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| <p>Increase in ground water level in Tamil Nadu</p> <p>Steps taken by Union Government for Sustainable GroundWater Management</p> | <p>Context: As per the Study:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The groundwater level has increased in most of the districts due to the northeast monsoon rains in Tamil Nadu. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The maximum groundwater level has risen to 2.44 meters in Kanyakumari, 1.35 meters in Villupuram and 1.81 meters in Tiruvannamalai.Jal Shakti Abhiyan - Catch the Rain” (JSA:CTR) campaign has been taken up as an annual programme since 2021 with the theme” Catch the rain, where it falls, when it falls” for creating appropriate rainwater harvesting structures in urban and rural areas.“Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY)” in Financial Year 2015-16 with an aim to enhance physical access of water on farm and expand cultivable area under assured irrigationHar Khet Ko Pani (HKKP) is one of the component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY). |
| <p>Approot app to help carry goods</p> | <p>In News:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">IIT-Chennai has jointly designed a mobile phone app that helps transport goods between cities easily and efficiently. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">App is called 'Approot'This mobile app connects drivers and consumers without any middleman or fees.It is designed so that the payment is directly from the consumer to the driver without any middlemen.Developed by IIT Chennai Computer Science and Engineering Professor NS Narayanaswamy and IIT alumnus Anujfulia, the app was commercialized by IIT Chennai's business promotion start-up 'Optrud Logistics'. |
| <p>Madambakkam lake to be restored</p> | <p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Tambaram corporation in Chennai is working to restore the polluted Madambakkam lake at a cost of 6 crore.The lake water, currently chlorinated, is being supplied to residents in Chitlapakkam.A project consultant has been appointed to restore the lake and identify 13 inlets that discharge sewage illegally. |



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| | <p>About Madambakkam lake:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Madambakkam Lake is one of the largest lakes in Chennai and is an important source of water for the city.● The lake is also a popular spot for birdwatching and recreation.● Madambakkam Lake is an artificial lake● It was created in the 17th century by the Nayak kings● The lake was used to store water for irrigation and drinking. |
| <p>Madurai paintings</p>  | <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Madurai paintings originated in the city of Madurai, TN● The style is characterized by its use of bright colors, bold lines, and intricate designs.● Madurai paintings are often used to depict religious themes, such as scenes from Hindu mythology.● However, they can also be used to depict secular themes, such as landscapes or portraits.● Madurai paintings can be traced back to the 17th century, when the city was ruled by the Nayak dynasty.● The style was further developed by the Maratha rulers of Madurai in the 18th century.● Madurai paintings are typically painted on a canvas made from cotton or silk.● The paint is made from natural pigments, such as vegetable dyes and mineral powders.● The paintings are often framed with gold or silver leaf. |
| <p>Namma Salai App</p> | <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● It is a mobile application that helps identify potholes in the city with inputs from public.● Objective:To achieve accident free Tamil Nadu● People can upload the pics with geographical co-ordinates. |



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