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<p>Madras HC Orders Tamil Nadu to Establish Old Age Homes in Every District</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court has directed the Tamil Nadu government to establish at least one old age home in every district of the state under Section 19 of the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, and Rule 19 of Tamil Nadu Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Rules, 2009. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Section 19 of the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 deals with the establishment of old age homes for senior citizens.<ul style="list-style-type: none">The state government can establish and maintain old age homes at accessible locations.The state government must establish at least one old age home in each district.The homes must accommodate at least 150 indigent senior citizens.
<p>e-highways</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">National Highways for Electric Vehicles (NHEV) under its Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) programme has started the third "Tech Trial Run" of electric vehicles for upgrading five of Tamil Nadu's highways into e-highways. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The trial focuses on five key routes — Trichy to Chennai, Trichy to Madurai, Coimbatore to Ulundurpet, Kishnagiri to Madurai, and Madurai to Kanyakumari.The initial focus will be on a 332 km stretch from Chennai to Trichy with electric, hydrogen, and zero-emission freight vehicles for the first time.The focus will be on decarbonizing the trucking industry and transitioning to zero-emission trucking.
<p>Greenfield Airport</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">TIDCO has received Terms of Reference from the Union Environment Ministry for the Environmental Impact Assessment and Management Plan for the Chennai Greenfield Airport project in Parandur, Kancheepuram district. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A greenfield airport is an aviation facility built from scratch on undeveloped land, with a focus on environmental sustainability.The term "greenfield" refers to the airport's environmentally friendly characteristics and the fact that it's built from the ground up.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greenfield airports are designed to: Improve connectivity, Reduce traffic at existing airports, Reduce pollution and environmental strain, and Combat climate change.
<p>National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The NIRF report released by Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on August 13 has further enhanced Tamil Nadu's position. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Institutional Ranking Framework is a methodology adopted by the Ministry of Education, to rank institutions of higher education in India. It was launched in November 2015 by the Ministry of Education. Five broad categories of parameters identified in the NIRF and their weightage on scale of 10 are: Teaching, Learning & Resources , Research and Professional Practice, Graduation Outcome, Outreach and Inclusivity, Perception.
<p>Species in news: Atlas moth</p> 	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recently, Atlas moths have been spotted for the first time in Kalvarayan Hills, in Kallakurichi district. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Atlas moth, scientifically known as Attacus atlas, is one of the largest moths in the world, renowned for its impressive size and striking appearance. It is native to regions in Asia, including India, Malaysia, Indonesia, and the Philippines. The moth is part of the Saturniidae family, commonly referred to as giant silkworm moths. It has been proposed for listing in CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) Appendix II, which aims to ensure that international trade does not threaten the species' survival. It was previously spotted in Tamil Nadu's Nilgiris and Coimbatore districts in the Western Ghats.