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- ❖ The Chief Minister Stalin said Karunanidhi's statue would be installed on Anna Salai, Chennai.
 - A statue of Karunanidhi, installed on Anna Salai was damaged following the demise of M G Ramachandran on December 24, 1987.

TAMIL NADU

Porunai Excavation



- ❖ The Chief Minister M.K. Stalin announced the setting up of a museum, the Porunai Museum in Tirunelveli at a cost of ₹15 crore.
- ❖ The rice with soil was found in a burial urn in Sivakalai in Tirunelveli district.
- ❖ The carbon dating analysis has yielded the date of 1155 BCE.



- ❖ The Beta Analytic Testing Laboratory in Miami, in the United States released the test report in this regard.
- ❖ The finding has established that the Porunai River (Ancient name of Thamirabarani) civilization dates back to 3,200 years.
- ❖ This is the oldest time period established from findings in the excavations carried out in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ It is much older than the Vaigai River civilization, which is believed to be 2,600 years old.
- ❖ The excavation in Keeladi had also established that an urban civilization existed on the banks of River Vaigai that was contemporary to the Gangetic plain civilization.
- ❖ The latest finding has once again narrowed the gap between civilizations in the south of Vindhyas and the Indus Valley Civilization (IVC).
- ❖ Earlier it was believed that there was no city civilization in south India.
- ❖ The first urbanization in the sub-continent happened in the IVC.
- ❖ The second urbanisation happened on the banks of the Ganga at the end of the Mauryan period.
- ❖ Now it is found that even before the Mauryan period, there were silver coins found in Adichanallur.
- ❖ Adichanallur, Korkai and Sivakalai are all sites on the banks of the ancient Porunai (Thamirabarani river) presently in the Thoothukudi district of Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ Earlier, Adichanallur excavations established that a civilisation thrived even in the 980 BC.
- ❖ Adichanallur and Sivakalai have served as habitations, while Korkai was the port.
- ❖ Stalin said archaeological excavations would be carried out in other States and countries in search of Tamil roots there.
- ❖ In the first phase, studies would be undertaken at the ancient port of Musiri, now known as Pattanam in Kerala.
- ❖ Similar studies will be held at Vengi in Andhra Pradesh, Thalaikadu in Karnataka and Palur in Orissa.
- ❖ The State Archaeology Department would conduct research in Quseir al-Qadim and Pernica Anekke in Egypt.
- ❖ It was once part of the Roman empire as well as in Khor Rori in Oman.
- ❖ It is to establish Tamils' trade relations with these countries.

- ❖ Studies would also be conducted in South-East Asian countries such as Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia and Vietnam, where the Chola King Rajendra had established supremacy.



Resolution against CAA, 2019

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Assembly has adopted a resolution urging the Centre to repeal the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019.
- ❖ With this, Tamil Nadu has joined states like Kerala and West Bengal in passing resolutions against CAA.
- ❖ The objective of the CAA, 2019 is to grant Indian citizenship to persecuted minorities — Hindu, Sikh, Jain, Buddhist, Parsi and Christian — from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan.
- ❖ The Act does not apply to tribal areas of Tripura, Mizoram, Assam and Meghalaya because of being included in the 6th Schedule of the Constitution.

- ❖ Also, areas that fall under the Inner Line Permit notified under the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation, 1873, will also be outside the Act's purview.

Energy Island in Gulf of Mannar



- ❖ Tamil Nadu and Denmark have planned to create an energy island in Gulf of Mannar.
- ❖ It will be India's first offshore floating wind park.
- ❖ Gulf of Mannar lies between the west coast of Sri Lanka and south-eastern tip of India.

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NIRF 2021

- ❖ The National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) has been released by the Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan.

- ❖ It lists top universities and colleges in India.
- ❖ In 2021, the participated number of institutions in this ranking was 6000.
- ❖ It has been announced for eleven categories -- Overall, University, Management, College, Pharmacy, Medical, Engineering, Architecture, ARIIA (Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements), Law and Research Institutions.
- ❖ The ranking framework judges' institutions under five broad generic groups of parameters of Teaching, Learning and Resources (TLR), Research and Professional Practice (RP), Graduation Outcomes (GO), Outreach and Inclusivity (OI) and Perception (PR).

Key findings

- ❖ IIT Madras remains the best institute in the overall category in the country.
- ❖ The IIT Madras has topped the list for the sixth consecutive year in the Engineering Category.
- ❖ The IIT Madras has bagged the second position in the newly introduced 'research' category.
- ❖ The IIM Ahmedabad has topped in the Management Category.
- ❖ IISc Bangalore has topped in the university category
- ❖ IISc Bengaluru is also the top-ranking institute in newly introduced category research.
- ❖ University of Delhi's Miranda House has been ranked first in the college category.
- ❖ The Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi tops in the Pharmacy category.
- ❖ All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Delhi tops in the medical category
- ❖ Christian Medical College, Vellore ranks third in medical.



The screenshot shows the official website of the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), Ministry of Education, Government of India. The page features a navigation menu with links for HOME, ABOUT NIRF, PARAMETERS, DOCUMENTS, RANKING, NOTIFICATION/ADVT, FAQs, and CONTACT. The main heading is "INDIA RANKINGS 2021". Below the heading, there are two rows of category icons representing different ranking categories: Overall, University, Engineering, Management, Pharmacy, College, Medical, Law, Architecture, and Dental.

Tamilnadu

- ❖ Tamil Nadu has a total of 19 institutions in the top 100.
- ❖ Last year, Anna University ranked 20 in the overall category but this year its rank has dropped to 25.
- ❖ Similarly, University of Madras ranked 47 this year but ranked 41 last year.
- ❖ Bharathiar University of Coimbatore ranked 22 this year but ranked 21 last year.
- ❖ But NIT-Trichy improved from 24 last year to 23 this year.
- ❖ Chennai's Loyola College ranked third in this year from 6th in the last year.

New Governors in India

- ❖ The President of India Ramnath Kovind appointed new governors of Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand, and Nagaland.
- ❖ The former Nagaland governor R. N. Ravi is appointed as the Governor of Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ The present Governor of Tamil Nadu Banwarilal Purohit, who was holding additional charge of the Governor of Punjab, is appointed as regular Governor of Punjab.
- ❖ Jagdish Mukhi, Governor of Assam is appointed to discharge the functions of the Governor of Nagaland in addition.
- ❖ Gurmit Singh was appointed as Governor of Uttarakhand
- ❖ The President also accepted the resignation of Baby Rani Maurya as the Governor of Uttarakhand.

