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| <p>Places in news: Vettangudi Bird Sanctuary</p> | <p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vettangudi Bird Sanctuary in Tamil Nadu has witnessed a significant increase in the number of species. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Vettangudi Bird Sanctuary is located 51 kms (about 31.69 mi) from Madurai in Madurai – Melur-Tiruppathur road, in Sivaganga District. The Vettangudi Bird sanctuary is the natural habitat of winter migratory birds. It is a breeding habitat for Grey Herons, Darters, Spoonbills, White Ibis, Asian Openbill Stork and Night Herons. It has also attracted Painted stork, Little Cormorant, Little Egret, Intermediate Egret, Cattle Egret, Common Teal, Spot Bill Ducks and Pintail. There is a considerable diversity in their nesting and feeding behavior. |
| <p>Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)</p> | <p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Laghu Udyog Bharati (LUB) has signed up with the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and a majority of technology transfers are happening in Tamil Nadu. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) is the largest research and development (R&D) organization in India. Established: September 1942 Headquarters: New Delhi CSIR is funded by the Ministry of Science and Technology and it operates as an autonomous body through the Societies Registration Act, 1860. CSIR covers a wide spectrum of streams – from radio and space physics, oceanography, geophysics, chemicals, drugs, genomics, biotechnology and nanotechnology to mining, aeronautics, instrumentation, environmental engineering and information technology. |
| <p>Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB)</p> | <p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd (CPCL) will challenge an IIT-M report and a show cause notice from the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB), which demands ₹73.68 crore in damages for the oil spill during the Michaung cyclone last year. |



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| | <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB) is a statutory organization that enforces environmental legislation in Tamil Nadu.• The TNPCB was established in 1982 to enforce the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974.• The TNPCB has taken several initiatives to conserve energy, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Installing solar panels on all of its office buildings○ Encouraging industrial units to use less energy○ Installing co-generation power plants in major sugar factories○ Recovering methane gas from spent wash in distilleries and sago units. |
| CII Karur Vision 2030 | <p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minister Senthilbalaji inaugurated a marathon to raise awareness about the CII Karur Vision 2030. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CII Karur Vision 2030 is a landmark initiative by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Karur District to drive the holistic development of infrastructure across all key sectors in Karur.• This event will bring together key stakeholders from the government, private sector, industry bodies, and the broader community to collectively contribute toward the sustainable growth and future readiness of the district.• The primary objective of CII Karur Vision 2030 is to establish a collaborative framework for infrastructure development across sectors in Karur District, encouraging investments, innovations and public-private partnerships that will catalyze Karur's growth over the next decade and Foster dialogues between industry leaders, policymakers & the community on the infrastructural needs and opportunities for Karur. |
| Vaigai River | <p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Vaigai River requires a comprehensive cleaning, from the hills to the sea. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It is a river in Tamil Nadu state.• Origin: It rises in the Varushanad Hills of the Western Ghats.• The river finds a mention in Sangam literature dated to 300 before the Common Era. |



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- **Length:** It is 258 kilometers long.
- Vaigai gets major feed from the **Periyar Dam in Kerala**. Water from the Periyar River in Kerala is diverted into the Vaigai River in Tamil Nadu via a tunnel through the Western Ghats.
- **Tributaries:** Its main tributaries are Suruliyaru, Mullaiyaru, Varaganadhi, Manjalaru, Kottagudi, Kridhumaal, and Upparu.