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World Water Day	 Context: World Water Day is an annual United Nations observance day held on 22 March It highlights the importance of freshwater and advocates for the sustainable management of freshwater resources. About: The first World Water Day was celebrated in 1993 The theme for the first World Water Day in 1993 was 'Water for Life.'
	 Theme 2024: This year's theme is "Water for Peace." It highlights the potential of water as a resource for cooperation and stability. By managing water resources sustainably and ensuring equitable access, we can foster peace and prosperity for all. SDG: Clean water and sanitation is SDG 5 out of 17 SDGs
Agnikul Cosmos postpones its launch	 Context: Indian space startup Agnikul Cosmos has delayed the maiden launch of its"AGNIBAAN SOrTeD" (Sub Orbital Technology Demonstrator) rocket. This sub-orbital test flight, originally scheduled for today, March 22nd, 2024, was postponed due to a minor technical issue identified during a full countdown rehearsal. The company prioritized caution, opting to address the issue before launch. A new launch date will be announced soon. This test flight was crucial for Agnikul Cosmos, aiming to demonstrate their launch technology and gather valuable flight data.
World Rheumatology Forum Summit held in Chennai	 Context: The World Rheumatology Forum Summit was held in Chennai with the participation of over









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	 400 delegates from various countries, including the U.K., Singapore, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, and Nepal. Key Points: The theme of the conference focused on Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE), Antiphospholipid syndrome (APS), and management of pregnancy in rheumatic diseases.
	 About: Rheumatology is a branch of medicine focused on diagnosing and managing diseases that affect the joints, muscles, and bones, along with some autoimmune conditions. These diseases are often referred to as rheumatic diseases and can cause pain, inflammation, stiffness, and even joint deformities.
Tamil Nadu rejects plea to include red lentils	 Context: The Tamil Nadu government has rejected a request to include red lentils (masoor dal) in the subsidized pulses distributed through ration shops They will continue to procure and distribute only tur dal (pigeon pea). This decision comes after a petition filed by a supplier urging the inclusion of red lentils. The government cited past difficulties in ensuring purity of masoor dal and their focus on familiar preferences as reasons for their decision. They believe tur dal better reflects the "usage pattern of the people of Tamil Nadu".
Survey finds 105 bird species in 30 rejuvenated tanks	 Context: As many as 105 species of birds were identified in an extensive bird survey conducted in the last two months across 30 rainfed tanks (kanmais) rejuvenated in Ramanathapuram and Virudhunagar districts over the past two years It was done under an initiative by the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) and PRADAN, a CSR flagship programme funded by IndusInd Bank. The tanks nestled in Watrap, Sivakasi, Tiruchuli taluks of Virudhunagar, and Paramakudi and Kamudhi taluks of Ramanathapuram district serve as a vital lifeline for both wildlife and local communities.











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