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<p>Brahmotsavam of the Sri Parthasarathi Perumal temple</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The 10-day annual Brahmotsavam of the Sri Parthasarathi Perumal temple in Triplicane began with the traditional flag hoisting ceremony.• During the festival, the Utsava idols are brought out in procession in various alankarams and on different vahanams. <p>About Brahmotsavam:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Brahmotsavam of the Sri Parthasarathi Perumal temple is a significant event that takes place in the temple located in Triplicane, Chennai.• The festival begins with a traditional flag hoisting ceremony.• The temple follows the traditions of the Thenkalai sect of Vaishnavite tradition and follows the Vaikhanasa Agama.
<p>AyurVAID</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apollo Hospitals launched Apollo AyurVAID, an integrative Ayurveda centre of excellence.• The facility would focus on an integrative approach of western stream medicine and Ayurveda, ensuring precision and adherence to clinical protocols. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It will cover various specialties including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Neurology○ Orthopaedics○ Neurodegenerative disorders○ Metabolic disorders○ Respiratory disorders○ Gynaecology○ Paediatrics○ Dermatology
<p>Golden trevally</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Golden Trevally, a popular marine fish along Tamil Nadu's coastline, has been successfully bred in captivity.• This achievement is the result of five years of



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	<p>research by scientists at ICAR-CMFRI's Visakhapatnam station.</p> <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The team has developed seed production technology for the Golden Trevally, locally known as 'pulli paarai meen'.• Its scientific name is Gnathanodon speciosus.• The Golden Trevally, also known as the Golden Kingfish, is a promising species for marine aquaculture due to its rapid growth rates, high meat quality, and high market demand.
<p>Pulicat Birds Sanctuary</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The initiation of settlement of claims for local communities residing in 13 revenue villages within Pulicat Birds Sanctuary boundary limits has raised concerns.• The concerns are about the shrinking of the sanctuary's Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ). <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In the 77th meeting of the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife, a proposal was discussed for the use of 215.83 hectares of non-forest land for the development of an industrial park inside the ESZ, and 5 km from the bird sanctuary.• The petition highlights the unique characteristics of the Pulicat lagoon:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Its vulnerability to shoreline dynamics.○ The presence of more mangrove plantation in the Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) than in the Sanctuary area.○ role in the Central Asian Flyway for birds.
<p>Parivahan, a global hyperloop conference (GHC)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Indian Institute of Technology-Madras organised Parivahan, a global hyperloop conference (GHC).• This was the first international conference on innovative transportation. <p>Key points:</p>



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- The conference aimed to introduce the futuristic concept of hyperloop to India.
- Hyperloop is a high-speed transportation system for long-distance travel, referred to as the fifth mode of transport.
- It involves an electromagnetically levitating pod within a vacuum tube that eliminates friction and air drag, allowing the pod to reach speeds up to Mach 1.0.