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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister inaugurated a mani mandapam (memorial), in honour of 21 “social justice activists”, who lost their lives in the police firing during the ‘Vanniyar’ reservation protest in September 1987, constructed in Villupuram.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu CM inaugurated a memorial in honour of Govindasamy, who served in the Cabinets headed by former Chief Ministers C.N. Annadurai and M. Karunanidhi at Vazhudhareddi, Villupuram District.
- ❖ The ePlane Company, has become the first private Indian company to receive the formal acceptance from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) for the Type Certification of its eVTOL aircraft, the e200X.
- ❖ Assam govt announced that Dibrugarh will be developed as the second capital of Assam.
- ❖ The RBI has set up a new 5 members standing external advisory committee to evaluate applications for universal banks and small finance banks (SFBs) Under by former RBI deputy governor M K Jain.
- ❖ Georgia became the 45th country to be certified malaria free on January 23, 2025 by WHO.

TAMIL NADU

Enforcement of fisheries regulations in Tamilnadu 2025



- ❖ The task force in Tamilnadu constituted to review the Olive Ridley Sea turtle deaths has called for stricter enforcement of fisheries regulations to address the high mortality rate of the species.

- ❖ The task force was created to take a collective approach and bring together the expertise of different departments to address this issue.
- ❖ Three key measures need to be enforced
 - A ban on trawl fishing,
 - The use of Turtle Excluder Devices (TEDs), and
 - Restrictions on prohibitory horsepower of boat engines.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu Marine Fisheries Regulation Act, 1983, bans mechanised fishing vessels within five nautical miles of certain nesting and breeding areas during the nesting season.
- ❖ Authorities were also asked to strictly enforce the use of TEDs in fishing nets.

Recovery in reading and arithmetic ability – Tamilnadu

A look at the key findings pertaining to Tamil Nadu in the ASER report 2025

Enrolment in Classes I to V in govt. schools*			Children who can read in Class V		
Year	Boys	Girls	Year	Govt.	Pvt.
2018	59.11	65.7	2018	46.3	28.8
2022	71.1	75.4	2022	26	22.4
2024	62.2	67	2024	37	32.3

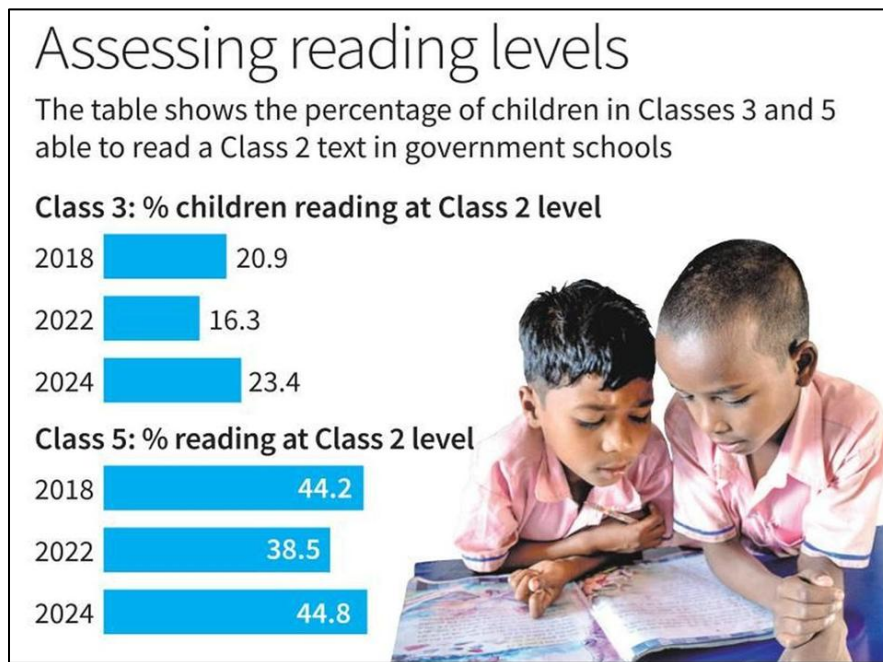
Enrolment in Classes VI to VIII in govt. schools			Children who can do division in Class V		
Year	Boys	Girls	Year	Govt.	Pvt.
2018	70	75.4	2018	27.1	22.2
2022	76.2	80.8	2022	14.7	15.5
2024	71.3	75.3	2024	20.2	22.1

