



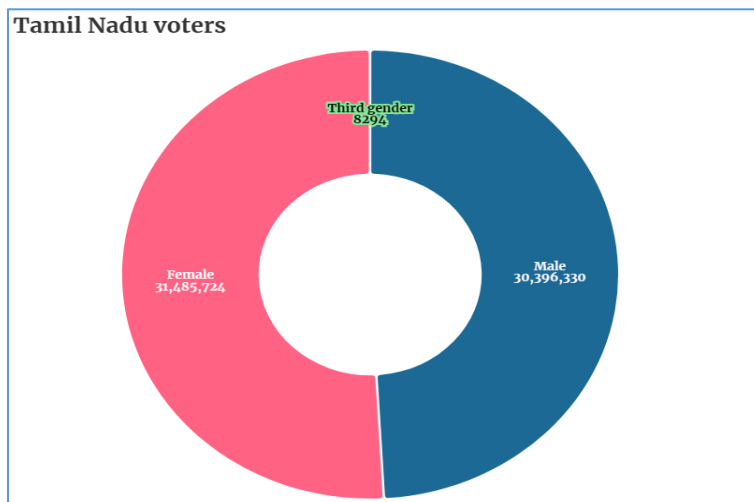
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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister launched the distribution of day-long annadhanam for devotees in three temples - Bhavaniamman temple at Periyapalayam in Tiruvallur district, Angala Parameshwari temple at Melmalayanur in Villupuram district and Masaniamman temple at Anaimalai in Coimbatore district.
- ❖ Prime Minister's recent visit to Srirangam Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple marked as the first by a serving Prime Minister.

TAMIL NADU

TN electorate in 2024



- ❖ The electorate of Tamil Nadu rose by about seven lakh electors.
- ❖ It now stands at 6.18 crore, including 3.14 crore women, 3.03 crore men and over 8,200 from the third gender.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu stood at 6.11 crore, as of October 27, 2023.
- ❖ During the revision period since then, 13,61,888 were included, while 6,02,737 entries were deleted on account of moving, death and duplicate entries.
- ❖ Correction of entries was done with respect to 3,23,997 electors.
- ❖ Shozhinganallur Assembly constituency in Chengalpattu district has the highest number of electors at 6,60,419.
- ❖ While the Kilvelur Assembly constituency in Nagapattinam district has the lowest number of voters at 1,72,140.

- ❖ The Kavundampalayam Assembly constituency in Coimbatore district has the second-highest electorate with 4,62,612 electors.
- ❖ Harbour Assembly constituency in Chennai district has 1,72,624 electors.

Statue for Marudhu Brothers

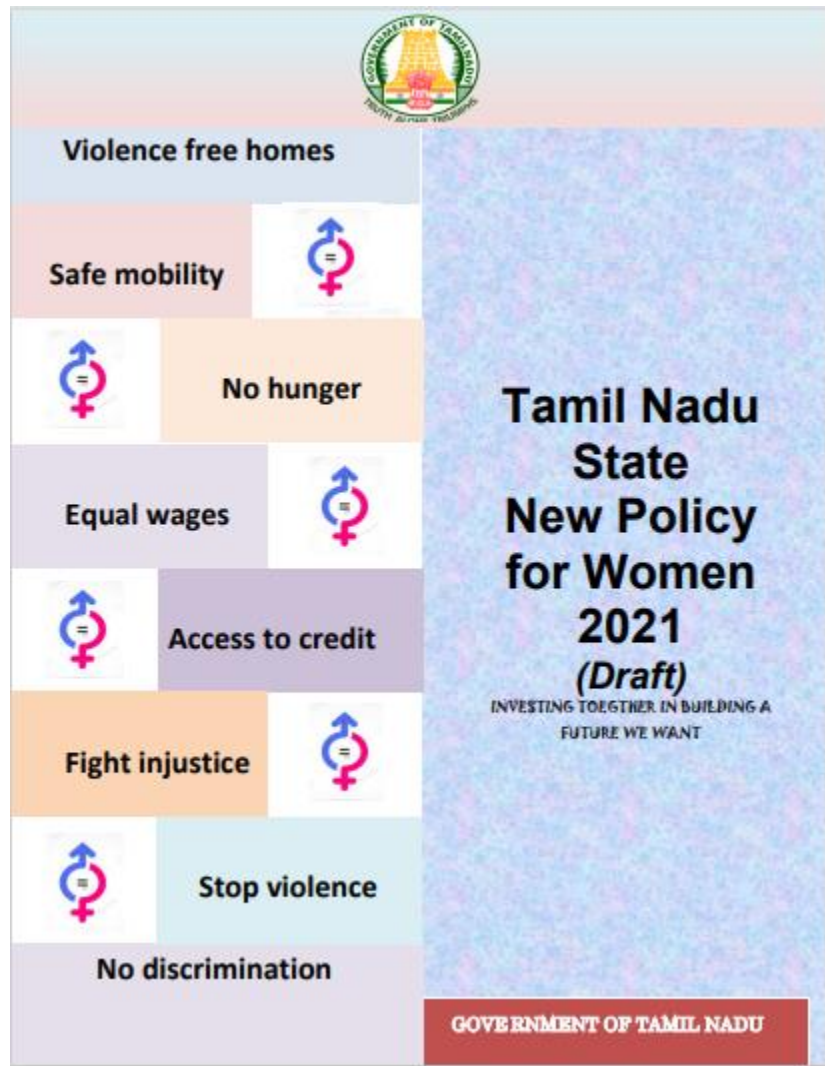
- ❖ Bhumi Puja performed for installing the statues of “Marudhu Pandiyar Brothers” on the tank bund of Gangineni Cheruvu tank of Chittoor corporation, Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ Marudhu brothers said that during the late 18th century, Periya Marudhu and Chinna Marudhu were in the service of the Siva Gangai region king.
- ❖ Against British Raj, the brothers started the unification of the anti-British forces from the coastal belt from Tamil Nadu to West Bengal and raised an armed force to wage a battle for Independence.
- ❖ After a series of struggles, the brothers were captured in 1801 and were hanged by the British rulers near Siva Gangai.



