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<p>Pachamalai Tourism Development Project</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Pachamalai Tourism Development Project is an exciting initiative aimed at promoting sustainable tourism and uplifting the livelihoods of tribes in the Pachamalai region. <p>About Pachamalai Tourism Development Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Location: Pachamalai is a low mountain range in the Eastern Ghats, near Thuraiyur, Tamil Nadu.• Attractions: Pachamalai boasts attractions like the Periyapakkalam and Koraiyaru waterfalls.• Project Goals:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Generate livelihood opportunities for local tribes.○ Elevate Koraiyaru Falls as a premier tourist destination.○ Stimulate economic growth.• Funding: The project will be implemented under the Tamil Nadu Innovative Initiative (TNII), with ₹4.27 crore allocated by the State government.
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Augmenting income of marginal farmers

Why in the news?

- Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore, has developed a **strategy to increase income for marginal farmers in the State by diversifying their revenue streams beyond farming.**

About Augmenting income of marginal farmers:

- **Objective:** The initiative aims to generate an additional monthly income of at least ₹20,000 for every farmer owning 2.5 acres of land.
- **Implementation:**
 - TNAU will deploy 100 scientists across the state's 385 blocks.
 - Each scientist will collect baseline data on crops and sustainability factors in collaboration with agricultural officers.
- **Ventures:** The program encourages farmers to participate in ventures such as value additions, packaging, and market linkages.
- **Technology Integration:** TNAU aims to enhance productivity through technology integration.
- **Youth Involvement:** The strategy also aims to attract youth to consider agriculture as a viable career option.

Excavations at Perumbalai

Why in the news?

- Archaeological excavations at Perumbalai have revealed ancient potsherds adorned with intriguing geometric graffiti marks.

Key points:

- **Location:**
 - Perumbalai is situated on the bank of the **Nagavathi River** (ancient **Palar**), a **tributary of the Cauvery River.**
- **Dating Back:** Lower-most level of the site dates back to the **6th Century BCE.**
- **Pottery Assemblage:**
 - The pottery sequence demonstrates chronological development.
 - Lower-most level pottery is thin with fine **Black and Red Ware (BRW)** dominating.
 - **Well-levigated clay** used for making these potteries.
- **Graffiti Marks:**



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Common graffiti marks include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Geometrical signs (two oblique lines meeting a central vertical at the top). ■ Stars, U-shaped and T-shaped signs, bow and arrow, ladder motifs. ■ Swastik-like symbols. ● Marks confined to the Iron Age and early historic period. ● Other Discoveries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Over 200 terracotta objects including human and bird figurines, beads, wheels, and more. ○ An unidentified copper coin and a copper bell were also unearthed.
<p>Seismic Hazard Assessment and Microzonation</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Tamil Nadu Government has taken a significant step toward enhancing earthquake resilience in Coimbatore. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Objective: Address seismic vulnerabilities in urban areas categorized under seismic hazard Zone III. ● High-Risk Areas in Coimbatore: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Susceptibility: Approximately 80% of Coimbatore's areas are in Zone III. ○ Heightened Risk: About 20% of areas exhibit seismic hazard factors comparable to Zone IV. ○ Particularly Vulnerable Zones: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Regions around the Noyyal River ■ Ukkadam Lake ■ Sanganoor Stream ● Recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Retrofitting: Existing buildings need retrofitting. ○ Construction Techniques: Adoption of earthquake-resistant construction techniques. ○ Building Plan Approval: Incorporate seismic safety measures in the approval process to mitigate casualties and property damage during earthquakes. ● Capacity-Building Program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Title: Seismic Microzonation and Vulnerability Rating for Plan Approval. ○ Organizer: Centre for Climate Change and Disaster Management (CCCDM). ○ Target: 12 corporations, including Coimbatore, to enhance awareness and preparedness.



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IATA certification training programme

Why in the news?

- The Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Housing and Development Corporation (TAHDCO) has relaunched the International Air Transport Association (IATA) certification training programme for graduates from Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) communities.
- The aim is to provide job opportunities in both domestic and international airlines.

Key points:

- **Global Recognition: Acknowledging the international value of IATA certificates**, TAHDCO decided to relaunch the programme with modifications.
- The International Air Transport Association (IATA) offers certification training programmes **designed to enhance knowledge and skills in the aviation and travel industry**.
- These programmes **cover a wide range of topics including airline operations, airport management, cargo handling, and travel and tourism**.
- **Key Objectives:**
 - To **provide industry-recognized credentials** that improve career prospects.
 - To **enhance operational efficiency and safety** within the aviation sector.