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Valivil Ori



Why in news?

- The two-day Valvil Ori festival was held at Kolli Hills, Namakkal.

Key Points:

- Valvil Ori was a Tamil king and skilled archer.
- He belongs to Vettuva gounder community, who ruled Kolli Hills region in present day Tamil Nadu.
- He was one of the Tamil Kadai ezhu vallal ('Last Seven Patrons').
- The Valvil Ori Festival is celebrated in the picturesque scenery of Kolli Hills every year during the Tamil month of Aadi (August to commemorate the great archer "Valvil Ori").

Tamil Pudhalvan scheme

Why in news?

- Recently, Tamil Nadu CM Stalin launched the Tamil Pudhalvan scheme to benefit boys of government schools.

Key Points:

- The scheme aims to provide financial support to students studying in government schools across Tamil Nadu, from **class 6 to 12**.
- Eligible students will receive a **monthly scholarship of Rs. 1000**.
- Financial assistance is provided to help students purchase books and study materials.

Heritage Walks Initiative in Tiruchy Temples

Context:

- The tourism department of Tiruchy has launched a new initiative aimed at preserving and promoting the city's rich cultural heritage.
- The program is specifically designed for school students, encouraging them to explore and appreciate the architectural wonders that shape Tiruchy's landscape.

Key Sites:

- **Thayumanaswamy Temple at Rock Fort:** Known for its dramatic hilltop location and significant historical importance.
- **Pundarikakshan Perumal Temple in Thiruvallarai:** Famous for its intricate carvings and the unique swastik-shaped tank.



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Tamil Nadu emerges as India's powerful patent house

Why in news?

- According to **Intellectual Property India's annual report 2022-23**, Tamil Nadu occupies the first position with **7,686 patents**, while **Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh** come in at second and third with **5,626 and 5,564**, respectively.

Key Points:

- Intellectual property rights (IPR) are the **legal privileges** granted to the **inventor or creator** to safeguard their **intellectual work (in the arts, sciences, literature, etc.)** for a specific period of time.
- These are outlined in **Article 27 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights**, which grants the right to gain protection for one's material and moral interests.
- A **patent** gives the owner the **authority to decide** whether or how others may **use an invention**.