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Eastern Ghats to become a tourist hub



In News:

The State forest department has decided to improve as many as 13 tourist spots in Eastern Ghats to divert the visitors' flow from West to East.

Key Points:

- Kurumbapatti, Yercaud, Aiyur, Denkanikottai, Hogenakkal waterfall, Kollimalai, Medicinal Plants Conservation Area, Akash Ganga waterfalls, Yelagiri, Amirthi, Jamnamarathur, Beeman waterfall, and Kular cave — in Salem, Krishnagiri, Dharmapuri, Namakkal, Tirupattur, Tiruvannamalai districts — will be developed as eco-tourism spots.
- The objective is to divert tourists to the Eastern Ghats, "as high footfall has negatively impacted wildlife in Western Ghats".
- Ecotourism will be promoted in the new sites involving the forest department and other stakeholders.

Southern TN contribution to US trade

In News:

There has been rising contribution in trade from Southern TN to US trade

Key facts

- The bilateral trade of the southern part of India with the US is on the rise while the contribution of southern districts of Tamil Nadu has played a major role in recent years.
- Discussion about the trade was held in a one day business forum called '**Doing Business in the US**'.
- The forum was held in association with the Tamil Nadu Chamber of Commerce at Madurai on Thursday.



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Chola Museum



In News:

Recently state finance minister TN announced that Work on establishing the **Grand Chola Museum in Thanjavur** will commence soon.

Key Points:

- The museum will be dedicated to the **Chola dynasty**, which ruled over Tamil Nadu and parts of South India from the **9th to the 13th centuries**.
- The museum will be built on a 20-acre plot of land near the Thanjavur Big Temple, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- The museum will house a wide range of artifacts from the Chola period, including sculptures, bronzes, inscriptions, and coins.
- Excavations in eight places across the state, are also being held.
- The excavation sites in Keezhadi, Porunai, Vembakkottai and Vaipparu are pushing back the history of Tamil Nadu into the past.

Did you know?

The chola temples are dedicated to shiva.

Impact report on Cash Dole Scheme

In News:

Tamil Nadu chief minister asked the state planning commission to submit reports on the impact of Kalaingar Magalir Urimai Thittam

About Magalir Urimai Thogai Thittam" scheme

- The Tamil Nadu government has launched a **cash dole scheme called "Magalir Urimai Thogai Thittam" (Kalaingar Women's Rightful Money Scheme)**,
- The scheme provides Rs. 1,000 per month to all women-headed households in the state.
- The scheme is expected to benefit over 1.1 crore women and cost the state government Rs. 13,200 crore per year.





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Naan Mudhalvan schemes



In News:

Stalin asks Planning commission to study social impact of KMUT, Naan Mudhalvan schemes

Key Points:

- The **Naan Mudhalvan Scheme (I am the First)** is a **flagship scheme** of the Tamil Nadu government
- It aims to provide **skill development and employment opportunities** to youth in the state.
- The scheme was **launched in March 2022** and offers a variety of programs

Program including:

1. Short-term skill development programs in high-demand sectors such as IT, manufacturing, and healthcare
2. Apprenticeship programs with leading companies in the state
3. Soft skills training and career counseling

The Naan Mudhalvan Scheme is open to youth between the ages of 18 and 35. To be eligible for the scheme, candidates must have a minimum educational qualification of 10th standard.





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