Tamilnadu Policy for women

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Cabinet, approved the State's New Policy for Women, the draft of which was released in December 2021.
- ❖ The policy is aimed at the holistic development of the women, by focussing on empowering them through education, economic independence and power sharing.

- ❖ State-level committee headed by Chief Secretaries and district-level committees headed by Collectors will be constituted to monitor the implementation of the policy and to address any issues of discrimination.
- ❖ The Social Welfare and Women Empowerment department will also monitor the implementation.
- ❖ The national-level policy was released in 2001.

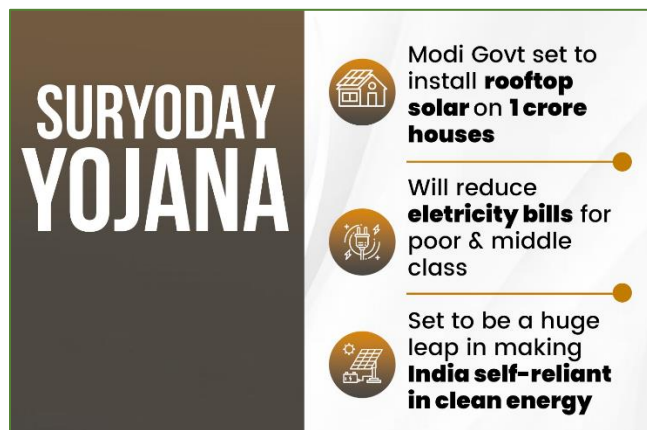


NATIONAL

Pradhan Mantri Suryodaya Yojana

- ❖ Under the 'Pradhan Mantri Suryodaya Yojana', one crore households will get rooftop solar across the nation.
- ❖ It also makes India self-reliant in the energy sector.

- ❖ Rooftop solar panels are the photovoltaic panels installed on the roof of a building which is connected to main power supply unit.
- ❖ Thus, it reduces the consumption of the grid-connected electricity and saves electricity cost for the consumer.
- ❖ Solar power installed capacity in India has reached around 73.31 GW as of December 2023.
- ❖ Meanwhile, rooftop solar installed capacity is around 11.08 GW as of December 2023.
- ❖ In 2014, the union government launched the Rooftop Solar Programme that aimed to achieve a cumulative installed capacity of 40,000 megawatts (MW) or 40 gigawatts (GW) by 2022.



Nagara style Ram temple

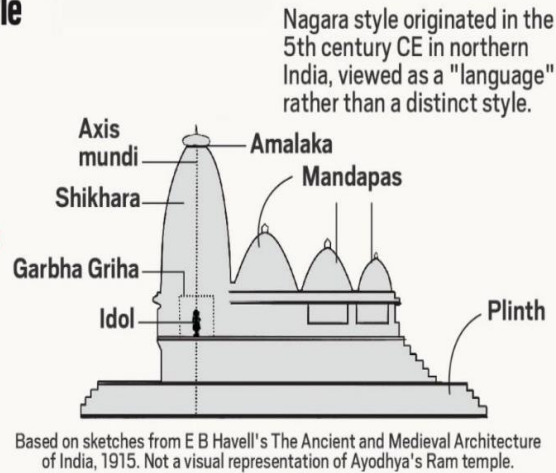
- ❖ The Ram temple in Ayodhya was inaugurated recently.
- ❖ Chandrakant Sompura, and his son Ashish, have designed the complex in the Nagara style of temple architecture.
- ❖ The Nagara style of temple architecture emerged sometime in the fifth century CE, during the late Gupta period, in northern India.
- ❖ Nagara temples are built on a raised plinth, with the garbha griha (sanctum sanctorum).
- ❖ Towering over the garbha griha is the shikhara (literally 'mountain peak'), the most distinguishable aspect of Nagara style temples.
- ❖ The temple is being constructed using sandstone from Mirzapur and those from the hills of Bansi-Paharpur area in Rajasthan's Bharatpur district.
- ❖ The use of steel or iron has been avoided in the construction of the temple structure.

