

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MAY 31, 2019

TAMIL NADU

- ❖ **Tamil Nadu Chief minister Edappadi K Palaniswami - to lay the foundation stone for the construction of Chennai's third desalination plant in Nemmeli in June**



- ✓ The objective of the project is to augment the drinking water supply in the southern parts of the city with per capita supply of 135 LPCD as per norms.
- ✓ The plant, scheduled for commissioning in 2021, can treat 150 million litres of water per day
- ✓ The multi-crore project is funded by German agency KfW and partly sponsored by the Union and state governments under a revenue model.
- ✓ M/s Cobra, Spain – M/s Tecton joint venture was awarded the work costing ₹1,689.35 crore
- ✓ The existing desalination plants at Nemmeli and Minjur treat 100 million litres a day, at present
- ✓ The first desal plant in Minjur was inaugurated in July 2010
- ✓ The finalization of bids is underway for the Rs 6,078 crore, 400MLD desalination plant at Perur with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to vet the bids
- ✓ Former chief minister J Jayalalithaa announced the project after inaugurating the first plant in Nemmeli in 2012
- ✓ The Union environment ministry accorded clearance in October last.

❖ **Tamil Nadu - to introduce vendor licensing for selling tobacco products in a month**

- ✓ Under this, shopkeepers need to obtain licenses to sell cigarettes and beedis and stand a chance of losing their licenses if they violate rules laid down by the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA), 2003.

Violators beware

Fines imposed for violations of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA), 2003 in Chennai

	VIOLATIONS OF COTPA					
	Section 4		Section 6(a)		Section 6(b)	
	No. of persons fined	Fine amount (Rs.)	No. of persons fined	Fine amount (Rs.)	No. of persons fined	Fine amount (Rs.)
October 2008 to March 2018	49,254	77,44,280	1	100	2,192	3,77,500
April 2018 to March 2019	7,240	48,28,700	0	0	981	1,96,200



Section 4:
Prohibition of smoking in public place

Section 6(a): Prohibition of sale of cigarettes or any other tobacco products to any person who is under 18 years of age

Section 6(b): Prohibition of sale of cigarettes or any other tobacco products in an area within a radius of 100 yards of any educational institution

Source: State Tobacco Control Cell

- ✓ Under the vendor licensing system, if shopkeepers sold eatables in their outlets, they cannot sell tobacco products

❖ **Tamil Nadu's Sreekiran Nandakumar - won the boys' 800m gold at the U-20 Eurasian athletics championships which concluded in Almaty (Kazakhstan)**



- ✓ He won silver at the Khelo India Games at the start of 2018.
- ✓ He followed it up with another silver to his name at the Federation Cup in April.
- ✓ The 17-year-old Coonoor boy bagged his first international medal after winning the 800m gold in the youth Olympics Games' Asian area athletics qualification meet at Bangkok in July
- ✓ India finished the two-day event with 5 gold and 3 silver medals

❖ **Former national champion V Chandrasekar and J Selvakumar – to take over as President and Secretary of Tamil Nadu Table Tennis Association (TNTTA)**

- ✓ After the order of Supreme Court on May 27, The Table Tennis Federation of India removed MVM Velmurugan and AV Vidyasagar as the president and secretary of TNTTA

NATIONAL

- ❖ **Narendra Modi - took oath as the Prime Minister of the 17th Lok Sabha on May 30, 2019 for his second term**



- ✓ President Ram Nath Kovind administered the Oath of Office and Secrecy to Modi and his new Council of Ministers at a function in Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi
- ✓ The ceremony was attended by leaders of the **BIMSTEC** Member Countries; Sooronbay Jeenbekov, the President of Kyrgyzstan; and Mauritius Prime Minister Pravind Jugnauth
- ✓ A total of 25 Cabinet Ministers took oath including PM Narendra Modi on the occasion
- ✓ President Ram Nath Kovind on May 25, 2019 appointed BJP leader Narendra Modi as Prime Minister and invited him to form a new government at the Centre after exercising his powers under Article 75 (1) of the Indian Constitution.
- ✓ The 16th Lok Sabha was dissolved on May 24, 2019 following the resignation of the PM Modi.
- ✓ The term of the 16th Lok Sabha will officially end on June 3, 2019.

