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<p>Makkalai Maruthuvam</p> <p>Thedi</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve control of hypertension and diabetes, ICMR-National Institute of Epidemiology and the Directorate of Public Health are launching a peer support group (PSG) program at the community level, aligned with the Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam initiative. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam Scheme is a flagship programme of the Government of Tamil Nadu offering a comprehensive set of “Home-based health care services’ to ensure a continuum of care and meet the health needs of beneficiaries in the family. The programme is designed to ensure 100% scanning for Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) and its follow up.
<p>Grand Anicut Canal (GA Canal)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The canal that transformed southern Thanjavur's parched land into fertile farms has significantly boosted agricultural productivity in the region. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grand Anicut Canal System or Puthu Aru or Kallanai Canal is a man made canal in Tamil Nadu, constructed as part of Cauvery-Mettur project during 1925–1934. The length of the main canal is 148 km & there are 327 branch canals spanning to a total length of 1,232 km. The canal irrigates 2.5 lakh acres of land.
<p>National Tribunal</p> <p>Green</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Green Tribunal has suggested the state government convert a portion of Madras Race Club land into a lake to mitigate urban flooding. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NGT has been established under the National Green Tribunal Act 2010 for effective and expeditious disposal of cases relating to environmental protection and conservation of forests and other natural resources. New Delhi is the principal place of sitting of the tribunal and Bhopal, Pune, Kolkata, and Chennai shall be the other four places of sitting of the tribunal.
<p>Mudumalai Reserve (MTR)</p> <p>Tiger</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A 20-year-old female elephant was found dead at Nelakottai in Mudumalai Tiger Reserve (MTR). <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is located in the Nilgiris District of Tamil Nadu, spread over 321 sq. km. at the tri-junction of three states, viz, Karnataka, Kerala, and



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- It is part of the Nilgiris Biosphere Reserve, the first Biosphere Reserve in India.
- It has a common boundary with Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary (Kerala) on the West, Bandipur Tiger Reserve (Karnataka) on the North, the Nilgiris North Division on the South and East, and Gudalur Forest Division on the South West.