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<p>Sadhus in Girivalam path come under surveillance</p>	<p>In News: Ahead of Karthigai Deepam festival, sadhus in Girivalam path are being screened as a part of security measures.</p> <p>Key facts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Sadhus and saints on the 14-km-long Girivalam path in Tiruvannamalai have come under surveillance of the district police as part of security measures for Karthigai Deepam festival and Pournami days.● It is to help the police to prevent crime and other illegal activities in the town.● As part of the initiative, fingerprints and photographs of sadhus were taken.● The fingerprints will be sent to National Automated Fingerprints Identification System (NAFIS)● NAFIS is maintained by New Delhi-based Central Fingerprint Bureau (CFPB).
<p>Karthigai Deepam festival</p>	<p>About festival</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● It is a Hindu festival of lights that is celebrated by Tamil Hindus and other communities in South India.● It falls on the full moon day of the Kartika month.● It is celebrated when the full moon coincides with the constellation of Kartika (Pleiades).● The festival is celebrated to mark the victory of good over evil, and to usher in prosperity and joy. <p>Did you Know? The other name of Karthigai festival is “Festival of Lights”.</p>
<p>Rubber plantations, TN</p>	<p>In News: Delay in approvals hits rubber plantations in Tamil Nadu.</p> <p>Key facts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Rubber planters in TN need permission for replantations which takes several months.● Delays in the permission miss the right season to plant.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Because of Developed and cultivated areas in plantations were brought under Tamil Nadu Preservation of Private Forests Act in 1979, it requires clearance from the district-level Forest Committees which takes several months.● Therefore, the planters with small holdings are unable to sell 10 or 15 cents because the land is classified as forest land
<p>Second Season in Nilgiris</p> 	<p>In News: Second season of flower show inaugurated in the Nilgiris.</p> <p>Key facts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● The winter tourist season, also known as the second season in the Nilgiris was inaugurated by Tamil Nadu Tourism Minister, K. Ramachandran● Inauguration was at the Government Botanical Garden (GBG) in Udhamandalam.● More than 21,500 potted, flowering plants have been arranged to emphasize the message to people to 'Go Green'● Also 7,500 plants were arranged to commemorate the Chandrayaan-3 lunar mission. <p>Did you Know? TN received the second highest number of tourist visitors in India after Maharashtra</p>
<p>Chennai Metro Rail to install more solar power plants</p>	<p>In News: Chennai Metro Rail decided to install more solar power plants in rooftop and parking spaces.</p> <p>Key facts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● To increase solar power generation capacity by installation of solar plants over rooftop and parking areas.● As of now, the CMRL generates 12-15% of energy with the 6.4 Mwp (megawatt peak) of solar rooftop plants.● Two tenders have been floated to install more solar plants on rooftops of stations and parking spaces.● One is for setting up 5.74 Mwp on the rooftop of station structures● The other is for installing solar power plants for 3 Mwp in the parking spaces of stations.



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86 bird species in Tn found
to be in rapid decline'

In News:

State of India's Birds (SOIB) 2023 report shows nearly **110 species of birds recorded in Tamil Nadu** are currently facing a state of decline nationwide.

Key Points:

- As many as 86 species are found in Tamil Nadu, including birds are under decline.
- Bird species of **garganey, northern shoveler, common sandpiper, and common teal**, are under "rapid decline".
- This has been highlighted by the Salem Ornithological Foundation (SOF) using the data in the SOIB 2023 report.

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