

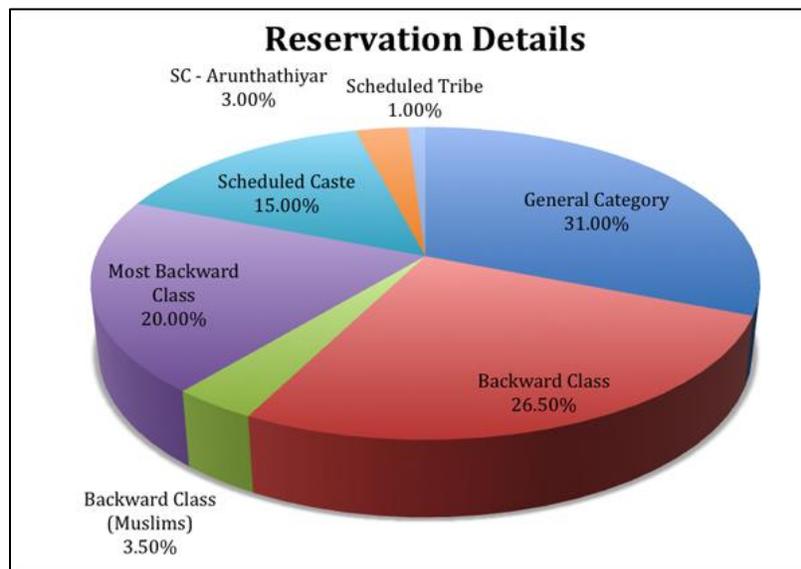
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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Supreme Court has commenced its week-long special Lok Adalat drive to amicably settle the long-pending disputes as a part of its 75th anniversary celebrations.
- ❖ Union Ministry for Environment launched 'Ideas4LiFE' for inviting ideas related to products and services, which induce the behavioural changes related to the environment-friendly lifestyles.
- ❖ India is ranked 39th among 119 countries, according to the Travel and Tourism Development Index 2024 report published by the World Economic Forum.
- ❖ Former Indian cricketer and Coach Anshuman Gaekwad passed away recently.
- ❖ South India's first double-decker flyover was inaugurated in Bengaluru.
- ❖ On the first Sunday in August (August 04th), India celebrates National Friendship Day to encourage people across the world to connect with friends.

TAMIL NADU

Tamil Nadu's Arunthathiyar quota



- ❖ The Supreme Court has backed the constitutional validity of a Tamil Nadu law that offered preferential treatment among the Scheduled Castes (SCs) to socially and educationally backward Arunthathiyars.

- ❖ The Court held that sub-categorisation within a class was a Constitutional requirement to secure substantive equality.
- ❖ The Tamil Nadu State Legislature had enacted the Tamil Nadu Arunthathiyars Reservation Act, 2009.
- ❖ It aims to provide the Arunthathiyars reservation in appointments or posts in State services on a preferential basis among the SCs.
- ❖ The Act has defined Arunthathiyars to include the castes — Arunthathiyar, Chakkiliyan, Madari, Madiga, Pagadi, Thoti, and Adi Andhra — from the list of 76 SCs notified by the President under Article 341 of the Constitution.

Higher educational expenses in Tamilnadu



- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government will bear the higher educational expenses of students from State government schools who have been admitted to prestigious institutions in various parts of the country.
- ❖ The government would also bear the initial cost of travel for students of State government schools who enrolled in prestigious institutions abroad.
- ❖ The number of students qualifying for higher education in top institutions are increased to 274 in 2023 from 75 students in 2022.
- ❖ This year so far, the count is 447 (institutions in India).

Section 77-A of the Registration Act

- ❖ The Madras High Court has declared 77-A of the Registration Act, 1908 as unconstitutional Section.
- ❖ It conferred excessive quasi-judicial power on the District Registrars to cancel documents related to any immovable property in the State if they were found to have been registered through fraud or on submission of forged revenue records.
- ❖ Section 77-A, introduced to the Central enactment by way of a 2022 State amendment.

