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<p><b>Pollution Under Control Certificates (PUC) version 2.0</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Tamil Nadu state transport department has launched a web-based Pollution Under Control Certificates (PUC) version 2.0 to check air pollution and curb violations.</li></ul> <p><b>Key points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The new version ensures that the mobile phone linked to the PUC version 2.0 should be present at the geo-tagged location of the centres as the App will work only within 30 metres from the centre.</li><li>• A picture of the vehicles with number plates while testing the emissions and a picture of the vehicle along with the certified person who tests the emission and name board of the center should be uploaded.</li><li>• Also, video clips of testing should be uploaded.</li><li>• Tamil Nadu is the third state in the country to launch PUC Version 2.0.</li><li>• The new system will come into effect from May 6.</li></ul>
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## Daily Current Affairs Encyclopedia

Tourism survey in Tamil Nadu

Why in news?

- The Tamil Nadu Tourism Department, in collaboration with the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO), will conduct a tourism survey in all 38 districts of the state for the first time.
- The proposed survey will collect information from tourist destinations, exit points, and accommodations.

Key points:

- The survey aims to assess the internal tourism volume in accordance with the definition prescribed by the UNWTO.
- This includes counting exercises at the entry gates and entry points of the destination, assessing the average number of destinations visited and intended to be visited in the district, and the place of stay of leisure visitors.
- The survey will also be conducted at exit points of the district, such as railway stations, bus stands, and airports.
- The whole survey will be conducted through volunteers and locals in each district.



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### Thanjavur Big Temple

### Why in news?

- The **Department of Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (HR&CE)** in Tamil Nadu has announced that it will take **legal action against individuals who have been circulating video clips of renovation works** at the **Arulmigu Peruvudaiyar temple**, also known as the **Thanjavur Big Temple**.
- The **HR&CE** department's role is limited to conducting the **poojas, rituals, and temple festivals**, while the **maintenance of the centuries-old temple is the responsibility of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)**.

### About Thanjavur Big Temple:

- The Thanjavur Big Temple, also known as the **Brihadishvara Temple or Rajarajesvaram**.
- It is **one of the largest Hindu temples** and an **exemplar of Tamil architecture**.
- The **temple was constructed under the rule of Rajaraja I and completed in 1010 CE**.
- It is considered a **symbol of the power and wealth of the Chola dynasty**.
- The temple **houses the largest Shiva linga in India** and is the **first place to commission the brass Nataraja, representing Lord Shiva as the Lord of Dance**.
- The temple is a **UNESCO World Heritage site** and is **part of the "Great Living Chola Temples"** along with the **Chola-era Gangaikonda Cholapuram temple and Airavatesvara temple**.



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Monitor lizard (*Varanus bengalensis*)

Why in news?

- The **wildlife officials in Tamil Nadu seized more than 300 monitor lizard skins** from different districts.
- These **skins were intended for making the percussion instrument kanjira.**

Key points:

- The **state wildlife crime control bureau raided shops selling musical instruments.**
- The shop owners informed officials about the **source of the monitor lizard skins**, which made kanjiras.
- **Monitor lizard (*Varanus bengalensis*) is protected under Schedule I of the Wildlife Protection Act.**
- As per the provisions of the Act, **illegal possession and trade of any Scheduled species, or parts thereof, is a punishable offence that attracts imprisonment for up to seven years.**



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Specialised courts in the Union Territory of Puducherry

Why in news?

- Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry, in consultation with the High Court of Judicature at Madras, issued orders to establish various specialised courts across the Union Territory of Puducherry.
- A Court of Judicial Magistrate (**Mahila Court**) has been established in Puducherry District to address cases concerning women.

Key points:

- Special courts have been designated to preside over cases involving members of parliament and members of the Puducherry legislative assembly.
- These specialised courts will be functional after the posting of judicial officers.

About Specialised courts:

- **Legislative Authority:** The constitution of Special Courts and their functioning fall within the domain of the State and Union Territory Governments.
- **Consultation with High Courts:** The State and UT Governments set up such courts as per their need and resources, in consultation with the High Courts.