- ❖ **Three public sector units — National Aluminium Company (NALCO), Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd. and Hindustan Copper Ltd. — to sign by next month, a joint venture (JV) agreement for buying rare metals like lithium and cobalt from abroad**

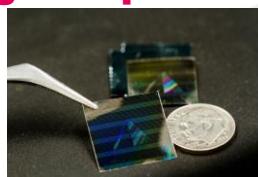
- ✓ The first acquisition is likely to be made within six months
- ✓ NALCO will hold 34% of the proposed □100 crore equity, with the other two companies holding 33% each
- ✓ These rare metals are needed in devices such as mobile phones, laptops and also for electric vehicles.
- ✓ Expert teams have already visited countries holding such deposits like Chile, Peru and Bolivia for making the tie-ups with the respective Governments
- ✓ HCL is the country's only integrated copper miner with operating units in Khetri (Rajasthan), Ghatsila (Jharkhand), Malanjkhand (Madhya Pradesh), Taloja (Maharashtra) and Jhagadia(Gujarat).

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

❖ **Astronomers, led by University of Warwick - have discovered a rogue exoplanet with its own atmosphere in the Neptunian Desert**

- ✓ NGTS-4b, nick-named 'The Forbidden Planet' is smaller than Neptune but three times the size of Earth
- ✓ The exoplanet has a mass of 20 Earth masses, a radius 20% smaller than Neptune, and temperature of 1000° Celsius.
- ✓ It orbits around the star in only 1.3 days — the equivalent of Earth's orbit around the Sun of one year.
- ✓ It is the first exoplanet of its kind to have been found in the Neptunian Desert

❖ **The world's first-ever lunar library - has survived the Beresheet spacecraft's crash landing on April 12**



- ✓ Containing 30 million pages, it flew to the moon on Israel's Beresheet lander and will remain there for five billion years.
- ✓ The Israeli lunar mission was a joint venture of a private body called Space IL and the Israeli Aerospace Industries.
- ✓ The library is made of tiny etched pages and images containing the most important aspects of human history and cultural treasures from every nation.
- ✓ It is a stack of 25 nickel dvd-sized discs, glued together with 24 layers of slow cure epoxy resin, and then sealed with protective material which will last upto 5 billion years

SPORTS

❖ **India topped the tally with five gold and a silver in the ISSF World Cup in Munich**

- ✓ China finished second with two gold, two silver and five bronze
- ✓ This is the first time India has topped the medals tally in three consecutive World Cups, after the ones in Delhi and Beijing.
- ✓ India was joint first with Hungary with three gold medals in Delhi in February.
- ✓ On the concluding day, Indian shooters almost clean swept the mixed events by clinching two gold and a silver
- ✓ The pair of Anjum Moudgil and Divyansh Singh Panwar thrashed their countrymates Apurvi Chandela and Deepak Kumar for gold with a score of 16-2 in the 10m air rifle mixed event



- ✓ In the 10m air pistol gold match, the pair of Manu Bhaker and Saurabh Chaudhary defeated the Ukrainian pair of Olena Kostevych and Oleh Omelchuk
- ✓ India had also won two Olympic quota places through Rahi Sarnobat and Manu Bhaker to make it a satisfactory outing in Germany.

❖ **Gurindervir Singh, the senior Federation Cup champion - emerged fastest man in the under-20 Eurasian athletics meet in Almaty**



- ✓ The 19-year-old from Punjab, who won the Federation Cup in 10.35s which broke his under-20 National record set last year
- ✓ India won six golds at the two-day meet with the others coming through quartermilers Vikrant Panchal (47.90s) and Florence Barla (54.73s), Sreekiran Nandakumar (800m, 1:54.62s), Rohit Yadav (javelin, 74.55m) and the 4x400m mixed relay team (Florence Barla, Priscilla Daniel, Vikrant Panchal, Abdul Razak, 3:30.58s)
- ✓ Junior athletes from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Iran, India and Tajikistan took part in the meet.

