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<p>Wild elephant population in Tamil Nadu rises by 100</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Tamil Nadu's wild elephant population has seen a positive increase of over 100. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Recent census data reveals that the State has an estimated 3,063 jumbos in the wild.In the 2023 census, the number was 2,961 elephants.The three-day synchronized Elephant Population Estimation was conducted in the forest areas of Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh from May 23.This growth is attributed to conservation efforts and habitat protection.However, challenges like human-elephant conflict and habitat encroachment persist, requiring ongoing attention.
<p>Kumari Ananthan to receive 'Thagaisal Thamizhar' Award this year</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Veteran Congress leader Kumari Ananthan has been selected for the prestigious 'Thagaisal Thamizhar' (Distinguished Tamilian) award for 2024. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A stalwart in Tamil politics, Ananthan has been a prominent figure for decades.His association with former Chief Minister K Kamaraj, his political career, and his dedication to Tamil language and culture make him a true representative of the Tamil spirit. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Thagaisal Thamizhar is a prestigious award conferred by the Tamil Nadu government to honor an eminent personality who has made significant contributions to the welfare of Tamil Nadu and the development of the Tamil community.Instituted in: 2021Award includes: A cash prize of ₹10 lakh and a citation.Awarded on: Independence Day



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Notable recipients: N Sankaraiah (first recipient), R Nallakannu, K Veeramani, Kumari Ananthan.
Makkaludan Mudhalvar' camps in Villupuram	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Makkaludan Mudhalvar is a Tamil Nadu government initiative aimed at providing direct access to government services for the public.• These camps are held periodically across the state, including Villupuram district. <p>Key features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One-stop solution: Various government departments participate, offering services like issuing certificates (income, residence, caste), distributing welfare benefits, and addressing public grievances.• Speedy resolution: The camps prioritize quick processing of applications and immediate resolution of issues.• Accessibility: Held in local areas, these camps ensure easy access for residents.
Aadi Perukku matters in today's climate crisis	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aadi Perukku, a Tamil festival honoring water, holds profound significance in today's climate crisis. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Traditionally celebrating the rejuvenation of rivers, it now serves as a stark reminder of water scarcity and the urgent need for conservation.• By fostering reverence for water and promoting sustainable practices, Aadi Perukku can inspire communities to protect this vital resource, mitigating the impacts of climate change.• As the Tamil proverb by Avvaiyar goes, "Aarila oorukku azhagu pazh" (there is no beauty in a city without rivers), this sentiment is particularly rele
IIT-Madras incubated startup GalaxEye Space raises \$6.5 million in a Series A funding	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• GalaxEye Space, an IIT-Madras incubated space-tech startup, has successfully raised \$6.5 million in its Series A funding round.• The investment, led by Mela Ventures and Speciale Invest, will be utilized to launch the company's inaugural satellite and further develop its cutting-edge multi-sensor payload technology.



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- This funding round marks a significant milestone for GalaxEye as it propels its mission to provide advanced satellite imagery and data for applications in defense, surveillance, and other critical sectors.