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<p>World Autism Awareness Day</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Autism Awareness Day is observed annually on April 2nd • It is a UN-sanctioned day to highlight the needs and rights of people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). <p>It's a day to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise awareness: Increase public understanding of autism and the challenges faced by autistic individuals. • Promote acceptance: Foster a more inclusive society where autistic people can thrive. • Celebrate strengths: Recognize the unique talents and perspectives of the autistic community. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), or simply autism, is a developmental condition that impacts how people interact with the world around them. • It's characterized by: Social communication challenges: Difficulty with social interaction, understanding nonverbal cues, or expressing oneself clearly. • Restricted interests and repetitive behaviors: A focus on specific topics, repetitive movements (stimming), or an insistence on routines. <p>Theme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The theme of World Autism Awareness Day 2024 is 'Empowering Autistic Voices' • It aims at providing more support and power to the individuals with this condition, in order to ensure they lead a meaningful life and even pursue successful careers.
<p>Govt polytechnics to get CoE tags</p>	<p>Context:</p> <p>Government polytechnics in Tamil Nadu are set to receive the Center of Excellence (CoE) designation, aimed at enhancing students' job prospects.</p> <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This initiative, which will cost approximately Rs 1,700 crore, involves upgrading all government



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	<p>polytechnic colleges to meet industry 4.0 standards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Directorate of Technical Education (DoTE), under the Higher Education Department, is tasked with implementing this scheme. • The project will primarily focus on three areas: modernizing infrastructure, developing industry-relevant course content, and enhancing the capacity of faculty members. • As part of the initiative, technology centers and advanced laboratories will be established in the CoEs to provide industry 4.0 skill training.
<p>Salem youth performs 49 backward skips for Guinness glory</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 28-year-old native of Salem district and resident of Chennai has entered the Guinness World Record books by performing the most number of backward body skips in a minute. • B Sakthi set a new world record by performing 49 backward skips in a minute at Milan, Italy, on February 22 • He broke his earlier record of 48 skips recorded in Rome in 2018. • In October 2015, he entered Guinness for the first time, performing 46 backward skips in Coimbatore
<p>Chennai DEO's voter awareness campaign bags 'elite' award</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chennai's District Election Office (DEO) has been recognized with a prestigious award for its innovative voter awareness campaign in North Chennai. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This campaign, aimed at boosting voter turnout for the Lok Sabha elections, has garnered significant attention. • The DEO's efforts were acknowledged by both the Elite World Records and the Indian Records Academy.
<p>IIT Madras Study finds an increase in number of C-section deliveries across India</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A recent study by the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) revealed a significant rise in C-section deliveries across India between 2016 and 2021. • The prevalence of C-sections increased from 17.2% to 21.5% during this period. <p>The study highlights some key points:</p>



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Higher rates in private hospitals:

- Women delivering in private hospitals were four times more likely to have C-sections compared to public hospitals.

Non-medical factors influencing rise:

- The proportion of deliveries with pregnancy complications actually decreased, suggesting factors like patient preference and doctor practice patterns may be playing a role.

Geographic and socioeconomic variations:

- The study identified variations across regions and economic groups.
- For instance, in **Tamil Nadu, low-income women in private hospitals had a surprisingly high C-section rate.**