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<p>Chennai air show 2024</p> 	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Indian Air Force (IAF) would be conducting a mega airshow on the Marina Beach in the city on October 6.• It is being held as part of the 92nd anniversary of the IAF observed on October 8. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In this year's airshow, to be held in the city, 72 types of aircrafts comprising Rafale, SU-30, MIGs, Jaguar and Tejas along with the iconic aerobatic teams of Surya Kiran and Sarang helicopter would be performing maneuvers and synchronized formation flying.
<p>Awards & Honors: Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar award</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IIT Madras professor Prabhu Rajagopal, who is well known in several industries and corporations has been awarded with Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar award. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Awards are the highest multidisciplinary science awards in India.• They are named after Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar, the founder and director of the CSIR, who was also a renowned chemist and visionary.• Purpose: Recognition of outstanding Indian work in science and technology.
<p>Illegal Sand Mining</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A team has conducted an inspection of red sand mining sites in Coimbatore. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sand mining is defined as the removal of primary natural sand and sand resources (mineral sands and aggregates) from the natural environment (terrestrial, riverine, coastal, or marine) for extracting valuable minerals, metals, crushed stone, sand and gravel for subsequent processing.• This activity, driven by various factors, poses serious threats to ecosystems and communities.



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<p>Important Festivals: Santhanakoodu Festival</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• People from three states flock to the Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve in Erode district, Tamil Nadu, to seek blessings from seven sufis believed to be alive in the forests who attained 'Jeeva Samadhi.' <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Erwadi Santhanakoodu Festival is a month-long festival held in Erwadi dargah, located in Ramanathapuram district, to commemorate the anniversary of Sulthan Syed Ibrahim Shaheed Badhusha nayagam whose grave is in Erwadi.• The festival is organized as a National Integrity festival by the local Dargah Huqdar Management Committee (D.H.M.C.), constituting the heirs of badhusha nayagam called as Mujavirs or Levvais.
<p>Northern Uni launches student satellite project</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Northern Uni, an educational institution located in Jaffna has signed an MoU with Space Kidz India to launch a collaborative student-led satellite project. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This project will bring together students from both Northern Uni and Government schools in Jaffna, along with students from India, to jointly design, develop, and launch a satellite.• The satellite will carry instruments aimed at studying space.• The project is structured into two phases – the first phase will focus on training students in space science and technology, with 50 school students from Sri Lanka, 10 school students from India, and 50 college students undergoing comprehensive training.