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Pallava-era Kotravai sculpture discovered in Cuddalore



Context:

- Archaeologists recently **unearthed a Pallava-era Kotravai sculpture** in Cuddalore, Tamil Nadu.
- Dating back to around the **8th century**, the sculpture depicts the **warrior goddess Kotravai** standing on a demon (Magishan) and wielding various weapons.
- At **59 centimeters tall**, the sculpture offers a **valuable glimpse into Pallava artistic traditions and religious beliefs**.

Rameswaram to go green with CNG buses at tourist spots

Context:

- Rameswaram is taking **steps to reduce pollution and promote eco-friendly tourism**.
- The district administration plans to **introduce CNG buses to operate between Dhanushkodi and Arichal Munai**, a route frequented by tourists.
- This initiative **aims to minimize emissions and create a cleaner environment for visitors and residents alike**.

About:

- This eco-conscious approach **aligns with the rising popularity of spiritual and ecotourism in Rameswaram**.
- The district is committed to providing a pleasant experience for tourists while preserving the island's natural beauty

Single certificate for denotified communities in TN

Context:

- People belonging to **denotified communities will henceforth get a single certificate**, instead of dual certificates, **to avail welfare schemes**.

About:


- This **simplifies the process of availing welfare schemes** offered by both the state and central governments.
- **Previously, these communities received separate certificates:**
- **Denotified Community Certificate** - for state government schemes and reservations



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Denotified Tribe Certificate - for central government schemes• The single certificate eliminates this redundancy and addresses a long-standing demand from these communities.
<p>Women's share in bank credit stands at 20.78% in Tamil Nadu</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The share of bank credit to women in Tamil Nadu stood at 20.78% of the total advances as of December 31, 2023.• As per data from the State Level Bankers Committee, Tamil Nadu loan disbursements made to women by all banks stood at ₹2,04,737.54 crore up to December 2023.• The outstanding portfolio stood at ₹3,08,221.32 crore as of 31, December 2023.• The Government of India and Reserve Bank of India have advised banks to ensure that the share in bank credit to women is increased to desired level of 5% or more.• While Tamil Nadu's current figure is above the national advised level, there's still room for improvement.
<p>80 turtle hatchlings released into sea</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gulf of Mannar Marine National Park (GoMMNP) authorities released 80 Olive Ridley turtle hatchlings into the sea• The GoMMNP has released 2,263 turtle hatchlings after the nesting season started this year. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The GoMMNP is home to five turtle species namely Olive Ridley, Leatherback, Green, Hawksbill, and Loggerhead turtles.• Olive Ridleys are the predominant species nesting in the Ramanathapuram coast at places like Kannirajapuram, Mukkaiyur, Oppilan, Erwadi, Sethukarai, Puthumadam, Mandapam, Ariyaman, Alagankulam, Atrankarai, Puthuvalasai, Pamban, Kunthukal and Dhanushkodi areas.• However, the turtle nests are in perpetual danger of elements like dogs and humans poaching the eggs for food. <p>IUCN Olive Ridley Turtles: Vulnerable</p>