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<p>World Health Day</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Health Day is celebrated annually on April 7th. It was established by the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1948. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 1948, the WHO held the First World Health Assembly. The Assembly decided to celebrate 7 April of each year, with effect from 1950, as the World Health Day. <p>Theme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The theme for World Health Day 2024 is "My health, my right". This theme emphasizes the importance of ensuring everyone, everywhere has access to healthcare services, information, and education to live a healthy life.
<p>207 wetlands: Outside protected areas in Tamil Nadu have potential to be declared as bird sanctuaries</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Advanced Institute of Wildlife Conservation (AIWC) in Tamil Nadu has identified 207 wetlands outside protected areas that could be declared bird sanctuaries. This initiative highlights the state's commitment to protecting wetlands, crucial habitats for diverse bird species and ecosystems. These wetlands were chosen based on factors like: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abundance of birds Size of the wetland Presence of threatened bird species By designating these areas as bird sanctuaries, Tamil Nadu aims to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase protection for birds and their habitats Promote conservation efforts Ensure these wetlands continue to provide ecological benefits.
<p>Chennai corporation collects Rs 2,218cr, beats tax collection target</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chennai Corporation surpassed its property and professional tax collection target for the



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	<p>financial year 2023-24 by collecting Rs 2,218 crore.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This amount is higher than the revised estimate of Rs 2,180 crore, which was set for the previous financial year. • The property tax collection reached Rs 1,642 crore, exceeding the Rs 1,680 crore target. • Professional tax collection also went above the target, reaching Rs 567 crore compared to the Rs 500 crore expectation. • It is important to note that property and professional taxes generate around 51% of the corporation's revenue.
<p>Reticon, International retinal congress, held in Chennai</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14th edition of the International Retinal Congress, Reticon was held in Chennai <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical professionals at the 14th edition of the International Retinal Congress, Reticon, emphasized the potential of technology in ophthalmology to improve accessibility to eye care for a wider population. • This suggests that technological advancements can play a significant role in bridging the gap in ophthalmic care services. • The day-long event, organised by Dr. Agarwal's Eye Hospital, included case presentations, video sessions, and debates on the use of artificial intelligence, gene therapy, and stem cell therapy.
<p>TN's masterstroke: Gets Rs 400 cr for 8 cities</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tamil Nadu has become the first state in India to receive a Rs 400 crore grant from the central government for preparing master plans for eight of its major cities. • The Directorate of Town and Country Planning (DTCP) completed and submitted the plans ahead of the January 15, 2024 deadline, making the state eligible for the funding. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This grant will provide Rs 50 crore each for the development of master plans for Coimbatore, Madurai, Erode, Tiruppur, Trichy, Salem, Tirunelveli, and Vellore. • These plans are expected to guide future growth and infrastructure development in these cities.



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