- ❖ Tamil Nadu has made a significant recovery in the reading and arithmetic when compared to where it was in 2022, according to the Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) 2024.
- ❖ While 4.8% of Class III children from government and private schools could read a Class II-level text in 2022, the figure had increased to 12% in 2024.
- ❖ The reading and arithmetic levels had improved with a 10.4% increase in reading and a 5.8% increase in arithmetic levels of Class V students when compared to the 2022 levels.
- ❖ 27.7% of the children surveyed in Class III were able to do subtraction, and 20.7% from Class V were able to do division.

- ❖ Tamil Nadu has seen a drop in admission in government schools.
- ❖ While enrolment had increased in 2014 and 2022 from 67.2% to 75.7%, it has decreased to 68.7% in 2024.
- ❖ Private school enrolment has increased and reached the pre-COVID-19 level, at 31%.
- ❖ Enrolment in anganwadis has decreased marginally when compared to 2022.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu has consistently exceeded the national average of 83.2% in training in foundational literacy and numeracy (FLN).
- ❖ Around 90.4% of the schools receiving a directive to focus on FLN.

NATIONAL

ASER 2024



- ❖ The Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) 2024 was released by the NGO Pratham Foundation.
- ❖ The percentage of Class 3 children who can perform at least subtraction at the basic arithmetic level was 33.7% in 2024, up from 25.9% in 2022.
- ❖ The percentage of Class 5 children who can now read a text at the Class 2 level was 44.8% in 2024, up from 38.5% in 2022.
- ❖ From 72.4% in 2018 to 73% in 2022 to 75.9% in 2024, the average student attendance rose.

- ❖ Meanwhile, from 85.1% in 2018, the average teacher attendance rose to 86.8% in 2022 and 87.5% in 2024.
- ❖ From 44% in 2022 to 52.1% in 2024, the percentage of government primary schools with less than 60 enrolled kids increased significantly.
- ❖ Among the older teenagers aged 14 years to 16 years, 89% have access to the smartphones at home.
- ❖ Among 3-year-olds, enrollment in pre-primary institutions increased from 68.1% in 2018 to 75.8% in 2022 to 77.4% in 2024.
- ❖ Among 4-year-olds, the All-India figure for enrollment in pre-primary institutions increased from 76% in 2018 to 82% in 2022 to 83.3% in 2024.
- ❖ Among 5-year-olds, this figure also showed big increases, rising from 58.5% in 2018 to 62.2% in 2022 to 71.4% in 2024.
- ❖ Across all states, enrolment of 6-14 age group is above 95% in 2024.
- ❖ By 2024, the all-India level Government school enrolment declined to 66.8%.
- ❖ The proportion of 15-16-year-old children who are not enrolled in school 7.9% in 2024 at all-India level.
- ❖ The fraction of schools with useable girls' toilets increased from 66.4% in 2018 to 68.4% in 2022 to 72% in 2024.
- ❖ In 2024, 66.2% schools have a playground, similar to 68.9% in 2022 and 66.5% in 2018.

2025 Republic Day Tableaux



- ❖ Uttar Pradesh's state tableau, showcasing the ongoing Mahakumbh at the 76th Republic Day celebrations, was adjudged the best tableau of 2025.