- ❖ Instead, it has been constructed employing the country's indigenous technology and traditional construction materials.

What is the architectural style of Ayodhya's Ram temple, and who designed it?

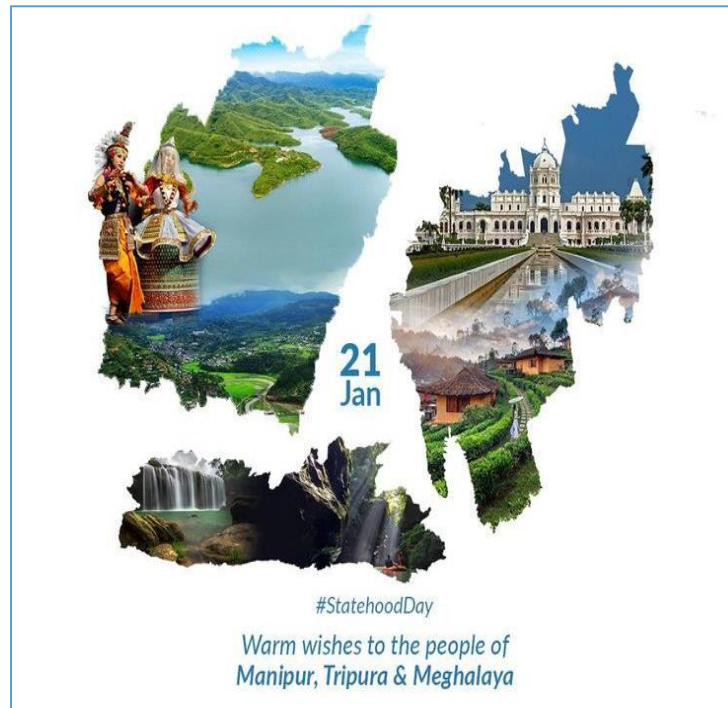
The Ram temple in Ayodhya follows Nagara style of temple architecture, **designed by Chandrakant Sompura and his son Ashish.**

It features a **raised plinth** with a **sacred sanctum**, and its most distinctive element is the **towering shikhara**, representing the natural and cosmological order in Hindu tradition.



STATES

States Foundation Day 2024



- ❖ The states of Manipur, Meghalaya, and Tripura celebrated their foundation day on January 21.

- ❖ In 1972, they became full-fledged states under the North Eastern Region Re-Organisation Act, 1971.
- ❖ Prior to this, Meghalaya was a part of Assam, and Tripura and Manipur were the princely states.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Parakram Diwas 2024 - January 23



- ❖ This day commemorates the birth anniversary of Subhas Chandra Bose, one of India's most prominent freedom fighters.
- ❖ The day is celebrated as 'Parakram Diwas' or Courage Day.
- ❖ This year marks the 127th Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.
- ❖ Subhas Chandra Bose was born on 23 January 1897 in Cuttack, Odisha.
- ❖ It was in 1921 that he resigned from the Indian Civil Service and returned to India.
- ❖ He left the Congress Party to form the Swaraj Party in 1922.
- ❖ In 1923, Netaji was elected the President of the All-India Youth Congress Committee and the Secretary of the Bengal State Congress.
- ❖ In 1942, he formed the Indian National Army in Southeast Asia with the help of Japan.



- ❖ Netaji established a provisional government of Free India or Azad Hind in 1943 in Andaman and Nicobar.

International Day of Education 2024 - January 24

- ❖ Back in 2018, the United Nations decided that January 24 would be the International Day of Education.
- ❖ This decision was made by 59 countries who wanted to highlight the importance of education.
- ❖ The theme for 2024 is 'learning for lasting peace'



National Girl Child Day 2024 - January 24



- ❖ This day aims to raise awareness about gender inequality in the country.
- ❖ The Ministry of Women and Child Development established the National Girl Child Day in 2008.
- ❖ It highlights the discrimination girls face on a day-to-day basis in our society.

- ❖ The Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao Scheme (Save the Girl Child, Educate the Girl Child) launched in 22nd Jan 2015.

MISCELLANEOUS

Soligas and Yeravas tribals diet

- ❖ Indigenous groups Soligas and Yeravas have been living in the Cauvery Basin and the surrounding hills of peninsular India for thousands of years.
- ❖ Soligas, one of the oldest indigenous communities in the country, are the original inhabitants of Karnataka and live mostly in the Chamarajanagar and Mandya districts.
- ❖ The Yeravas, on the other hand, came to the state from Wayanad district in Kerala and settled in Kodagu district of the state.
- ❖ A recent book has looked into the diets of these communities.
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- ❖ Such foods form around 25 per cent of the Soligas diet and around 30 percent of the Yerava diet.
- ❖ Honey is an important part of the diet for the Soliga people, who still forage large parts of their food from the biodiversity-rich Ghats.
- ❖ There are some 10-12 wild food plants that are unique to each community as they live in different landscapes.
- ❖ Mushrooms become part of the Yerava diet during monsoons, when they emerge overnight from barren land.

