



promotion and development of products such as Fruits, Vegetables, Meat, Poultry, Dairy Products, Floriculture, Alcoholic and Non-Alcoholic Beverages etc.

Environment

1. **Band-tail Scorpionfish** | Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) have found a rare Scorpionfish from Sethukarai coast in the Gulf of Mannar | camouflages within the seagrass meadows | well-known for its stinging venomous spines and ability to change colour | called 'scorpionfish' because its spines contain neurotoxic venom.

Gulf of Mannar → between the west coast of Sri Lanka and the south-eastern tip of India, in the Coromandel Coast region | is a large shallow bay forming part of the Laccadive Sea in the Indian Ocean.

The Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute | under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and later it joined the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) family in 1967 | leading tropical marine fisheries research institute in the world | HQ: Kochi, Kerala.

2. **Nagar Van Scheme** | To increase forest cover in urban areas by developing 200 Urban Forests across the country in next five years | implemented with people's participation and collaboration between the Forest Department, Municipal bodies, NGOs and corporates | finances for the scheme will be paid for by the CAMPA (Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF) Act, 2016) funds | Warje Urban Forest in Pune (Maharashtra) will be considered as a role model for the Scheme.
3. **Healthy and Energy Efficient Buildings Initiative** | launched by EESL in partnership with the U.S. Agency for International Development's (USAID) MAITREE program | addresses the challenges of retrofitting existing buildings and air conditioning systems so that they are both healthy and energy-efficient | pave the way for other buildings to take appropriate steps to be healthy and energy-efficient.

MAITREE program → is a part of the US-India bilateral Partnership between the Ministry of Power and USAID | aimed at accelerating the adoption of cost-effective energy efficiency as a standard practice within buildings and specifically focuses on cooling.

Energy Efficiency Services Limited → is a joint venture of four National Public Sector Enterprises—NTPC Limited, Power Finance Corporation Ltd (PFC), REC and POWERGRID, and was set up under Ministry of Power | aims to create market access for efficient and future-ready transformative solutions that create a win-win situation for every stakeholder.

4. **Sixth mass extinction** | The sixth mass extinction which is ongoing is referred to as the Anthropocene extinction or Holocene extinction | this extinction is human-caused and is more immediate than climate destruction.