- ❖ Tripura's tableau on the "Eternal Reverence: The Worship of 14 Deities in Tripura - Kharchi Puja" was second best.
- ❖ Andhra Pradesh's display on "Etikoppaka Bommalu - Eco-Friendly Wooden Toys" was ranked third.
- ❖ The Jammu & Kashmir Rifles were adjudged the best marching contingent among the services.
- ❖ The Delhi Police Marching Contingent won in the CAPF/auxiliary forces category.
- ❖ Among the central ministries/departments, the ministry of tribal affairs was awarded for its tableau "Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh."
- ❖ The Ministry of Women & Child Development has won for its depiction of "The Multifaceted Journey of Women and Children Nurtured Under the Ministry's Comprehensive Schemes."
- ❖ Additionally, two special prizes were awarded
 - One to the Central Public Works Department (CPWD) for its tableau themed "75 Years of the Constitution of India" and
 - Another to 'Jayati Jai Mamah Bharatam' Dance Group for its performance.
- ❖ For the first time, a Tri-services tableau was displayed with the theme 'Shashakt aur Surakshit Bharat' (strong and secure India).

75th year of ECI



- ❖ The Election Commission celebrates 75 years of its dedicated service to the nation on 25th January.

- ❖ The Election Commission of India, established on January 25, 1950, a day before India became a Republic.
- ❖ Election Commission of India is a permanent Constitutional Body.
- ❖ Originally the commission had only a Chief Election Commissioner.
- ❖ Now, it currently consists of the Chief Election Commissioner and two Election Commissioners.
- ❖ For the first time two additional Commissioners were appointed on 16th October 1989 but they had a very short tenure till 1st January 1990.
- ❖ Later, on 1st October 1993, two additional Election Commissioners were also appointed.

75 years of supreme court



- ❖ The Supreme Court of India, established on January 28, 1950, has completed 75 years of service.
- ❖ India had the Federal Court created under the Government of India Act of 1935.
- ❖ The Federal Court functioned from 1937 to 1950, handling disputes between provinces and hearing appeals from lower courts.
- ❖ The current form of the Supreme Court was established two days after the Constitution of India came into effect.
- ❖ It replaced the Federal Court and the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in London.
- ❖ Its inaugural session was held in the Chamber of Princes in the Parliament building, before moving to its current premises.

- ❖ Six judges were served in the Court's inaugural session on 28 January 1950.
- ❖ Parliament increased the number of Judges from 8 in 1950 to 34 in 2019.

INTERNATIONAL

75 years of diplomatic ties between India and China



- ❖ India and China agreed to resume the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra and direct flights between the two nations in 2025.
- ❖ It marks the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the diplomatic relations between New Delhi and Beijing.
- ❖ The Kailash Mansarovar Yatra as well as direct flights between the two countries were suspended in 2020.
- ❖ Earlier in December 2024, India and China agreed on six points to resolve the border issue.
- ❖ The trade volume between India and China reached 126.6 billion USD in the first 11 months of 2024, showing a 1.9 percent year-on-year growth.
- ❖ The Chinese Embassy was issuing 280,000 visas to Indians last year.

ECONOMY

Payment system report 2024

- ❖ The UPI in India's digital payments has surged from 34 per cent in 2019 to an impressive 83 per cent in 2024.
- ❖ It witnessed a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 74 per cent over the last five years.

- ❖ The other payment systems like RTGS, NEFT, IMPS, credit cards, debit cards, etc., in digital payments volume declined from 66 per cent to 17 per cent during the same period.
- ❖ The total value of transactions surged from ₹5.86 lakh crore in 2018 to ₹246.83 lakh crore in 2024.
- ❖ In 2024 alone, India recorded 208.5 billion digital payment transactions.
- ❖ The UPI Lite, recorded 2.04 million transactions daily, valued at ₹20.02 crore in December 2024.



MISCELLANEOUS

Forbes 50 over 50 global list 2025



- ❖ Three Indian women have been honoured on the Forbes 50 Over 50 Global list.



- ❖ Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, a Bengaluru-based billionaire, is an entrepreneur in the biopharmaceutical industry and one of India's most successful self-made women.
- ❖ Urmila Asher has launched Gujju Ben Na Nasta, a food business rooted in her Gujarati culinary expertise.
- ❖ Sheela Patel, born in 1952, is a renowned activist and academic dedicated to advocating for the rights of slum dwellers and creating equitable urban spaces.
- ❖ In 1984, she co-founded the Society for the Promotion of Area Resource Centres (SPARC) in Mumbai.

