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Tamil Nadu: 02-05-2024

Urban Greening Policy	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The State government of Tamil Nadu is drafting an exclusive 'Urban Greening Policy' to coordinate and streamline greening projects and tree planting programmes carried out in cities across the state. This new policy is being prepared as part of the Green Tamil Nadu Mission. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The mission has been given a task to plant 265 crore trees across the state in 10 years to increase the green cover of the state to 33 per cent from the present 23.69 per cent. The new policy will lay norms for planting trees, selection of species, tree planting sites, maintenance methodology, permissions to be obtained and other aspects. This initiative is in line with the 2024-2025 budget, which includes various initiatives such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planting of tall trees, Miyawaki forests, Green roofs, Vertical gardens, Green subways, Green screens, and Planting trees along pedestrian pavements It is to expand green spaces across all corporations and municipalities in Tamil Nadu, including the Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC).
Uma Ramanan	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Popular Tamil playback singer Uma Ramanan has passed away. She was known for her song 'Poongathave Thal Thiravai'. <p>About Uma Ramanan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birth and Background: Uma Ramanan was born in Tamil Nadu, India. Her exact birth year is noted as either 1954 or 1955. Musical Style and Training: Uma Ramanan was known for her Carnatic music skills and had undergone training under Pazhani Vijaylakshmi.





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Chola-era inscription found in Tamil Nadu



Why in news?

- A team of researchers from the **Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment department** has **discovered an inscription near Thiruvennailalur** that **sheds light on Chola King Aditha Karikalan**.
- The team has been conducting inspections at the thousand-year-old **Vedapuresawarar temple**.

Key points:

- The **inscription dates back to the rule of Aditha Karikalan**, the **son of Sundara Cholan** and **younger brother of Raja Raja Chola**.
- It **mentions his act of defeating Pandian king Veerapandian** and placing his head at the palace in Tanjore.
- The newly found inscription in Emappur begins with **“Swasthi Sri Veerapandian Thalai Konda Koppara Kesari”** and is **dated to 960 AD**.
- It mentions the area as **Emapperur Nattu Emapperur** in **Thirumunaipadi country**, serving as its **headquarters**.

36 species spotted across seven locations in Thamirabarani

Why in news?

- The **Thamirabarani Fish Count (TFC)**, an **ichthyological survey of fish** in the Thamirabarani, found **nearly 36 different fish species** and **1,197 individual fishes**.
- The survey was conducted by the **Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE)**'s **Agasthyamalai Community Conservation Centre (ACCC)**, in collaboration with the **Sri Paramakalyani Centre for Environmental Sciences**, and the **Department of Zoology of Sadakathullah Appa College, Palayamkottai**.

Key points:

- This is **ATREE's first annual survey**, aimed at **documenting native fish species**, **identifying invasive species**, and **outlining effective conservation strategies**.
- Among the 36 species, 31 were identified as **native species**, two **introduced**, and three **invasive species**.
- **Endemic species** such as the **Thamirabarani Barb**, **Mahseer**, **Half Beak fish**, and **Torrent Catfish** were **sighted**.
- **Invasive species** such as the **Pleco Tank Cleaner** and **African Catfish** were found in **significant numbers** between **Thirupudaimaruthur** and **Srivaikuntam**.





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Cauvery Water Regulation Committee

Why in news?

- The **Tamil Nadu government** has decided to take **legal action against Karnataka** for **refusing to release water**, as the state is facing a water crisis with low reservoir levels.
- The government is seeking the **intervention of the Supreme Court to resolve the dispute**.
- This move comes after the **Cauvery Water Regulation Committee** recommended the release of water from Karnataka reservoirs.

About Cauvery Water Regulation Committee:

- The Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) is an essential body **established to oversee the implementation of water sharing and regulation among the states in the Cauvery River basin**.
- The **CWRC was set up following directions from the Supreme Court of India**, which mandated its formation to ensure the proper implementation of the **Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal's (CWDT) final order**.
- The **committee includes members** from the central government and the states of **Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, and Puducherry**, which are the parties involved in the Cauvery water dispute.

