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<p>Athikadavu Avinashi scheme</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opposition in Tamil Nadu advised the government to take actions for implementing the Athikadavu Avinashi scheme. <p>About Athikadavu Avinashi scheme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The scheme aims to recharge groundwater in drought-prone and groundwater-depleted areas in the districts of Erode, Tiruppur, and Coimbatore.• It involves the diversion of surplus water from the Bhavani river to various water bodies, including lakes, ponds, and other water bodies.• The scheme includes the construction of check dams, percolation ponds, and tanks to store and utilize water effectively.
<p>Innuyir Kappom - Nammai Kaakkum 48</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The State government's scheme, 'Innuyir Kappom - Nammai Kaakkum 48', was launched by Chief Minister M.K. Stalin in December 2021.• More than 2.54 lakh persons have benefitted from this scheme. <p>About Innuyir Kappom - Nammai Kaakkum 48:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• "Innuyir Kappom - Nammai Kaakkum 48" is a health initiative launched by the Tamil Nadu government.• The program aims to provide emergency medical care to individuals involved in accidents.• Objective:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ To offer free emergency medical treatment for the first 48 hours to accident victims.○ Ensure timely medical intervention to save lives and reduce fatalities.• Coverage:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The scheme covers both residents and non-residents of Tamil Nadu.○ Applicable to all types of accidents, including road accidents, burns, and falls.



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Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB)

Why in the news?

- The **Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB)** imposes **₹2.6 lakh fine** on tannery near Vaniyambadi for discharge of effluents into Palar river.

About TNPCB:

- **Establishment:** The Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB) was established in **1982** under the provisions of the **Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974**.
- **Headquarters:** Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- **Primary Objective:** To **prevent, control, and abate pollution** in the state of Tamil Nadu.
- **It enforces the provisions of**
 - The Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974,
 - The Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981,
 - The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and the rules made under these Acts.
- It **lays down standards for sewage/trade effluent and emissions**.

Palar river

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- The **Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB)** imposes **₹2.6 lakh fine** on tannery near Vaniyambadi for discharge of effluents into Palar river.

About Palar river:

- **Location:** Originates in the **Nandi Hills of Karnataka**, flows through the states of **Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu**, and empties into the **Bay of Bengal**.
- **Tributaries:** Major tributaries include the **Cheyar River, the Agaram Aru, and the Poini River**.



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Integrated Goods and Services
Tax (IGST)

Why in the news?

- The **Tax Research Unit** set up by the **Commercial Taxes Department** has helped **Tamil Nadu** recover **₹1,523.95 crore** under the **Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST)**.

About IGST:

- **IGST** is one of the three components of the **Goods and Services Tax (GST)** in India, the other two being **Central GST (CGST)** and **State GST (SGST)**.
- It is governed by the **Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017**.
- **Purpose:**
 - **IGST** is levied on **inter-state transactions of goods and services**, including **imports** into India.
 - It ensures that the **tax burden** is shared between the **central and state governments**.
- **Levy and Collection:**
 - **IGST** is collected by the **central government**.
 - The **revenue generated** is shared between the **central and state governments** based on the **destination principle**.