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Decrease of coral reefs in Palk Strait

- According to a National Coastal Survey report, due to increase in temperature, the spread of coral reefs in areas including Palk Strait is gradually decreasing.
- Coral reefs are found deep in coastal areas. The bodies and remains of dead marine organisms are said to decompose after various changes and form algae known as coral reefs.

Different Colours:

- In coastal areas where coral reefs are present, fish stocks will increase, impacts due to disasters will be limited.
- Thus, the central government is taking various measures to protect the coral reefs in the sea.
- It was estimated that there were 1.10 sq km of coral reefs in the area including Palk Strait, Gulf of Mannar
- Rate of spread of coral reefs in Pak Strait

Year	Percentage
2002	37.6
2008	37.8
2013	28.24
2016	31.1
2023	30.82

Temperature Rise:

- The study revealed that coral reefs are dying due to climate change and increasing temperature in sea water.

Apps of Election Commission

Saksham App:

- Special built-in facilities for disabled voters.
- For registration as disabled voter and fresh application.
- Can apply for a polling centering wheelchair.

Voter Help Center app:

- Single window service for getting name registration and related facilities in voter list.
- To search your name in the voter list.
- New applications can be submitted for the voter list. to join
- To obtain a polling station information slip.

KYC App:

- To know about the candidate contesting in your constituency their educational qualification as stated in the nomination their criminal background, assets and debts.

c-Vigil App:

- This app will be operational from the day of declaration of election to report election related illegal activities/ Electoral Conduct Violations.

Election.. our ancient pride

- Elections are not new to us. Although kings in ancient Tamil Nadu were chosen on the basis of succession, administrators were elected to the important posts of governing villages.
- There are inscriptional evidence for it. An inscription in the Vaikunda Perumal Temple, Uthiramerur, Kanchipuram district, bears testimony to the existence of the Kudavolai system here, about 1,100 years ago, when the practice of election was unknown to the world.
- During the reign of Parantaka Cholas, the people's representatives were elected by the Kudavolai system. It defines the qualifications and who are ineligible for participating in the election.
- An inscription at Manur in Tirunelveli district regarding the election of village councilors is said to be older than this.