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Kalaingar Magalir Urimai Thogai (KMUT) scheme



In News:

Income scheme for women investment not expenditure.

- TN Chief Minister MK Stalin said, the welfare scheme, Kalaingar Magalir Urimai Thogai (basic income scheme) will pave the way for women's empowerment.
- This scheme is launched in view of the birth anniversary of Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) founder CN Annadurai.

Key Points:

- The Kalaingar Magalir Urimai Thogai (KMUT) scheme is a basic income scheme that provides a monthly financial assistance of ₹1,000 to eligible women heads of families in Tamil Nadu.
- The scheme was launched by Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on September 15, 2023.
- To be eligible for the scheme, a woman must be the head of her family, be a resident of Tamil Nadu, and have a monthly income of less than Rs10,000.

Person in News: CN Annadurai

Key points:

- C. N. Annadurai, popularly known as Anna, was an Indian politician who served as the fourth and last Chief Minister of Madras State from 1967 until his death in 1969.
- He was the founder of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK), a Dravidian political party in Tamil Nadu.
- Annadurai was born on September 15, 1909, in Conjeevaram, Madras Presidency.
- He was educated at Pachaiyappa's College, Madras, where he studied law. After graduating, he worked as a



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Bharat New Car Assessment Programme (BNCAP)



lawyer and journalist.

In News: 'Bharat' stamp on road safety

- India has announced its own crash test protocol.
- It is called Bharat New Car Assessment Programme (BNCAP).
- India now became the fifth country in the world to have its own crash test rating structure.
- It lessens India's dependency on overseas agencies which levy 4x the cost.

Key points:

- BNCAP was formulated by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways with the help of Global NCAP.
- The Automotive Research Association of India, the leading R&D organization in the country, is its testing agency.
- Bharat NCAP's testing protocol is aligned with the global crash test protocols. This implies that the programme will give a star rating between 1-5 for cars tested, with 1 being the lowest

Pallava Temple



In News: A Pallava temple rebuilt by the Cholas

- Thiruppulivanam, close to Uthiramerur, is home to an ancient and historical temple for Siva, worshiped here as Vyaghrapurishwara.
- This temple dates back to the Pallava era as seen from evidence provided by inscriptions.

Key Points:


- The original Pallava structure, perhaps of brick, appears to have been rebuilt of granite in the reign of Kulottunga Chola I (1070-1125 A.D.).
- The temple faces east with a three-tier gopuram at the entrance.
- Outside the gopuram are the Nandi mandapam,



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	<p>bali-pitham, and also, the temple tank called Vyaghra Tirtham, on the side.</p>
<p>Fishermen detained by Sri Lankan navy</p> 	<p>In News: CM Stalin writes to Jaishankar, urges steps to secure release of fishermen detained by Sri Lankan navy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin wrote to External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar urging him to initiate diplomatic efforts with the Sri Lanka government to secure the release of 17 fishermen detained by the Lankan Navy. ● "Three mechanized boats and 17 Tamil Nadu fishermen were apprehended by the Sri Lankan Navy, allegedly for crossing the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) into Sri Lankan waters". <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) is a conceptual division of the Earth's water surface areas that define the maritime zones and limits of two adjacent countries' sovereignty. ● This is done through a series of agreements and treaties between the countries involved. <p>In India, the IMBL is defined by a number of agreements and treaties with neighboring countries, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The India-Sri Lanka Maritime Boundary Agreement of 1974 2. The India-Maldives Maritime Boundary Agreement of 1976 3. The India-Bangladesh Maritime Boundary Agreement of 2014 4. The India-Myanmar Maritime Boundary Agreement of 2017
<p>Singapore company Memsift</p>	<p>In News: Singapore waste-to-value firm plans India hub</p>



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Innovations will set up its first global engineering unit in India

Key Points:

- Singapore-based waste-to-value company Memsift Innovations will set up its first global engineering unit in India
- It will raise \$10 million to expand operations, said its CEO and founder J. Antony Prince.
- The five-year-old firm will raise about ₹83 crore and require 2.5 acres for the unit that is likely to come up in Hosur.
- “R 50 crore will be spent over the next 3-5 years and [the unit] will employ 70-80 engineers,”



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