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#### History, Art and Culture

##### Arittapatti village

- **Location** - Madurai, Tamilnadu
- It is 1<sup>st</sup> Biodiversity heritage site of Tamilnadu
- **Ecological importance** - It hosts wildlife such as the Indian pangolin, slender loris & pythons.
- It is home to approximately 250 bird species, including 3 prominent raptors - the Laggar Falcon, Shaheen Falcon, and Bonelli's Eagle.
- **Historical importance** - It boasts numerous megalithic structures, Tamil Brahmi inscriptions, Jain beds & rock-cut temples that date back 2200 years.

#### Geography

##### Kilauea

- It is an active shield volcano.
- **Location** - Hawaiian Islands.
- It is located within Hawaiian Volcanoes National Park.

#### Polity & Governance

##### PRAGATI

- It is ICT-based multi-purpose and multi-modal platform.
- **PRAGATI** - Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation.
- **Launched in** - 2015, involving Centre and State governments.
- It is also a robust system for bringing e-transparency and e-accountability with real-time presence and exchange among the key stakeholders.

##### Town Official Language Implementation Committee (TOLIC)

- It is a body formed in various cities throughout India to encourage the adoption of Hindi as the official language.
- **Role** - They are tasked with monitoring the execution of the Official Language Policy within their designated regions.
- Their efforts focus on enhancing the use of Hindi in government agencies, public institutions, and broader public arenas.

#### Agriculture

##### National Rainfed Areas Authority

- **Role** - To support rainfed areas by analyzing investment types by different states and schemes.
- **Aim** - To motivate states to invest more in these areas, ensuring that the amount of investment is less compared to their requirements and vulnerability.

#### Environment

## Cephalopods

- **Cephalopods** - They are any of the class of sea animals that have a large soft head, large eyes and eight or ten long thin legs.
- Cephalopod literally means "head foot" in Greek, a reference to the way the cephalopod's head connects to its many arms.
- **Speciality** - These creatures are known for their advanced intelligence and complex behaviors.
- **Examples** - Squid, octopus, cuttlefish, or nautilus.

## Oriental dollarbird

- **Scientific Name** - *Eurystomus orientalis*.
- **Morphology** - It has distinctive pale blue or white, coin-shaped spots on its wings.
- **Distribution** - Australia to Korea, Japan and India.
- **IUCN Status** - Least Concern.

## UNESCO World Heritage Marine Programme

- **Objective** - To establish effective conservation of existing and potential marine areas of Outstanding Universal Value to ensure that they will be maintained and thrive for generations to come.
- **Goals** - To enable effective management and to create an international network of World Heritage marine sites.
- There are currently 51 marine sites participating in the Programme across 37 nations.
- **In India** - Sundarbans National Park

## Security

### SLINEX 2024

- **SLINEX** - Sri Lanka-India Naval Exercise
- **2024** - In Visakhapatnam
- **Focus on** - Surface and air assault drills, weapons firing, seamanship and shipping development, along with maneuvers and cross-deck flight operations.
- **Goals** - It include strengthening cooperative efforts between the two nations' navies for multi-dimensional maritime operations, fostering better mutual understanding, and sharing best practices and procedures.

## Science

### CSIR

- **CSIR** - Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).
- It is a leading R&D institution in India, significantly contributing to scientific and industrial advancement.
- **Established in** - 1942
- **Mission** - To improve human welfare through innovative scientific research and technology.
- **Mandate** - To conduct, support, and promote scientific and industrial research throughout India.
- **Functions under** - Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India.

