The Government of India has recently approved a proposal to release a commemorative postage stamp to honour freedom fighter Ondiveeran, who had fought against British rule.

Who is Ondiveeran?

- Ondiveeran was a trusted **lieutenant in the Pulithevan Army that had taken on the imperialist forces.**
- Ondiveeran was a **native of Nerkattum Seval near Sankarankoil** in the erstwhile Tirunelveli district (since bifurcated and now in Tenkasi district).
- He came from the **Arunthathiyar community** and is viewed by them as a hero.

Arunthathiyar community-

- **Arunthathiyar is a scheduled caste community mostly found in the Indian state of Tamil Nadu**, which is also a part and home to an ancient Chera Dynasty region.