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State Planning Commission	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Commission has issued the Status of Forests in Tamil Nadu, based on India State of Forest Reports from the Forest Survey of India covering 2001 to 2021.Tamil Nadu suffered severe degradation in its growing stock between 2011 and 2021, with a loss of 52.134 m.cum in the recorded forest areas. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The State Planning Commission serves as an apex advisory body to the Government of Tamil Nadu.Its primary role is to provide evidence-based policy guidance, aimed at fostering holistic growth and development within the state.The Commission reviews and monitors Government welfare programs to ensure effective delivery to the grassroots levels. <p>Discuss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Learn about India State of Forest Report
Lateral Entry in Civil Services	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin declared that the reversal of lateral entry in civil service was a triumph for social justice. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Lateral entry refers to the process of appointing individuals from outside the government directly to mid-level and senior positions.It aims to bring in domain-specific expertise and fresh perspectives to enhance governance.These 'lateral entrants' are appointed on contracts for 3 years, which can be extended to a maximum of 5 years.
Central Electricity Authority (CEA)	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">According to data from the Central Electricity Authority (CEA), Tamil Nadu has installed power capacity of 40,527.24 MW. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Central Electricity Authority (CEA) was constituted in 1948 under the Sector 73 of the Electricity Act 2003.It is responsible for providing advisory as well as help with planning the policies involved in the development of the electricity system.The primary functions of the Central Electricity Authority include providing advice on policy matters and plans for



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Athikadavu-Avinashi drinking water scheme

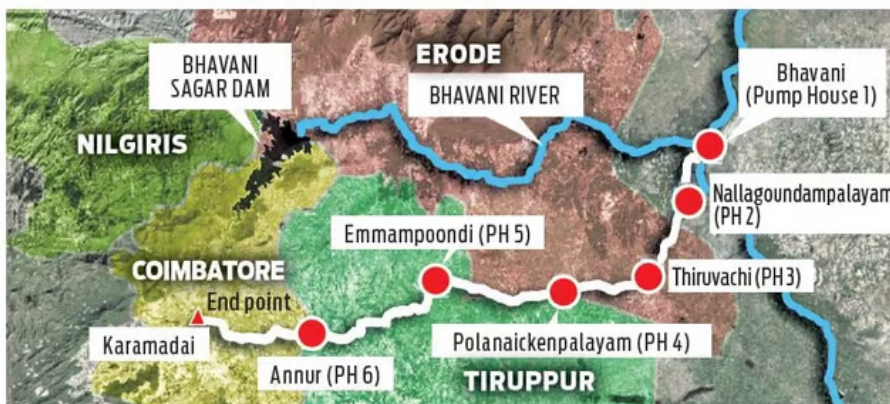
the development and regulation of the electricity systems.

Why in the news?

- Tamil Nadu chief minister M K Stalin launched Athikadavu-Avinashi drinking water scheme.

Key Points:

- This project was first proposed around **62 years ago**.
- It aims to **divert surplus water of river Bhavani** to the lakes, ponds and other water bodies in the drought-prone regions of **Coimbatore, Tirupur and Erode districts**.



Policy for Senior Citizens

Why in the news?

- Recently, the government released the policy in October last year with various focus areas for senior citizens in Tamil Nadu which remained as a secret till date.

Key Points:

- It aims to create a **Directorate for the welfare of the senior citizens**.
- The policy has been created based on **Article 21 of the Constitution**.
- It focuses on **social security schemes, health and nutrition, income security, safety, livelihood, research and development**.

Discuss:

- What is Article 21 of the Constitution?