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<p>Inscriptions in Vadakkuserpatti village</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vadakkuserpatti village, located in Manapparai, Tiruchi district, has recently gained attention due to its ancient Tamil inscriptions found on rocks. <p>About Inscriptions in Vadakkuserpatti village:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Historical Significance:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The inscriptions provide insights into the Medieval India period.○ They record details about land donations for alms, referred to as 'Buthanam'.○ Engravings of names like Chinna Lakka Nayakan and Ramanujan, believed to be their ancestors, are etched into the rocks.○ Additionally, symbols such as the conch, wheel, and feet of Lord Ranganathar adorn the inscriptions.• Spiritual Practices:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ According to village elders, their ancestors followed a custom of worshipping Srirangam Sri Ranganathaswamy.○ They offered 'annadanam' (free food) at the temple before the British era, a tradition that continues today.
<p>Ranipet</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The industrial town of Ranipet, will see the restoration of a medieval memorial. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ranipet, often referred to as the "Queen's colony," serves as an industrial hub.• The town lies along the NH 4 Chennai-Bangalore highway on the northern bank of the Palar River.• It was built by the Nawab of Arcot.• Constructed in the early 1700s, the memorial features two tombs with a central pillar in Mughal architectural style.• The town is named after the young wife of a



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	<p>18th-century Rajput ruler of Gingee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Currently, the heritage structure is under the ownership of the Ranipet municipality.
Bhavani river	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Coimbatore district administration has issued a flood alert for areas along the banks of the Bhavani river. <p>About Bhavani river:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Location: The Bhavani River flows through the Indian states of Tamil Nadu and Kerala.• Origin:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ It originates from the Nilgiri hills of the Western Ghats in Tamil Nadu.○ It flows through the Silent Valley National Park in Kerala and then back towards Tamil Nadu.• Tributaries: Major tributaries include the Kundah River, Siruvani River, and Kodiveri River.• Confluence: The Bhavani River joins the Cauvery River at Bhavani town near Erode in Tamil Nadu.• Dams: Bhavanisagar dam and the Kodiveri dam
Excavation at Keeladi	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• During the ninth phase of excavation at Keeladi in Sivaganga district, a remarkable 804 artefacts were unearthed. <p>About excavation at Keeladi:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bone and charcoal samples were collected for scientific analysis. Notably, a floor made of clay and lime was also uncovered, with a width ranging from three to six units.• In the nearby site of Kondagai, 24 burial urns were discovered.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ These urns contained over 110 black-and-red ware and red slip ware pieces, along with human skeletal remains and nine artefacts, including carnelian beads, iron knives, chisels, and rings.• Furthermore, the excavation revealed other intriguing items such as a copper coin featuring an elephant figure, terracotta balls, and a crystal quartz weighing unit.



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Palm trade centre

Why in the news?

- The **Khadi Craft Department** has proposed a **Palm trade centre in Sayalkudi**, to **encourage the sale of palm products**, which has been positively received by farmers in **Ramanathapuram**.

Key points:

- **Ramanathapuram**, home to **over one crore palm trees**, has around 3,540 licensed palm tree farmers and over **10,000 workers involved in palm jaggery production**.
- Annually, the **district produces approximately 1.1 lakh metric tonnes of palm jaggery**.
- Farmers believe the trade center **will boost palm jaggery sales**, as **Ramanathapuram is one of the largest producers in the country**.
- The trade **center could help farmers get better prices**, as current market rates are higher than what farmers receive.