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Sati stone found in Srivilliputhur



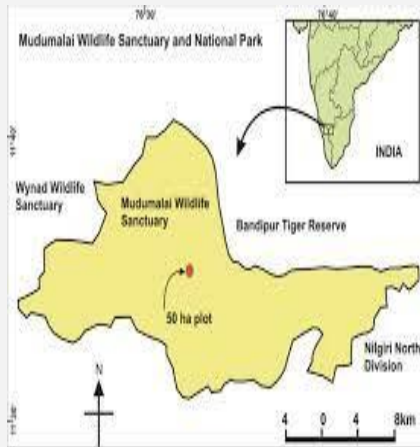
In News: Rare minstrel sati stone found in Srivilliputhur

- A 550-year-old rare minstrel sati stone was found recently at Amaichiyar Amman Temple, at Madavarvalagam, in Srivilliputhur.

Key Points:

- The sati stone is 2.5 feet high, and 3 feet wide, and was carved in granite stone.
- It depicts a man playing a musical instrument mridangam, along with his wife with both hands raised.
- The stones were found by assistant professor of history at Aruppukottai SBK college Rajapandi and Noorsahipuram Sivakumar.
- The man and woman in this sculpture are designed as Panar and Padini and might have been musicians who played music, sang, and danced in the temple.

Booking of Safaris via online mode only, Mudumalai Tiger Reserve



In News: You can only book Mudumalai Tiger Reserve safaris online from now

- Tourists visiting Mudumalai Tiger Reserve (MTR) can hereafter book vehicle safari inside Theppakadu elephant camp only through the online mode.

Key Points:

- Forest minister M Mathiventhan launched the facility at Chennai in the presence of Additional Chief Secretary Environment, Climate Change and Forest department Supriya Sahu.
- The initiative is part of the government's efforts to ensure transparency.
- Tourists can book a slot by making a digital transaction for the 60-minute ride.

About Mudumalai Tiger Reserve:

- Mudumalai Tiger Reserve is a national park in the Nilgiri Mountains in Tamil Nadu in southern India.
- It covers 321 km² (124 sq mi) at an elevation range of 850–1,250 m (2,790–4,100 ft)
- MTR shares boundaries with the states of Karnataka and Kerala.

Did you Know?


The **Moyar River** enters Mudumalai Tiger Reserve in the



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	south and is joined by five tributaries
Fishing slump hits livelihoods in TN	<p>In News: Fishing slump hits livelihoods in TN's delta districts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Fishing activity in the coastal delta region has been going through a lean patch over the past two monthsIt is affecting not just the fishers but a whole other workforce dependent on it including the workers at harbors and fish landing centers. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A variety of factors have affected the fishing industry in the districts of Nagapattinam, Mayiladuthurai and Karaikal.It includes rough weather, fishing stoppages, strikes, agitations and local bans
STEM park in TN 	<p>In News: Coimbatore Corporation floats tender for Rs 72 lakh STEM park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Coimbatore City Municipal Corporation (CCMC) has floated a tender to set up a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) park <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Stem Park was encouraged by the success of the science park established at Tatabad.The science park at Tatabad, Gandhipuram was recently renovated and is receiving good response from students, and academics.The civic body issued the work order for setting up the Pi-shaped Ramanujan Maths Park on the VOC Park campusNow, the civic body plans to establish a STEM park.STEM Park will be on two acres of land in Saravanampatti and will cater to students of its schools <p>Did you Know?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The first STEM Park in India was established in the city of Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu



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Pamban Railway bridge

In News:92 per cent works completed at new Pamban Railway bridge

- The final phase of the construction works is underway at the new Pamban railway bridge, of which over 92% of the works have been completed
- The final fabrication works will be completed by the end of this month

Key Points:

- The works for the construction of the New Pamban Rail Bridge near the existing rail bridge started back in 2019.
- The sea bridge is being constructed by **Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL)**.
- The construction was expected to be completed earlier in March of 2023, but got delayed multiple times owing to various issues.
- The fabrication work of the 35-meter tall lifting towers is also nearing completion and the erection has been commenced.



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