- ❖ Sections 22-A and 22-B of the Act empower Registration Department officials to refuse registration of certain documents.
- ❖ Section 77-A empowers them to cancel documents registered in contravention of those two provisions.

This section 77A reads as follows:

"77-A. Cancellation of registered documents in certain cases.— (1) The Registrar, either suo motu or on a complaint received from any person, is of the opinion that the registration of a document is made in contravention of section 22-A or section 22-B, shall issue a notice to the executant and all the parties to the document and parties to subsequent documents, if any, and all other persons who, in the opinion of the Registrar, may be affected by the cancellation of the document, to show cause as to why the registration of the document shall not be cancelled. On consideration of reply, if any received therefor, the Registrar may cancel the registration of the document and cause to enter such cancellation in the relevant books and indexes.

(2) The power under sub-section (1) may also be exercised by the Inspector General of Registration."

MBC-DNCs in higher education and employment

Ahead of others

A look at various posts secured by MBCs, and DNCs in the State.

Period and post	Vanniyars			DNC			Other MBCs			Total	
	Quota Seats	OC seats	Total	Quota Seats	OC seats	Total	Quota seats	OC seats	Total	No	Share (in %)
2013-2022 TNUSRB Sub-inspectors (total no of selected candidates: 1,919)	NA	NA	327 (17%)	NA	NA	152 (7.9%)	NA	NA	126 (6.6%)	605	31.50%
2013- 2023 MRB Assistant Surgeons/ Assistant Medical Officers (total no of selected candidates: 8,379)	1,185	248	1,433 (17.1%)	292	73	365 (4.4%)	714	128	842 (10%)	2,640	31.50%
2021 TRB PG Assistants (total no of selected candidates: 3,044)	383	150	533 (17.5%)	79	51	130 (4.3%)	172	58	230 (7.6%)	893	29.40%
2021 TNFUSRC forest officials (total no of selected candidates: 1,520)	192	116	308 (20.2%)	92	13	105 (6.9%)	41	27	68 (4.5%)	481	31.60%
2013 & 2018 TNPSC Group II (total no of selected candidates: 2,682)	270	96	366 (13.6%)	90	39	129 (4.8%)	121	56	177 (6.6%)	672	25.05%
2013-23 TNPSC Group IV (total no of selected candidates: 26,784)	N.A.	NA	5,215 (19.5%)	NA	NA	1,565 (5.8%)	NA	NA	2,882 (10.8%)	9,662	36.07%
2013-22 Combined Engineering Services (total no of selected candidates: 1,789)	182	76	258 (14.4%)	73 (4%)	25	98 (5.5%)	100 (5.6%)	26	126 (7%)	482	26.94%
2013-22 civil judges' examinations (total no of selected candidates: NA)	39 (9.9%)	18	57	16 (4%)	9	25	24 (6.1%)	13	37	119	NA
Deputy Collectors (as on Sept 1, 2013) (Total in service: 542)	63 (11.6%)	NA*	NA*	NA*	NA*	NA*	NA*	NA*	NA*	NA*	NA*

