Chennai Micro Artist Recreates Tamil Nadu Temples in Miniature

Self-taught Chennai micro artist Kaviyarasan showcased his miniature temple sculptures on tiny surfaces like pencil lead and chalk to preserve heritage.

A micro art initiative preserving and promoting the rich Dravidian temple architectural heritage of Tamil Nadu through miniature sculptures on unconventional surfaces.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- **S. Kaviyarasan**, a **27**-year-old self-taught micro artist from Dharmapuri residing in Chennai, creates intricate sculptures.
- The miniature artworks are carved on unconventional tiny surfaces including **pencil lead**, chalk, and sandalwood.
- The artist draws his core inspiration directly from **Tamil Nadu**'s ancient and magnificent temple architecture.
- The artworks were exhibited at **Manidha Neyam IAS Academy** located in **Chennai**.
- The artist aims to take his unique cultural craft to **international competitions** and global platforms.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

Dravidian architecture style is prominently characterized by towering Gopurams, Vimanas, and Mandapas, predominantly found in Tamil Nadu temples.

The **Pallavas** initiated structural stone temple architecture in Tamil Nadu, later expanded extensively by the **Cholas** and Pandyas.

Mamallapuram (Mahabalipuram) Shore Temple represents early structural architecture of the Pallava dynasty and is a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.

Thanjavur Brihadisvara Temple, built by **Rajaraja I** in **1010 CE**, is a pinnacle of Chola imperial architecture and bronze sculpture traditions.

The **Nataraja bronze sculpture** of the **Chola period** is cast using the traditional lost-wax casting method (Cire Perdue).

Tamil Nadu holds a vast concentration of temples recognized under the Intach and **UNESCO** preservation frameworks for architectural excellence.

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Syllabus Relevance: High relevance for TNPSC Group 1 and Group 2 Unit 8 under Tamil Nadu art, architecture, and cultural heritage.

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