INTERNATIONAL DAY

❖ **World No Tobacco Day – May 31**



- ✓ The day intends to encourage a 24-hour period of abstinence from all forms of tobacco consumption around the globe apart
- ✓ In 1987, the WHO's World Health Assembly passed Resolution WHA40.38, calling for 7 April 1988 to be "a world no-smoking day"

- ✓ In 1988, Resolution WHA42.19 was passed by the World Health Assembly, calling for the celebration of World No Tobacco Day, every year on 31 May
- ✓ The theme for World No Tobacco Day 2019 is "tobacco and lung health", focusing on the negative impact that tobacco has on people's lung health and overall well-being
- ✓ According to World Health Organization (WHO), India contributes to 12% of the total population of world smokers.
- ✓ Nearly one third of Indians above 15 years are using some form of tobacco that leads to almost 40% of all the cancers.

❖ **International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers - May 29, 2019**



- ✓ Theme 2019 - "Protecting Civilians, Protecting Peace"
- ✓ The Day aims to pay tribute to the invaluable contribution of the civilian personnel and honours the UN peacekeepers who have sacrificed their lives while rendering peacekeeping services
- ✓ The Day also commemorates the first UN peacekeeping mission that was established on May 29, 1948

NEW MINISTRY AT THE CENTRE – A REPORT

❖ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi - inducted 23 new faces in his council of ministers, seven of them making it to the Cabinet on May 30**

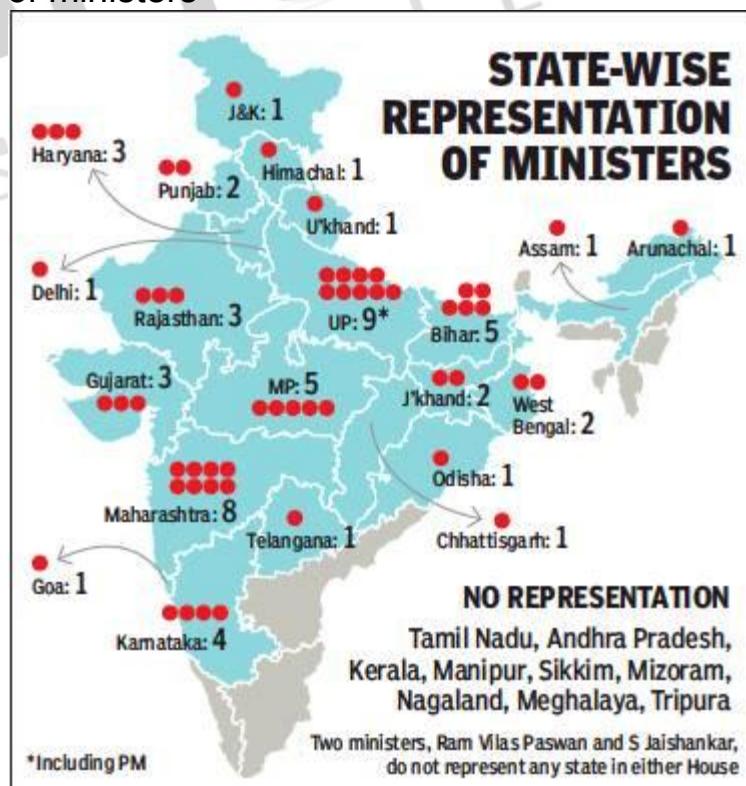


- ✓ BJP president Amit Shah and former foreign secretary S Jaishankar were the two top big debutants in the 25-member Modi Cabinet, with Giriraj Singh and Gajendra Singh Shekhawat being elevated from junior ministers.
- ✓ While Singh was minister of state with independent charge of the micro, small and medium enterprises ministry, Shekhawat was junior minister for agriculture

- ✓ The council of ministers, including the PM, consists of 58 members, down 18% from the outgoing 71-member team, including the Prime Minister.
- ✓ While there are 24 Cabinet ministers this time, there were 25 members in the outgoing Cabinet
- ✓ Similarly, there are nine ministers of state with independent charge compared to 11 in the previous regime.
- ✓ The PM has also reduced the number of junior ministers from 34 to 24 in the new ministry
- ✓ Former External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and Former Finance Minister Arun Jaitley opted out of the Ministerial representations
- ✓ Other notable exclusions were former Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh, former Women and Child Development Minister Maneka Gandhi, former Commerce Minister Suresh Prabhu, former Information and Broadcasting Minister Rajyavardhan Rathore, and former Minister of State for Civil Aviation Jayant Sinha.
- ✓ The most interesting exclusion was that of former Health Minister J.P. Nadda, who is tipped to be the next BJP president since Mr. Shah has joined the government

