

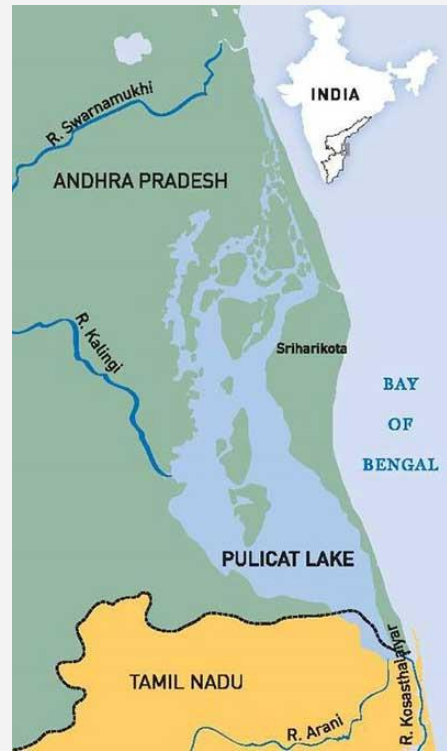


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TN wildlife board to set up 3 red category units inside Pulicat ESZ



In News:

- TN State Board for Wildlife has recommended expansion of three red-category steel melting industries inside Pulicat eco-sensitive zone (ESZ).
- Concerns - Further industrialization inside Pulicat ESZ could deteriorate an already fragile ecosystem.

What are Eco-Sensitive Zones?

- Land within 10 km of the boundaries of national parks and wildlife sanctuaries are notified as eco-fragile zones or Eco-Sensitive Zones (ESZ).
- Above definition is as per the National Wildlife Action Plan (2002-2016), issued by the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

Did you know?

- While the 10-km rule is implemented as a general principle, the extent of its application can vary.
- Areas beyond 10-km can also be notified by the Union government as ESZs, if they hold larger ecologically important "sensitive corridors."

Pulicat bird sanctuary

Key Points:

- Pulicat bird sanctuary is located in Tiruvallur district, TN.
- It has been **declared an ecologically sensitive zone** to ensure total protection.
- **Pulicat Lake is the second largest brackish-water eco-system in India after Chilka lake in Orissa.**
- The sanctuary is known for **greater flamingos**.

Did you know?

- Pulicat Lake may disappear within 100 years by being filled up with silt.
- Pulicat lake is situated along the east coast of India and **sprawls across Andhra Pradesh (84%) and Tamil Nadu.**



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### More women Odhuvars in T.N. temples

#### In News:

- In the last 28 months, 10 women Odhuvars have been appointed in various TN temples.

#### Key facts

- **Odhuvar** is a Tamil word which has its root in the Tamil term odhal, which means recitation. Literally, the word odhuvar would refer to a person who recites.
- However, in the Tamil Saiva tradition, the word would normally refer to **devotional singers in Saivite temples**, who are in the service of deities by singing their praise through the pathigams.

#### Did you know?

- Odhuvars sing the devotional songs composed by the Saivite saints, like Karaikkal Ammayar, irunavukkarasar, Tirugnanasambandar and Sundaramurthy Nayanar.
- The works of the latter three saints, taken together, are known as **Thevaram**.
- They lived and composed the songs, set them to music, as also sang them in the Siva temples between the 6th and 9th centuries.

### Recent tiger deaths in Nilgiris

#### In News:

- National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) officials visited Nilgiris to investigate recent tiger deaths.
- 10 tigers (six cubs and four adults) had died in Nilgiris forest division and the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve.
- According to NTCA sources, 145 tiger deaths have been reported across the country so far this year.
- Out of 145 deaths, 11 tiger deaths were reported in MTR, two in Sathymangalam Tiger Reserve (STR) and one in Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve in Tamil Nadu.



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### National Tiger Conservation Authority

#### Key facts about NTCA

- National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) is a **statutory body** under the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change.
- It was **established in 2005** following the recommendations of the Tiger Task Force.
- It was constituted under enabling provisions of the **Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972**, as amended in 2006, for strengthening tiger conservation, as per powers and functions assigned to it.

### 40 per cent of EVs sold in India are made in TN

#### Key facts:

- As per the latest data, 40% of electric vehicles sold in India this year (January to September) were manufactured in TN.

#### Did you know?

- 6 TN cities identified to become e-vehicle hubs.
- Chennai, Coimbatore, Tiruchi, Madurai, Salem, and Tirunelveli -- have been identified for developing as electric vehicle hubs.
- Advantage TN - Some of the natural advantages that aid the sector in TN are vast availability of a highly competent and trained workforce and wide network & supply chain.



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