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<p>West Nile fever</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Tamil Nadu Health Department has increased surveillance. • This action is focused on villages in the Coimbatore district that border Kerala. • The reason for this is the confirmed cases of West Nile fever in the neighbouring state, Kerala. <p>About West Nile fever:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cause and Transmission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ West Nile fever is caused by the West Nile virus, which is part of the Flaviviridae family. ○ It is primarily transmitted to humans through the bites of infected mosquitoes, with the Culex species being the most common vector. • Symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Many people infected with West Nile virus do not show symptoms. ○ Less than 1% of infected people develop a serious neurological illness such as encephalitis or meningitis. • West Nile virus is found in Africa, Europe, the Middle East, North America, and West Asia.
<p>Gowmariamman Temple</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thousands of devotees witnessed the holy car procession, a major event of the annual Chithirai festival at the Gowmariamman Temple at Veerapandi. <p>About Gowmariamman Temple:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Gowmariamman Temple, dedicated to the goddess Mariamman. • The temple is dedicated to Mariamman, a form of the goddess Parvati, who is worshiped primarily as a mother goddess associated with fertility and health. • The temple is famous for its elaborate festivals, especially the "Mariamman Thiruvizha," which involves rituals for rain and fertility and is celebrated during the summer months.
<p>Thillai temple Govindarajaswamy</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Madras High Court has decided to explore the possibility of conducting a mediation. • The mediation is between the Podhu Dikshitars in Chidambaram town and the trustees of Thillai Govindarajaswamy temple.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The issue at hand is the conducting of a Brahmotsavam for the Thillai Govindarajaswamy temple. <p>About Thillai Govindarajaswamy temple:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The temple is located in the city of Chidambaram, Tamil Nadu. It is dedicated to Lord Vishnu, known here as Govindaraja. This temple is one of the 108 Divya Desams—holy shrines for Vaishnavites, as mentioned in the works of the Tamil Azhvars (saint poets).
<p>Hogenakkal drinking water project</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adequate water is being released to fulfill the daily supply requirement under the Hogenakkal project, despite low inflow in the Cauvery. In response to reports of severe drought in Hogenakkal due to non-release of water in the Cauvery by Karnataka, the district administration has stated that it has not affected the drinking water supply. <p>About Hogenakkal drinking water project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Hogenakkal drinking water project, officially known as the Hogenakkal Water Supply and Fluorosis Mitigation Project, is a significant initiative in Tamil Nadu. The main goal of the project is to provide safe drinking water to the Dharmapuri and Krishnagiri districts of Tamil Nadu, which are affected by high fluoride content in groundwater causing fluorosis. The water for this project is sourced from the River Cauvery at Hogenakkal, which is on the border of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. One of the primary health objectives is to mitigate the effects of fluorosis, a disease caused by fluoride ingestion, which affects bones and teeth.
<p>Tamil Nadu State Coastal Zone Management Authority (TNSCZMA)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has directed the Tamil Nadu State Coastal Zone Management Authority (TNSCZMA) to correct the 'incomplete' draft Coastal Zone Management Plans (CZMPs). The correction should incorporate long-term housing plans for coastal communities as per the guidelines prescribed in the CRZ Notification, 2019. <p>About Tamil Nadu State Coastal Zone Management Authority (TNSCZMA):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The TNSCZMA is responsible for enforcing and



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monitoring the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) regulations.

- Its primary objective is to protect and improve the coastal environment and promote sustainable development along the coastal areas of Tamil Nadu.
- The authority was established under the provisions of the Environment Protection Act, 1986.
- **Responsibilities:**
 - Implementing the CRZ notifications.
 - Approving and regulating development activities within the coastal zones.
 - Ensuring the protection of the coastal environment including the conservation of coastal and marine biodiversity.