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<p>Hump-backed mahseer</p> 	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The hump-backed mahseer species is restricted to the Cauvery river system and is currently under threat due to reservoirs, sand mining, and pollution. <p>About Hump-backed mahseer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scientific Name: Tor remadevii• Common Names: Hump-backed Mahseer, Orange-finned Mahseer, Deccan Mahseer, also known as 'Tiger of Cauvery'.• Conservation Status: Critically Endangered• Habitat: Endemic to the Western Ghats of India, primarily found in the Cauvery River basin.• Diet: Omnivorous, feeding on a variety of plant material, small fish, and invertebrates.• Reproduction: Spawns during the monsoon season when water levels rise.
<p>Arulmigu Mathurakaliamman temple</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revenue authorities of Tamil Nadu have planned to desilt and renovate the supply channel leading to the temple pond of the Arulmigu Mathurakaliamman temple. <p>About Arulmigu Mathurakaliamman temple:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Location: Siruvachur, Perambalur District, Tamil Nadu• Deity: Goddess Mathurakaliamman, a form of Kali• Historical Significance: It is believed to have been established by the Chola dynasty.• Architecture:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Dravidian architectural style○ Features a prominent gopuram (tower) and intricately carved pillars
<p>Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT) has announced the postponement of the state level examinations for the admission of sports hostel students. <p>About SDAT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu is the official sports organ of the Government of Tamil Nadu.• Establishment: SDAT was established in 1992.• Primary Objective: Promote and develop sports activities and infrastructure in Tamil Nadu.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Headquarters: Located in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.● Functions:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Organizing state-level and national-level sports competitions.○ Implementing sports development schemes and policies.○ Providing coaching and training facilities for athletes.○ Managing and maintaining sports infrastructure across the state.
Draft elephant corridor plan of Tamil Nadu	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● The Tamil Nadu Vivasayigal Sangam has opposed the draft elephant corridor plan recently released by the forest department.● The draft plan report is to identify elephant routes and establish a migration path. <p>About draft elephant corridor plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● The draft elephant corridor plan was released by the Tamil Nadu government and the forest department.● The plan was prepared in response to increasing cases of human-elephant conflicts and aims at restoring habitat connectivity for the substantial elephant population in the state.● The Elephant Corridor Committee identified a 53.8 km stretch in the Anthiyur - Chennampatti forests in Erode division, and a 3 km stretch in the Sujilkuttai – Bannari forests, falling under the Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve (STR), as corridors frequently used by wild elephants.● The plan addresses critical disruptions to the elephant corridors.● The draft plan proposes to relocate the shooting range, maintain the elephant proof trenches, fill up the water troughs in the corridor, monitor the four paper industries located near the corridor to prevent the discharge of effluents into water bodies and also acquire patta land to widen the width of the corridor so that elephant can travel through easily.
Pichavaram mangrove forest	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Pichavaram in Tamil Nadu, the world's second largest mangrove forest, offers rich biodiversity, boat rides, and birdwatching. <p>About Pichavaram mangrove forest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Location: Pichavaram is located near Chidambaram in the Cuddalore District of Tamil Nadu.● Flora: The forest is predominantly composed of



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mangrove species like **Avicennia** and **Rhizophora**.

- **Fauna:** It is home to many species of fish, prawns, crabs, and several types of birds, including pelicans, storks, and kingfishers.
- **Ecological Importance:** Mangroves act as a **buffer zone protecting the coastline from erosion and extreme weather events like storms and tsunamis.**
- **Threats:** Like many mangrove forests, Pichavaram faces threats from **pollution, overfishing, and climate change.**

