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<p>Puthumai Penn Scheme</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Puthumai Penn Scheme, also known as the Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Higher Education Assurance Scheme, is a flagship program launched by the Government of Tamil Nadu in India Aim is to encourage and support girls from government schools to pursue higher education. The scheme provides a monthly stipend of ₹1,000 to eligible girls from classes 6 to 12 who continue their education beyond school. <p>Objectives of the Puthumai Penn Scheme:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the enrollment of girls in higher education Reduce the dropout rate among girls Empower girls through education Bridge the gender gap in higher education
<p>The Mupperu Thangam Scheme</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Mupperu Thangam Scheme is a flagship welfare program launched by the Government of Telangana in 2017 Aim is to provide financial assistance to women from minority communities in the state. The scheme aims to empower women from minority communities, promote their financial independence, and enhance their livelihood opportunities. Women from minority communities, including Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Jains, and Buddhists, who are between the ages of 18 and 45 years and have a household income of less than Rs. 2 lakh per annum are eligible for the Mupperu Thangam Scheme. Eligible women receive a one-time financial assistance of INR 25,000 to start or expand their own businesses.
<p>Karakattam</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karagattam, meaning "pot dance," is a vibrant folk dance form of Tamil Nadu. It is a captivating spectacle that blends rhythmic dance movements, synchronized clapping, and the



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balancing of a towering clay pot adorned with colorful decorations and peacock feathers.

- Its **origins** can be traced back to **ancient TN**, where it **was performed as a ritualistic dance to invoke divine blessings for bountiful harvests and prosperity**
- **Karagattam encompasses various styles**, each with its distinct characteristics. Some of the notable forms include:
 1. Sakthi Karagattam
 2. Kavadi Karagattam
 3. Oppana Karagattam

Brihadeeswarar Temple, Thanjavur



Context:

- The **Brihadeeswarar Temple**, also known as the **Periya Kovil (Big Temple)**, is a magnificent example of Chola architecture and a **UNESCO World Heritage Site located in Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu**
- It was constructed in the **11th century by the Chola king Rajaraja I**
- The temple is dedicated to **Lord Shiva**, the Hindu god of destruction and regeneration.
- The temple's layout and architecture reflect the Hindu concept of the cosmos, with the **vimana representing Mount Kailash**, the abode of Lord Shiva.

Retired ICF athlete won four gold medals in Asian Masters Athletics C'ships



Context:

- TN Minister for Youth Welfare and Sports Development Udayanidhi Stalin lauded the **retired ICF athlete K Subramanian (86)**, who **won four gold medals in the recently concluded Asian Masters Athletics Championships**
- Subramanian has won these four gold medals in
 1. High jump
 2. Long jump
 3. Triple jump
 4. Javelin throw

Staying true to the roots

Context:

- The **73-year-old K J Raju, from Nilgiris**, has been leading a silent revolution to protect the species of



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his land and to educate Gen Z.

- Raju embarked on a **mission to restore the balance of nature.**
- He tirelessly **removed invasive species, replacing them with native shola plants that are crucial for the survival of numerous flora and fauna.**
- His efforts transformed barren landscapes into thriving oases, attracting a diverse array of wildlife..



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