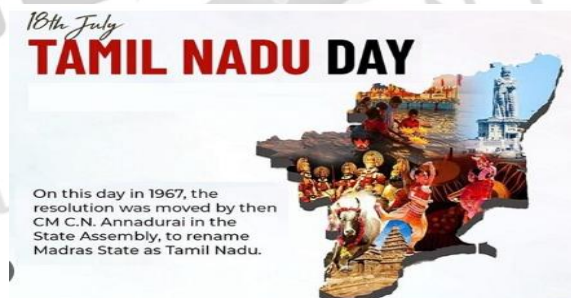


EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JULY 19, 2025

TAMIL NADU

- **On T.N. Day, Stalin and Udhayanidhi Recall Achievements of Annadurai**
- ✓ On the occasion of Tamil Nadu Day, Chief Minister M.K. Stalin and Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin on Friday extolled the rich heritage and culture of the State, and recalled the achievements of former Chief Minister C.N. Annadurai.



- ✓ It was on July 18, 1967 that the State got its real name — “Tamil Nadu”, Mr. Stalin said, and recalled the late leader uttering the name [Tamil Nadu] thrice in the Assembly, amid the thumping of desks.
- **Four Copper Plate Inscriptions - Deeds of King Rajendra Chola**
- ✓ Rajendra Chola I, the illustrious son of Raja Raja Chola I, expanded the frontiers of the Chola empire beyond the Indian subcontinent.



- ✓ Not only military conquests across South and Southeast Asia but also generous land grants and temple patronage marked his reign (1012-1044 CE).
- ✓ Among the most valuable records from Rajendra Chola's time are four sets of copper plate inscriptions discovered at different locations across Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ These inscriptions shed light on Chola lineage, temple endowments, and military expeditions.

➤ **Unearthing lost timelines: Marungur Chapter**

- ✓ A short 2-km detour from the Chennai-Kumbakonam Highway near Kollukkaran village leads to this site, where the Tamil Nadu State Department of Archaeology (TNSDA) had recently completed excavation, bringing to light evidence of a long-forgotten past, and further proof of the rich heritage of Tamil Nadu.



- ✓ The region was part of the ancient *Naduvil Mandalam* or *Naduvil Nadu* (Central Territorial Division), flanked by the Thenpennai to the north and the Vada Vellar river to the south.
- ✓ Marungur was among eight locations where the TNSDA took up excavations in 2024-25.

