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Tamil Nadu: 10-05-2024

Moosa Raza

Why in news?

- Moosa Raza, aged 87, the **former Chief Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir** and chairman of the **Southern Indian Education Trust (SIET)**, passed away in Chennai.

About Moosa Raza:

- Mr. Raza was born in Meenambur village in **Villupuram district, Tamil Nadu**.
- He **joined the Indian Administrative Service in 1960** after earning his honours in English language and literature from the **University of Madras**.
- He **served the Gujarat and Central governments** in various capacities, including the **Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister of Gujarat** and **Chief Secretary, Government of Jammu and Kashmir**.
- After retiring from Government service, he **served as a member of the National Integration Council of India**.



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St. Vallalar

Why in news?

- Tamil Nadu government has decided to construct a **Vallalar International Centre** in **Vadalur** as part of its electoral promise.
- The **location of the centre is close to where St. Vallalar attained siddhi** 149 years ago.

Key points:

- **Ramalinga Adigalar**, also known as **Ramalinga Swamigal** or **St. Vallalar**, was born two centuries ago.
- **Vallalar** has made lasting **contributions to spirituality and Tamil literature**.

About St. Vallalar:

- St. Vallalar, was a notable **Tamil saint and poet of the 19th century**.
- Born on October 5, 1823, in **Marudur**, near Chidambaram, Tamil Nadu.
- He belonged to a line of Tamil saints known as "**gnana siddhars**", which means '**higher wisdom**'.
- He founded a group known as "**Samarasa Suddha Sanmarga Sathiya Sangam**" to eliminate caste in India.

Integrated Coastal Community
Development project

Why in news?

- The **Southern Zone of the National Green Tribunal** has taken suo motu cognisance of pathway laying activities at **Injambakkam beach**.
- These activities are **part of the Integrated Coastal Community Development project** by the **Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority (CMDA)**.

About Integrated Coastal Community Development project:


- The Integrated Coastal Community Development project is an initiative that **aims to provide alternative livelihood opportunities to benefit coastal communities**.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The project is being implemented in the shores of Injambakkam-Akkarai, Kasimedu, and Thiruvottiyur.• The project takes a comprehensive approach, combining sustainable marine and coastal natural resource management with economic and livelihood development in coastal and small island communities where poverty is endemic.
<p>Temple Chariot Rangoli artwork</p> 	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Temple Chariot Rangoli artwork by a student has been displayed on the campus of NIFT TEA College of Knitwear Fashion in Tiruppur.• This artwork has earned an entry into the Limca Book of Records. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arun Kumar took inspiration from artists who skillfully use a combination of geometric shapes, floral patterns, and traditional motifs to create visuals that resemble the grand chariots used in temple processions.• He used a single stroke technique to create the intricate designs in a space of 525 square feet.• In ancient times, chariots were an essential part of temple festivals, used to carry deities in grand processions.
<p>Combined Water Supply Scheme (CWSS)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Combined Water Supply Scheme (CWSS) for 434 rural habitations across 22 village panchayats in the Chennimalai union is nearing completion.• The scheme is implemented by the Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board (TWAD). <p>About CWSS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Combined Water Supply Scheme (CWSS) is an initiative by the Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board (TWAD).



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- The CWSS is designed to provide water supply to multiple areas, including both urban and rural regions.
- The scheme involves drawing water from a major source, treating it, and then supplying it to the designated areas.
- The scheme includes Mega Combined Water Supply Schemes and schemes under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).