign undertaken by the District Election Office (DEO) in Chennai received a major boost as the signature campaign undertaken in North Chennai parliamentary constituency has been awarded for maximum pledges recorded in a 12-hour time frame.
- The awards were given by the Elite World Records and Indian Records Academy.
- A total of 4,10,988 pledges were taken in 12 hours across the constituency.
- The signature and pledge campaign is part of the larger voter outreach initiatives undertaken by the election commission.
- The DEO is undertaking targeted campaigns in areas with low voter turnout to increase polling percentage in this Lok Sabha election.

International Day of Zero Waste



Context:

- International Day of Zero Waste is celebrated annually on 30th March.
- It highlights the importance of bolstering waste management globally and the need to promote sustainable consumption and production patterns.
- It was adopted by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) on 2nd March 2022.
- The theme for the International Day of Zero Waste 2024 is "Towards a Circular Future."

About:

- Zero-waste initiatives can foster sound waste management and minimize and prevent waste generation.
- To eliminate the WastePollution, one must bolster waste management while improving resource recovery and substantially reducing waste generation.
- Prevention, reduction, reuse, repurposing and recycling are critical to this endeavor.