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<p>International Women's Day</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated annually on March 8th. It's a day to recognize the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. It also serves as a call to action for accelerating gender equality. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The United Nations began celebrating International Women's Day in 1975, which had been proclaimed the International Women's Year. In 1977, the United Nations General Assembly invited member states to proclaim March 8 as an official UN holiday for women's rights and world peace. <p>Theme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The United Nations has designated the year 2024's theme as 'Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress' It focuses on addressing economic disempowerment The campaign theme for this year is 'Inspire Inclusion.'
<p>16th-century Nayak-era hero stone found in Harur village in TN</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A 16th-century hero stone has been discovered near Maruthipatti village in Harur. The stone carving depicts a merchant on a decorated horse, likely symbolizing his wealth. Another figure holds a vessel skyward. It is believed that this scene portrays a merchant bravely defending his goods from bandits <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dharmapuri, where the stone was found, was once a key trade route connecting kingdoms. This artifact offers a glimpse into the dangers faced by merchants during this era.
<p>Government sanctions ₹52 lakh for feasibility study for elevated corridor along East Coast Road</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The government has sanctioned ₹52 lakh for a feasibility study on building a four-lane elevated



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corridor along the East Coast Road (ECR) between Thiruvannamiyur and Uthandi.

- The study will assess the technical and economic viability of the project.
- This includes determining the optimal route, land acquisition needs, and potential impact on the surrounding area.
- This project aims to address traffic congestion on the ECR, which has worsened due to the growth of the IT corridor and new residential areas.

Nilgiris gets two more modernized Indco tea factories



Context:

- Micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) minister T M Anbarasan inaugurated two modernized industrial cooperative (Indco) tea factories in the Nilgiris district.
- This investment is likely to improve efficiency, product quality, and potentially benefit the tea industry in the region.

About:

- The Karumbalam Indco tea factory near Coonoor is modernized at a cost of ₹5.06 crore
- The Mahalinga Indco tea factory at Sixth Mile near Ooty was given a facelift at an outlay of ₹3.62 crore.

Three villages in Chennai chosen as pilot for land pooling scheme



Context:

- The Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority (CMDA) has chosen three villages - Agaramthen, Madambakkam, and Kovilancheri - totaling 242 hectares to participate in a pilot land pooling scheme.
- This program is part of the Amrut Scheme and aims to improve infrastructure development.

About:

- The Amrut Scheme is a Government of India initiative launched in June 2015 to improve basic civic amenities in urban areas.
- It focuses on providing essential services to improve the quality of life, particularly for the poor and disadvantaged.

Key Objectives:

- Ensure reliable water supply through taps for every household.
- Establish adequate sewage networks for proper waste management.



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- Increase green spaces and parks for better amenity value.
- Reduce pollution by promoting public transport and non-motorised commuting options (walking, cycling).

Amrut 2.0:

- The **original Amrut Mission has been superseded by Amrut 2.0, launched in October 2021.**
- This extended program **aims to achieve universal water supply coverage in all statutory towns and expand sewage/septage management in the 500 cities initially targeted under Amrut 1.0.**