❖ **State-wise representation**

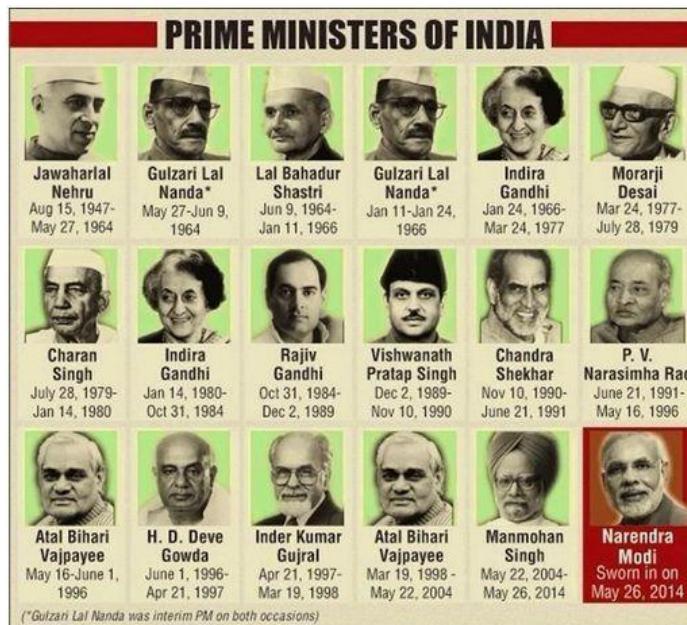
- ✓ Uttar Pradesh, which sent the highest number of 64 MPs from the ruling alliance to the 17th Lok Sabha, got the biggest representation in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's council of ministers



- ✓ Nine of the 58 ministers are from the state, including the PM who represents Varanasi, followed by eight from Maharashtra and five from Bihar.
- ✓ Among bigger states, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Kerala could not get any ministerial berth though V Muraleedharan, who represents Maharashtra in Rajya Sabha is Kerala BJP chief.

❖ **Women representation**

- ✓ Twenty of the total 29 states have got one or more ministerial berths
- ✓ Women constitute over 10% of the Union council of ministers sworn in
- ✓ Of the six who were administered the ministerial oath, three are Cabinet ministers and the others are ministers of state.
- ✓ In the outgoing council of ministers, there were six women ministers of Cabinet rank and two MoS.
- ✓ The three conferred Cabinet rank— Nirmala Sitharaman, Harsimrat Kaur Badal and Smriti Zubin Irani — had enjoyed the same status in the first Modi Cabinet.
- ✓ While Sitharaman, a Rajya Sabha MP, was defence minister, Harsimrat, re-elected from Bathinda, looked after the ministry of food processing minister.
- ✓ Irani was inducted in the earlier Modi Cabinet first as HRD minister.
- ✓ She was then shifted to the I&B ministry and finally to the textiles ministry.
- ✓ Of the three junior ministers, Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti has been inducted for the second time.
- ✓ She was junior minister for food processing in the last term.
- ✓ The other two, Renuka Singh Saruta and Debasree Chaudhuri, are both first time MPs.
- ✓ Three women ministers from the outgoing Cabinet were left out this time — Sushma Swaraj (external affairs), eight-time MP Maneka Gandhi (women and child welfare) and Uma Bharati (drinking water and sanitation)
- ✓ Anupriya Patel, who served in the ministry of health and family welfare as junior minister, was also left out.



