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Important Days: Police Commemoration	Why in news? ● Police Commemoration Day was observed in Cuddalore. Kov Points:
Day	 Key Points: The National Police Commemoration Day is on the 21st of October every year in India, which is kept to pay homage to all policemen who lose their lives in the line of duty. The day emphasizes respect for law enforcement and commemorates those who lost their lives serving the nation.
Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP)	Why in news? ■ Tamil Nadu's Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) grew 8.13% in 2022-23 and 8.23% in 2023-24 at constant prices, while at current prices, the growth rates were 15.48% in 2022-23 and 13.71% in 2023-24.
	 Key Points: Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) is a monetary measure of the total value of all goods and services produced within a state's boundaries over a specific period of time. It's a key indicator of a state's economic growth and is also known as State Income. It is compiled by the National Statistical Office (NSO). GSDP is usually calculated annually, but can also be calculated quarterly, monthly, or half-yearly.
National Investigation Agency (NIA)	 Why in news? The National Investigation Agency (NIA) arrested three individuals for their alleged role in funding the car blast outside Sangameswarar temple in Kottaimedu, Coimbatore.
	 Key Points: NIA is the Central Counter Terrorism Law Enforcement Agency of India. Parent Ministry: Union Ministry of Home Affairs. Establishment: It was created after the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks, as the need for a central agency to combat terrorism was realized. It was established under the National Investigation Agency Act, 2008. The NIA, with its headquarters in New Delhi, has 18 branch offices across the country.
Self Help Group (SHG)	 Why in news? The Tamil Nadu government will provide 100 e-autos to women from Self Help Groups (SHGs), designated as 'climate warriors,' at a cost of ₹3.87 crore.



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 This initiative aims to enhance public climate awareness and create livelihood opportunities for these women.

Key Points:

- A Self Help Group is a self-governed, peer-controlled information group of people with similar socio-economic backgrounds and a desire to collectively perform a common purpose.
- An SHG normally consists of not less than five persons (with a maximum of twenty) of similar economic outlook and social status.
- Government Initiatives and Policies Supporting SHGs:
 - Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM)
 - SHG-Bank Linkage Programme (SBLP)
 - Mission for Financial Inclusion (MFI)

Species in news: Vulture



Why in news?

- Conservationists assert that Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs) remain a significant threat to vulture populations in India.
- They have developed a blueprint for protecting vultures in the southern states of Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and Karnataka.
- To replicate successful efforts from northern India, conservationists seek permission for GPS-tagging vultures in Tamil Nadu for research purposes.

Key Points:

- The Indian vulture (Gyps indicus) is an Old World vulture native to Asia.
- They are also known as **Indian long-billed vultures** due to their comparatively longer beak.
- **Distribution:** These are native to India, Pakistan, and Nepal.
- **Habitat:** They are usually found in savannas and other open habitats around villages, cities, and near cultivated areas.
- Conservation status
 - o IUCN Red List: Critically Endangered
- Threats: The Indian vulture has suffered a 97-99% population decrease due to poisoning caused by the veterinary drug diclofenac. This drug is toxic for vultures; it was given to working animals as it reduced joint pain and so kept them working for longer.

What are NSAIDs?

- Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) are a class of drugs that can treat pain, reduce inflammation, and lower fever.
- Aspirin, ibuprofen, ketoprofen, celecoxib, diclofenac, and ketorolac are all examples of NSAIDs.