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Tamil Nadu: 19-07-2024

<p>Governor Approves 13 Bills</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">In a recent legislative update, Tamil Nadu Governor R.N. Ravi has given his assent to 13 bills passed during the budget session of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly. <p>Key Points</p> <p>New Corporations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Four municipalities—Karaikudi, Tiruvannamalai, Pudukottai, and Namakkal—are upgraded to corporations.This change reflects the historical and pilgrimage importance of these areas, despite their populations being under 300,000. <p>Urban Local Bodies Act Amendment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The amendment allows the Tamil Nadu government to designate local areas as town panchayats, municipal councils, or municipal corporations regardless of population and income criteria. <p>Tamil Nadu SC/ST Commission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The age limit for the chairperson of the Tamil Nadu SC/ST Commission is extended from 70 to 75 years. <p>Market Competitiveness:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Tamil Nadu Water Urban Infrastructure Financial Services Limited and Tamil Nadu Infrastructure Fund Management Corporation Limited are now allowed to compete in the open market. <p>Sewer Connection Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Owners and occupiers of properties must connect to sewer systems if within 30 meters of a board sewer line. <p>Repeal of Outdated Legislation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Governor approved the repeal of 111 outdated laws and 115 Appropriation Acts enacted between 2001 and 2022.
<p>Tamilnadu SDG Index 2023-24</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Tamil Nadu has been classified as a 'front-runner' in 13



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Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as per the SDG India Index 2023-24 by NITI Aayog.

- The report assesses the performance of States and Union Territories based on 70 targets and 113 indicators.

State Ranking and Scores:

- Tamil Nadu ranks **third with a composite score of 78, surpassing the national average of 71.**
- The State retained its **'front-runner' status, improving from a score of 74 in the previous report (2020-21).**

Performance in SDGs:

Front-Runner Status

- Tamil Nadu has been categorized as a 'front-runner' in 13 SDGs.
- The State is in the 'achiever' category for affordable and clean energy.

Categories:

- **Front-Runner:** Tamil Nadu excels in 13 SDGs.
- **Performer:** Gender equality and life below water.
- **Below National Average:** Sustainable cities and communities, life on land.

Poverty Eradication:

- Tamil Nadu leads in eradicating poverty, with a Head Count Ratio of **2.2%** compared to the national average of 14.96%.
- However, 22% of children under five are underweight, and 25% are stunted.

Health and Education:

Maternal and Child Health:

- Maternal Mortality Ratio stands at 54 per 100,000 live births.
- Under-five Mortality Rate is 13 per 1,000 live births.
- Road accident death rate is 23.31 per 100,000 population, among the highest in the country.

Education:

- Gross enrolment ratios: 81.5% in higher secondary and 47% in higher education, higher than the national averages of 57.6% and 28.4%.
- 81.87% of rural households have access to safe and adequate piped drinking water.



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	<p>Economic and Social Indicators:</p> <p>Employment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unemployment rate: 4.8%. • Labour force participation rate: 62.3% for individuals aged 15-59. <p>Technology and Identification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 92.8% of households own at least one mobile phone. • Aadhaar coverage: 97.94%.
<p>New India Literacy Programme (NILP)</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tamil Nadu is undertaking a significant literacy initiative to address illiteracy among adults. • The School Education department is implementing the New India Literacy Programme (NILP), also known as Puthiya Bharatha Ezhutharivu Thittam 2022-2027, with the goal of providing basic literacy education to a large number of illiterate individuals across the state. <p>Key Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target Population: Over 6 lakh illiterate people aged 15 and above have been identified for literacy training. • Program Details: The NILP aims to improve literacy levels through structured classes and flexible examination schedules. • Survey Insights: A literacy survey conducted in March 2024 identified 6,07,771 illiterate individuals. Krishnagiri district has the highest number of illiterates at 61,622. • Learning Opportunities: Classes are available at learning centres, and learners can choose to have lessons at home or at their workplaces. Flexible exam dates in November and March accommodate varying schedules. • Demographics: Approximately 95% of learners are women, reflecting a focus on supporting female literacy. • Teaching Resources: Most teachers are volunteers from the Illam Thedi Kalvi and Nehru Yuva Kendra programs, with a teacher-learner ratio of 1:20. Some learners may be taught by family members with provided materials. • Future Objectives: The department aims to declare districts with over 90% literacy as fully literate, with districts like Thoothukudi and Kanniyakumari being close to this target.



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