TEAM MODI - 2019

CABINET MINISTERS



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MINISTERS OF STATE



Rajnath
Singh



Amit
Shah



Nitin
Gadkari



Faggansingh
Kulaste



Ashwini Kumar
Choubey



Arjun Ram
Meghwal



DV Sadananda
Gowda



Nirmala
Sitharaman



Ram Vilas
Paswan



General (Retd.)
V. K. Singh



Krishan Pal



Danve Raosaheb
Dadarao



Narendra
Singh Tomar



Thawar Chand
Gehlot



S Jaishankar



G. Kishan
Reddy



Parshottam
Rupala



Ramdas
Athawale



Ramesh
Pokhriyal



Arjun Munda



Harsimrat
Kaur Badal



Sadhvi
Niranjan Jyoti



Babul Supriyo



Sanjeev
Kumar Balyan



Ravi Shankar
Prasad



Smriti Irani



Harsh Vardhan



Dhotre Sanjay
Shamrao



Anurag Singh
Thakur



Angadi Suresh
Channabasappa



Prakash
Javadekar



Piyush Goyal



Dharmendra
Pradhan



Nityanand
Rai



Rattan Lal
Kataria



V.
Muraleedharan



Mukhtar
Abbas Naqvi



Pralhad Joshi



Dr. Mahendra
Nath Pandey



Renuka Singh
Saruta



Som Parkash



Rameswar Teli



Arvind Ganpat
Sawant



Giriraj Singh



Gajendra Singh
Shekhawat



Pratap Chandra
Sarangi



Kailash
Choudhary



Debasree
Chaudhuri

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MINISTERS OF STATE

(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)



Santosh
Gangwar



Rao Inderjit
Singh



Shripad Naik



Dr. Jitendra
Singh



Kiren Rijiju



Prahlad Patel



Raj Kumar
Singh



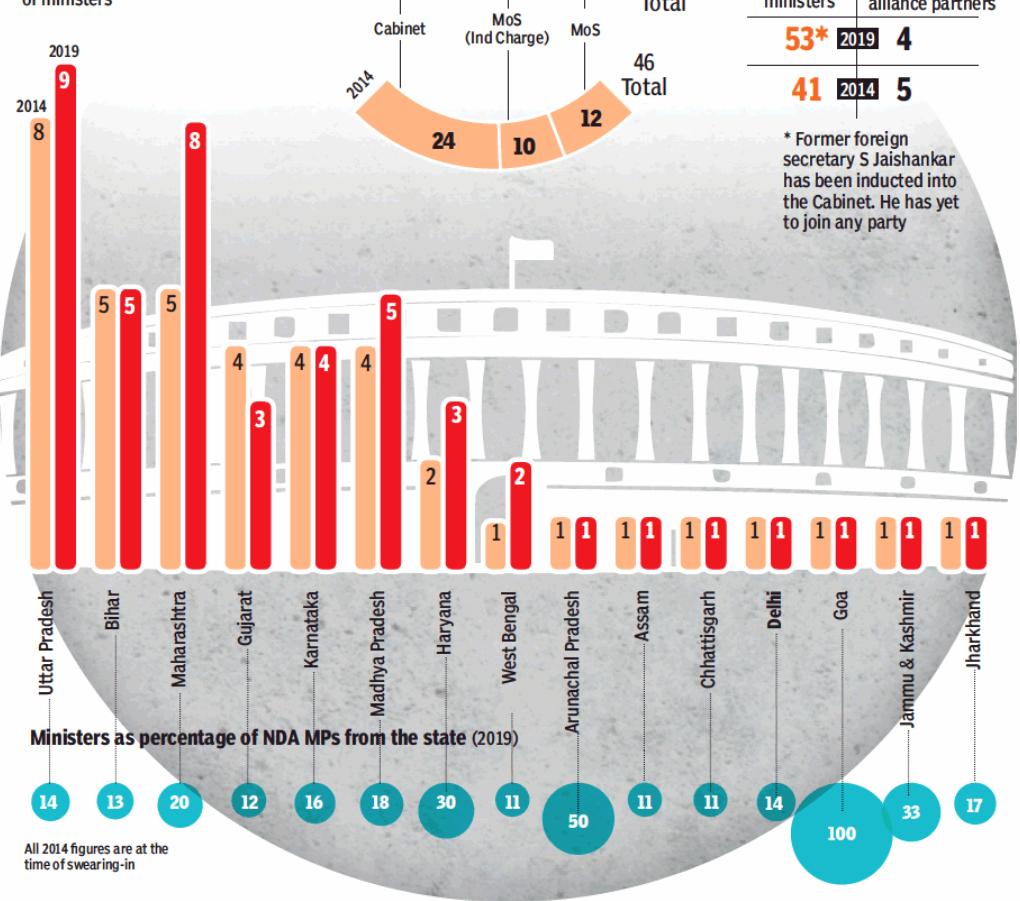
Hardeep
Singh Puri



Mansukh Lal
Mandaviya

Maha Gains Most

At 8, Maharashtra has sent 3 more ministers than it did in 2014, the highest increase from any state. The lone NDA MP from Goa has also made it to the council of ministers

