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<p><b>TN coasts to get tourism boost</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In a bid to lure more tourists, the Tamil Nadu government has <b>decided to develop coastal tourism</b> including cruise facilities, short-haul leisure ferri</li> <li>Plan is to <b>increase the tourism potential</b> of Tamil Nadu's <b>1,000 km coastline</b>.</li> <li>The authorities of the Tourism Department are looking at developing locales such as <b>northernmost Marina Beach</b>, which is the <b>world's second longest</b> urban beach.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Chola-era idol traced to Swiss gallery</b></p> 	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An exquisite <b>12th century Chola-era Somaskanda idol</b>, smuggled out of India at least two decades ago, has been traced to a private gallery/collector in <b>Switzerland</b>.</li> <li>The <b>patination on the bronze</b> indicated it was most likely part of a buried hoard taken out, after 1994, by idol <b>smuggler Subhash Kapoor</b> and <b>sold</b> to a private collector in <b>Zurich</b> in 2005</li> </ul>
<p><b>700 years ago, Mesolithic inscription found</b></p> 	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Historical researchers have discovered a <b>700 year old stone inscription near Krishnagiri</b></li> <li>The inscription <b>conveys the message of Bhagaiva Kanda Marayan</b>, the son of Kuruvenda Marayan, <b>who defeated Jayangkonda Chola Marasu</b> who tried to destroy Kodukuor.</li> <li><b>Somsu, the leader of the army</b>, was killed in the fight that led him astray</li> <li>The <b>word Tantri</b> in the inscription refers to the leader <b>of the force</b>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Chembarambakkam Lake</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As the water level coming into Chembarambakkam lake is increasing due to heavy rainfalls, the release of excess water from lake was translated to 2,429 cubic feet.</li> </ul> <p><b>Lakes of Tamil Nadu:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the first-ever national census of waterbodies conducted by Union Jal Shakti Ministry, Tamil Nadu has emerged at the <b>top with 13,629 lakes</b>.</li> <li>It is <b>one of the two rain-fed reservoirs</b> from where water is drawn for supply to Chennai City,</li> </ul>



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	<p>the other one being the <b>Puzhal Lake</b>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The <b>Adyar River</b> originates from this lake. A part of water supply of the metropolis of Chennai is drawn from this lake.</li><li>• This was the <b>first Artificial lake built by Rajendra Chola I</b> the son of Rajaraja Chola and Thiripuvana Madeviyar, prince of Kodumbalur.</li></ul>
<p><b>TN govt signs MoUs for Rs 5,567 crore MSME investments</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The <b>MSME department</b> of the Tamil Nadu government signed <b>293 MoUs</b> to bring in investments of 5,567 crore.</li><li>• The investments will be made across <b>sectors such as auto components manufacturing, aerospace and defence equipment, electronic gadgets, IT equipment and trading</b> in the Chennai region</li><li>• These investments will generate direct employment for 26,477 people.</li></ul>



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