


<p><b>Awards &amp; Honors:</b>  <b>Kalaighnar Ninaivu Kalaithurai Vithagar Award</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Veteran playback singer P. Susheela</b> was awarded by Chief Minister M.K. Stalin with the 'Kalaighnar Ninaivu Kalaithurai Vithagar' Award.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The 'Kalaighnar Ninaivu Kalaithurai Vithagar' Award is conferred on a person with <b>outstanding achievements in the Tamil film industry.</b></li> <li>● <b>Named in memory of M. Karunanidhi</b>, a prominent Tamil politician and writer, the award aims to celebrate individuals who have made significant impacts through their creative works.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB)</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The T.N. Pollution Control Board is urging the public to share information about illegal plastic manufacturing units.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB) is a government agency that <b>enforces pollution control laws and regulations in Tamil Nadu.</b></li> <li>● <b>Purpose:</b> Enforces pollution control laws and regulations</li> <li>● <b>Laws enforced:</b> Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986</li> </ul>
<p><b>Western Ghats</b></p> 	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Nature and Butterfly Society (TNBS) observed that the migration of butterflies at the end of the southwest monsoon from the Eastern Ghats to the Western Ghats.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Western Ghats, also known as the <b>Sahyadri Hills</b>, are well known for their rich and unique assemblage of flora and fauna.</li> <li>● In the south the range is known as the <b>Nilgiri malai in Tamil Nadu.</b></li> <li>● It is recognized as a <b>UNESCO World Heritage Site.</b></li> <li>● It is one of the <b>eight hotspots of biological diversity</b> in the world <b>due to its high level of biological diversity and endemism.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Leptospirosis</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Recently, two migrant workers have been admitted to a government hospital in Bhavani in Erode district with symptoms of leptospirosis (rat fever).</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Leptospirosis, also known as “<b>rat fever</b>”, is a rare bacterial infection that affects people and animals.</li> <li>● The disease is caused by a bacterium called <b>Leptospira interrogans, or Leptospira</b>.</li> <li>● It is most common in <b>tropical areas and warmer climates</b> with lots of rainfall each year.</li> <li>● <b>Transmission:</b> The carriers of the disease can be either <b>wild or domestic animals, including rodents, cattle, pigs, and dogs</b>.</li> <li>● <b>Treatment:</b> It can be treated with <b>antibiotics, including penicillin and doxycycline</b>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Places in news:</b> <b>Trichy</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tamil Nadu’s <b>first shelter for stray dogs inaugurated in Trichy</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The shelter can <b>accommodate around 25 dogs</b> at a time and is equipped with facilities for surgery.</li> <li>● A dedicated team will <b>manage the care of injured or infected stray dogs and corporation officials will conduct periodic inspections to monitor</b> the shelter's operations.</li> </ul>