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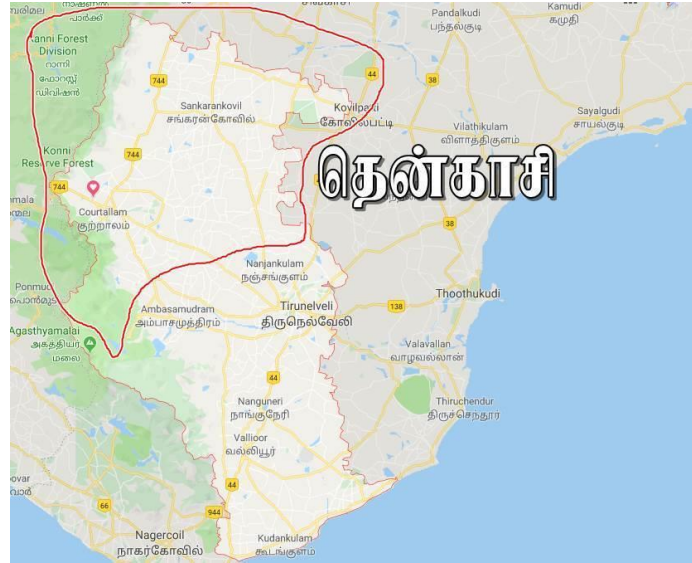
## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ 21-year-old Mayank Pratap Singh from Rajasthan has now become the youngest judge in India after qualifying the Judicial Services Exam 2018.
  - Earlier Rajasthan High Court had brought down the minimum age limit for appearing in the Judicial Services exam from 23 to 21.
- ❖ The Bar Council of India (BCI) has 'proposed' a new rule which makes it mandatory for any lawyer to have a minimum experience of 2 years at district/taluka court before practising at High Court.
- ❖ Sub Lieutenant Shivvangi will become the first Woman Pilot of Indian Navy when she flies a Dornier Aircraft on December 2, 2019 at Kochi.
- ❖ Oxford Dictionaries has declared "climate emergency" the word of the year for 2019, following a hundred-fold increase in usage of the word.
- ❖ Chitharesh Natesan 33-year-old former hockey player turned bodybuilder also known as the 'Indian Monster' by bodybuilding circles became the first Indian to win 'Mr. Universe (Pro) 2019' in 90 kg category.
  - He won the title at the 11th World Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championship (WBPF) held in South Korea.

## TAMIL NADU

### Tenkasi District

- ❖ Tenkasi has been carved out of Tirunelveli as the 33rd district of Tamilnadu.
- ❖ The district officially came into existence on November 22, 2019.
- ❖ Tirunelveli district was originally formed in 1790 by the British.
- ❖ Tuticorin was carved out of Nellore district during the rule of Puratchi Thalaivar Dr.MGR in 1986.
- ❖ The newly-inaugurated district has Tenkasi and Sankarankoil revenue divisions, eight taluks, five municipalities, 224 village panchayats and 251 revenue villages.



## NATIONAL

### Physically Inactive Adolescents: Lancet Study

- ❖ According to the first-ever study on global trend for adolescent insufficient activity, 85% of girls and 78% of boys were found to have extremely high levels of insufficient physical activity.

### DESI TEENAGERS FARE A LITTLE BETTER AT 74%

WHAT THE WHO STUDY SHOWS

GLOBAL NUMBERS

**80%** teenagers (11-17 years) don't reach sufficient levels of daily activity, says WHO

More **girls 85%** than **boys 78%** inactive, said WHO study based on data of 1.6m teenagers

➤ Insufficient activity decreased in boys from 2001 to 2016 (from **80%** to **78%**); girls static (**85%**)

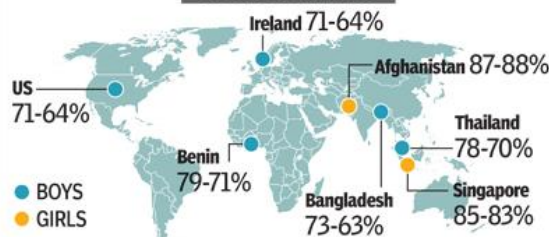


THE INDIA STORY

➤ In 2001, **76.6%** boys in India were not adequately physically active  
➤ Number dropped to **71.8%** in 2016

➤ The 15-year activity change in girls was minimal: from **76.6%** to **76.3%**

#### BIGGEST GAINERS



#### SUNSHINE FACTOR FOR INDIA

More children active in India than their counterparts in other countries

Boys due to gully cricket



Girls due to participation in household activities





- ❖ The report was released by World Health Organisation and published in published in the Lancet Child & Adolescent Health journal.
- ❖ The study is based on data reported by 1.6 million 11 to 17-year-old students across 146 countries during 2001-16 period.
- ❖ In India, 76.6% of boys and 76.3% of girls were classified as “physically inactive”.
- ❖ Cricket and domestic chores were blamed as the reason for boys and girls being physically inactive.

### **Avian Botulism @ Sambhar Lake, Rajasthan**

- ❖ In November, 2019 nearly 10,000 migratory birds were found dead mysteriously in the Sambhar Salt Lake area, Rajasthan.
- ❖ The clinical signs exhibited by affected birds included dullness, depression, anorexia, flaccid paralysis in legs and wings, and neck touching the ground.
- ❖ The birds were unable to walk, swim, or take flight.
- ❖ The investigation so far points to avian botulism.
- ❖ Avian botulism, a paralytic, frequently fatal disease caused by the ingestion of toxins is considered as a “possible cause” but yet unconfirmed.