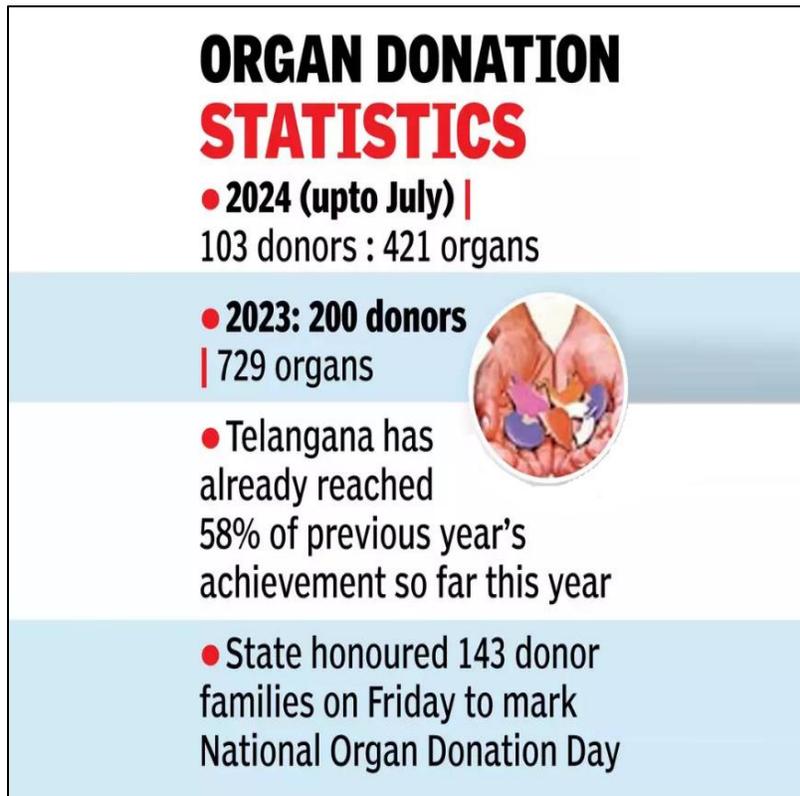
TNUSRB: Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board | **MRB:** Medical Services Recruitment Board. | **TRB:** Teachers Recruitment Board
TNFUSRC: Tamil Nadu Forest Uniformed Services Recruitment Committee | **NA:** - Not available | **NA*:** Not applicable

- ❖ Vanniyars lead the Most Backward Classes (MBC) - Denotified Communities (DNC), in terms of representation in higher education and public employment.
- ❖ In MBBS course, 5,938 candidates belonging to the MBC-DNCs were selected during 2018-2022.
- ❖ Of them, Vanniyars account for 3,354, representing about 56% of the chosen MBC-DNC candidates.
- ❖ In respect of candidates qualified in tests for police sub-inspectors during 2013-22, the MBC-DNCs constituted 605, of which 307 were Vanniyars.

- ❖ In admission to the government law colleges (2018-22), 2,096 persons belonging to the Vanniyars were chosen out of a total of 4,962 MBC-DNC candidates.
- ❖ The MBC-DNCs' quota of 20% forms part of the 69% quota for Backward Classes, BC (Muslims), MBC-DNCs and Scheduled Castes (SCs)/Scheduled Tribes (STs).
- ❖ There are 41 communities in the list of MBCs and 68 under DNCs.

NATIONAL

Organ transplants in India 2023



- ❖ In 2023, India recorded 18,378 organ transplants, with 42 recipients receiving more than one organ, resulting in a total of 18,336 recipients.
- ❖ Among the recipients, 30% were women.
- ❖ In 2023, nearly 10% of all organ transplants in India involved foreign nationals.
- ❖ Out of 18,336 organ recipients, 1,851 were foreigners.
- ❖ The highest number of these procedures occurred in Delhi, Rajasthan, and West Bengal.
- ❖ According to NOTTO data, of the 1,851 foreign transplant cases in 2023, only nine involved organs from deceased donors.

- ❖ Delhi had the highest number with 1,445 cases, followed by Rajasthan with 116, and West Bengal with 88.

INTERNATIONAL

Quad Foreign Ministers Meeting 2024



- ❖ Recently, the Quad foreign ministers' meeting was held in Tokyo.
- ❖ The Quad is an informal diplomatic partnership between Australia, India, Japan, and the United States.
- ❖ It committed to supporting an open, stable and prosperous Indo-Pacific that is inclusive and resilient.

REPORTS AND INDICES

Global agriculture exports in 2023

- ❖ India maintained its position as world's eighth largest exporter of agriculture products.
- ❖ Its agriculture exports in 2023 down to \$51 billion from \$55 billion in 2022.
- ❖ Collectively, the top ten exporters represented a 71.9 per cent share in world exports in 2023.
- ❖ India had imposed a ban on export of wheat in May 2022, non-basmati rice in July 2023 and on sugar from October 2023.
- ❖ The EU has maintained its top position in 2023 by exporting agriculture produce valued at \$836 billion compared to \$799 billion in 2022.

