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## Voting for senior citizens, differently-abled has started

- The Election Commission is taking various measures to ensure that no voter is left out in the election.
- Accordingly, the Election Commission has started a scheme to collect the votes of senior citizens above 85 years of age and persons with disabilities by going to their homes.
- Form '12D' was distributed for this purpose.
- The process of collecting votes by going to the homes of those who have filled the 12D form has started.

### Gene therapy developed in India for cancer

- President Draupadi Murmu launched India's first gene-based 'CAR T-Cell' (gene) therapy for cancer.
- A CAR T-cell therapy developed indigenously by IIT-Mumbai and Tata Foundation, 'NexCAR19', will cure a variety of cancers.
- The launch of the first gene therapy in India is a major breakthrough in our fight against cancer.

#### Advanced 'Agni Prime' missile test

- The Department of Nuclear Weapons and the Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) successfully test-fired the latest generation nuclear-capable Agni Prime missile at APJ Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha on the night of April 3.
- It is designed to hit targets up to 1000 km to 2,000 km.

#### Successful Tests:

- The first test of the state-of-the-art Agni-5 missile under the 'Divyastra' program was successfully conducted last month. It is designed with modern technology called MIRV which can hit a specific target and return with a range of 5,000 km.
- Similarly, the first four missiles of Agni, which can hit targets between 700 km and 3,500 km, are already in service with the Army.