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<p>Chiretolpis erubescens</p> 	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Chiretolpis erubescens, a rare moth endemic to the Western Ghats, its study highlights the limited knowledge about lesser-known species in the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve (NBR).● This species, "rediscovered" after 132 years. <p>About Chiretolpis erubescens:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Scientific Classification:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Kingdom: Plantae○ Family: Acanthaceae○ Genus: Chiretolpis○ Species: C. erubescens● Endemic to Western Ghats: Chiretolpis erubescens is native to the Western Ghats region in India.● Elusive Appearance: It has an orange head, streaked tibiae (legs), and delicate, hair-like scales on its wings.● Hidden Biodiversity: The rediscovery sheds light on the lesser-known species within the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve.● Conservation Importance: Understanding such species helps protect the fragile ecosystems of the Western Ghats.
<p>Baya weavers</p> 	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Baya weavers 'own' palm trees in Ottiyambakkam again.● There was a fear they had deserted their 'old home', but the birds have quelled it, as proved by the new nests on the tree. <p>About Baya weavers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Scientific Name: Ploceus philippinus● Common Names: Baya Weaver, Indian Weaver Bird● Family: Ploceidae● Habitat: Grasslands, cultivated areas, scrub, and secondary growth in South and Southeast Asia● Distribution: Widespread across the Indian Subcontinent, including India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka,



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	<p>and parts of Southeast Asia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Conservation Status: Listed as Least Concern by the IUCN.
<p>Nel Jayaraman Traditional Paddy Conservation Centre</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Nel Jayaraman Traditional Paddy Conservation Centre has revived 203 lost paddy varieties in Tamil Nadu. ● These ancient varieties, some of which date back thousands of years, hold immense significance. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Historical Origins: Some of these paddy varieties were believed to have been consumed by Gautama Buddha and the royal family of Mysore. ● Ecological Adaptation: The retrieved paddy breeds cater to different ecological needs. Some thrive in drought conditions, while others withstand floods and cyclones. ● Success Story: Starting with just 11 varieties in 2006, the mission has now restored varieties like Maappillai Samba, Karuppu Kavuni, Thengapoo Samba, Thooya Malli, Varappu Kudainjan, Matta Kaar, Kalan Namakku, and Sivappu Pudavazhai. ● Annual Festival: The Nel Jayaraman Traditional Paddy Conservation Centre hosts a national paddy festival each year to showcase these revived treasures.
<p>Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG)</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) has identified several discrepancies in Tamil Nadu's eProcurement system. <p>About CAG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Establishment: The Comptroller and Auditor General of India is established under Article 148 of the Indian Constitution. ● Role and Functions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The CAG audits the accounts related to all expenditures from the Consolidated Fund of India, of each state, and of each union territory having a legislative assembly. ○ It audits all receipts and expenditures of the Government of India and the state



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	<p>governments, including those of bodies and authorities substantially financed by the government.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Appointment and Tenure:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The CAG is appointed by the President of India.○ The tenure of the CAG is 6 years or up to the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier.● Legal Provisions:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The duties and powers of the CAG are prescribed by the Comptroller and Auditor-General's (Duties, Powers and Conditions of Service) Act, 1971.
<p>Transgender Literature Festival</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Fourth transgender literature festival held in Madurai. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Organiser: Transgender Resource Centre● Eminent Participants:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Senthil Nagaiyasamy○ M Manimaran○ Deepa Nagarani● Notable Attendees:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Maharishi Vidhya Mandir Headmistress Hema○ Suvadugal Founder Bhagyaraj○ Other distinguished guests● Competitions and Awards:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Prizes distributed for the Su Samuthiram memorial short story writing competition● Winners:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ First place: Sivagama Sundari Nagamani○ Second place: Anand Ravi○ Third place: Pattukottai Raja