- ❖ The US, too, continued at the second spot in agriculture exports in 2023 with \$198 billion.
- ❖ Brazil retained the third spot with \$157 billion in 2023.
- ❖ China was the fourth largest agriculture exporter in 2023.
- ❖ Other countries among top ten agriculture exporters include Canada, Mexico, Indonesia and Australia.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Organ donation awards 2023

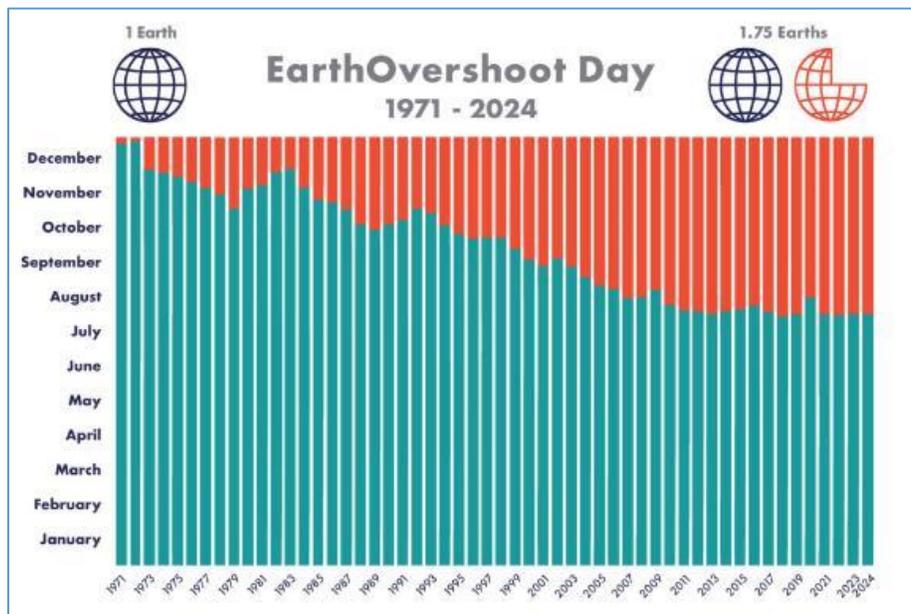
- ❖ The 14th Indian Organ Donation Day ceremony organized by the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO).
- ❖ Dr K Rambabu, state coordinator for Andhra Pradesh's Jeevandan programme, received the Jeevandan Award.
- ❖ ROTTO North-PGIMER, Chandigarh won the Best ROTTO Award.
- ❖ Telangana bagged the Award for Best SOTTO/State, while Tamil Nadu and Karnataka received the Award for second best SOTTO/ State.
- ❖ Manipur was conferred with Best Emerging State in North East Award.
- ❖ The states winning the Emerging States in Organ Donation Award were: 1) Andhra Pradesh 2) Madhya Pradesh, and 3) Jammu & Kashmir.

- ❖ Award for the best Non-Transplant Organ Retrieval Centres (NTORC) was received by Civil Hospital, Ahmedabad.
- ❖ Best Hospital in Private Sector with Highest Deceased Donation Award was received by Yashoda Hospital, Secundrabad.



IMPORTANT DAYS

Earth Overshoot Day 2024 - August 01



- ❖ This day is calculated by Global Footprint Network.
- ❖ This day marks the date when humanity's demand for ecological resources and services in a given year exceeds what Earth's ecosystems can regenerate in that year.

- ❖ Humanity is currently using nature 1.7 times faster than our planet's ecosystems can regenerate.

14th Indian Organ Donation Day 2024 - August 03

- ❖ It is observed to increase awareness about organ donation amongst the people.
- ❖ The Indian Organ Donation Day has been observed since 2010 in the country.
- ❖ Earlier, this day used to be observed every year on 27 November.
- ❖ From 2023 onwards, it is observed on 3rd August.
- ❖ On this day in 1994, the first successful deceased donor heart transplant was conducted in India.
- ❖ On 8th July 1994, the Transplantation of Human Organs Act 1994 was enacted in India.
- ❖ The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has declared July as the month of organ donation in the country.