### **Central Information Commission’s Annual Report**

- ❖ The Central Information Commission’s Annual Report has been tabled in Parliament.
- ❖ The number of RTI applications received by Central government ministries and departments increased by 1.36 lakh, about 11 per cent higher than 2017-18.
- ❖ Highest percentage of RTI applications rejected was reported by Ministry of Tribal Affairs (26.54%) and Ministry of Home Affairs (16.41%).
- ❖ The CIC is headed by Sudhir Bhargava since January 1, 2019.

### **Appointment to Tribunals – Finance Act, 2017**

- ❖ The Supreme Court has passed an interim order that said the appointments to tribunals “shall be on the basis of existing statutes” and not the rules framed under the Finance Act of 2017.
- ❖ The Finance Act had given the Centre the power to govern appointments, removal and service conditions of the members of judicial tribunals like National Green Tribunal, Income Tax Appellate Tribunal, National Company Law Appellate Tribunal.

- ❖ The petitioners Roger Mathew and Revenue Bar Association had challenged the Finance Act, 2017, particularly Part XIV on various grounds.
- ❖ Part XIV had repealed provisions relating to the administration of 26 Tribunals established under diverse central laws and gave Union government the powers to frame rules by virtue of Section 184.
- ❖ The court had struck it down and asked Union government to frame new rules.

### **Hong Kong Convention for Ship Recycling**

- ❖ The Union Cabinet has approved accession to the Hong Kong International Convention for Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009.
- ❖ The Convention was originally adopted at a diplomatic conference held in Hong Kong, China, in 2009.
- ❖ It is aimed at ensuring that ships being “recycled” after reaching the end of their operational lives do not pose any unnecessary risks to human health, safety and to the environment.
- ❖ In 2018, India handled about five million gross tonnage (MnGT) annually, which is nearly 25% share of the world’s ship recycling industry.
- ❖ India remains the leading market for ship-wrecking globally.
- ❖ The Alang-Sosiya ship breaking yard in Gujarat handles around 450 ships every year.

**Eco-Friendly Move**

- Shipping ministry’s 5-year vision seeks to bring ships from developed nations to be recycled at Indian yards

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- Govt plans to nearly double this by 2024
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**Hong Kong Convention for environmentally sound ship recycling adopted by IMO in 2009**





## STATES

### Amaravati on Political Map

- ❖ The Union Government has added Andhra Pradesh capital “Amaravati” to its map, as the Survey of India released a new political map of India.
- ❖ Amaravati was missing from the new map, which was released by the Survey of India on November 2, 2019.
- ❖ The new map was issued after reorganisation of the new union territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, which was officially done on October 31.
- ❖ Telangana has Hyderabad as its capital and it is the capital for Andhra Pradesh too for a period of 10 years from the date of bifurcation from 2014.



### Arundhati Swarna Yojana Scheme – Assam

- ❖ The Assam government announced that it will offer ‘10 grams of gold’ as a gift to every adult bride who has completed at least 10th standard and has registered her marriage.
- ❖ The family has to register their marriage under the Special Marriage (Assam) Rules, 1954.



- ❖ Assam has about three lakh marriages every year but only 50,000-60,000 are registered.
- ❖ The scheme is implemented from January 2020.

### **World's Biggest Islamic Congregation – Bhopal**

- ❖ In Madhya Pradesh, the 4-day Aalimi Tablighi Ijtima, world's biggest Islamic Congregation has begun in Bhopal.
- ❖ More than one million people from 54 countries are expected to attend the congregation.
- ❖ It is a forum for delivering important religious-spiritual messages to Muslims around the world.
- ❖ Ijtima started in the era of Nawabs in Bhopal and now it has become the identity of Bhopal worldwide.
- ❖ The first "Aalimi Tablighi Ijtima" took place in Bhopal in 1944 and only 14 people attended it then.

## **SPORTS**

### **First Day Night Test – Pink Ball Test**

- ❖ Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina and Mamata Banerjee rung the customary Eden Bell at Eden gardens cricket ground in Kolkata and inaugurated the first Day/Night test match.
- ❖ Unlike the traditional start time of 9:30 am for Test matches in India, play will start at 1 pm IST and end by 8:00 pm.
- ❖ Bangladesh skipper Mominul Haque elected to bat in what is the "first pink ball Test" for the two countries.
- ❖ The first Day/Night Test match was played between Australia and New Zealand at the Adelaide Oval from November 27, 2015 to December 1, 2015.

#### **Pink Ball**

- ❖ Test matches are played with a red ball but in case of Day/Night Tests, because the natural light fades away and artificial lights come in effect, a pink coloured ball is used.
- ❖ In India, cricket balls including pink balls are supplied by sports equipment supplier Sanspareils Greenland (SG), Meerut.



## The Making of Pink Ball

The Pink ball takes atleast 8 days to prepare compared to two days for the red ball.	It's made from imported leather.	The inner core of ball is made of cork and rubber. It weighs 156 grams.
It has a circumference within 22.5 cm.	It has three stitches Lip stitch and two pronounced stitches on either side each having 78 stitches.	The pronounced seam helps better grip on ball even when there is dew.

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