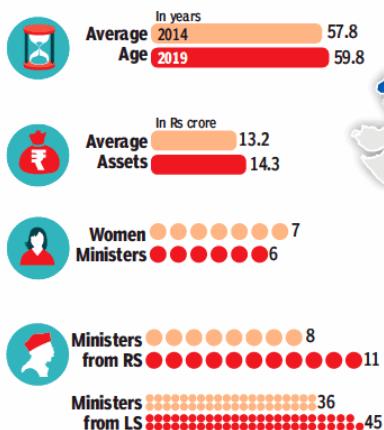


Allies Get Fewer Seats

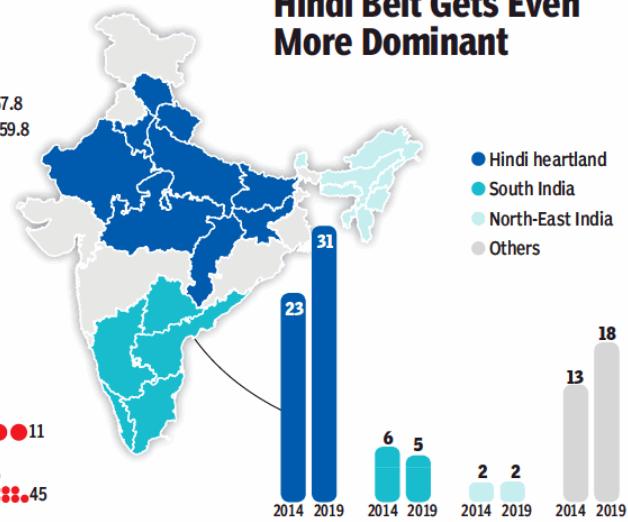
BJP ministers	Ministers from alliance partners
53*	4
41	5

* Former foreign secretary S Jaishankar has been inducted into the Cabinet. He has yet to join any party

Ministers Richer By A Crore On Average



Hindi Belt Gets Even More Dominant

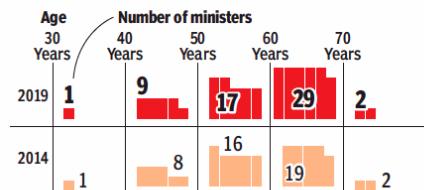


35-Yr-Old Raj MP Is Youngest Minister



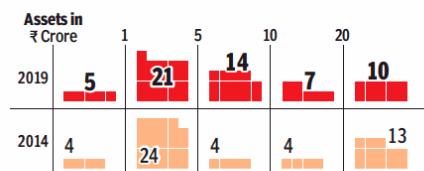
Only 10 Ministers Are Under 50...

There is only one minister younger than 40 in a country with a median age of 29. Most ministers are between 51 and 70.

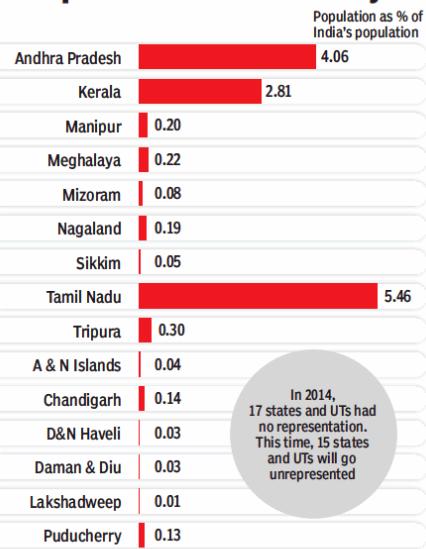


...And Over 90% Are Crorepatis

Only 5 (9%) ministers have assets of ₹1 crore or less, and 10 ministers own assets worth more than ₹20 crore.



States And UTs With No Representation In Ministry



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