

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – OCT 21, 2019

TAMIL NADU

- ◆ **Tamil Nadu chief minister Edappadi K Palaniswami - received an Honorary doctorate (doctor of letters) from Dr MGR Educational and Research Institute (a deemed university) in Chennai on October 20**



- ✓ As per the citation, the honoris causa was awarded for his exemplary services to the state as chief minister, during which Tamil Nadu has attained State GDP of 8.17%, while the national GDP is 6.81%
- ✓ Founder-chancellor of the Dr MGR Educational and Research Institute, A C Shanmugam, presented the honorary doctorate to the CM at the 28th convocation of the institution
- ✓ The incumbent CM of the state becomes the third AIADMK chief minister to receive the honour after M G Ramachandran and J Jayalalithaa
- ✓ On the occasion, the chief minister, in turn, conferred honorary doctorates on DRDO chairman G Satheesh Reddy, music director Harris Jayaraj, actor and dancer Shobana Chandrakumar and chairman and director of Ganga Hospital S Raja Sabapathy
- ◆ **State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamilnadu Ltd (Sipcot) – to set up an industrial park on 700 acres of land at Manallur village near Gummidipoondi in Tiruvallur district**
 - ✓ The proposed site is located 16km south of Sri City in neighboring Andhra Pradesh.
 - ✓ Earlier, the State government has given its approval in 2009 to develop an industrial hub for pharmaceutical and chemical industries in the said land

- ✓ However, now the government is planning to expand the scope of the park and develop it into a fully-fledged manufacturing cluster, including automobiles
- ✓ Sri City is spread across more than 7,500 acres, housing a multi-product Special Economic Zone and electronics manufacturing cluster with 185 leading international companies from 27 countries.

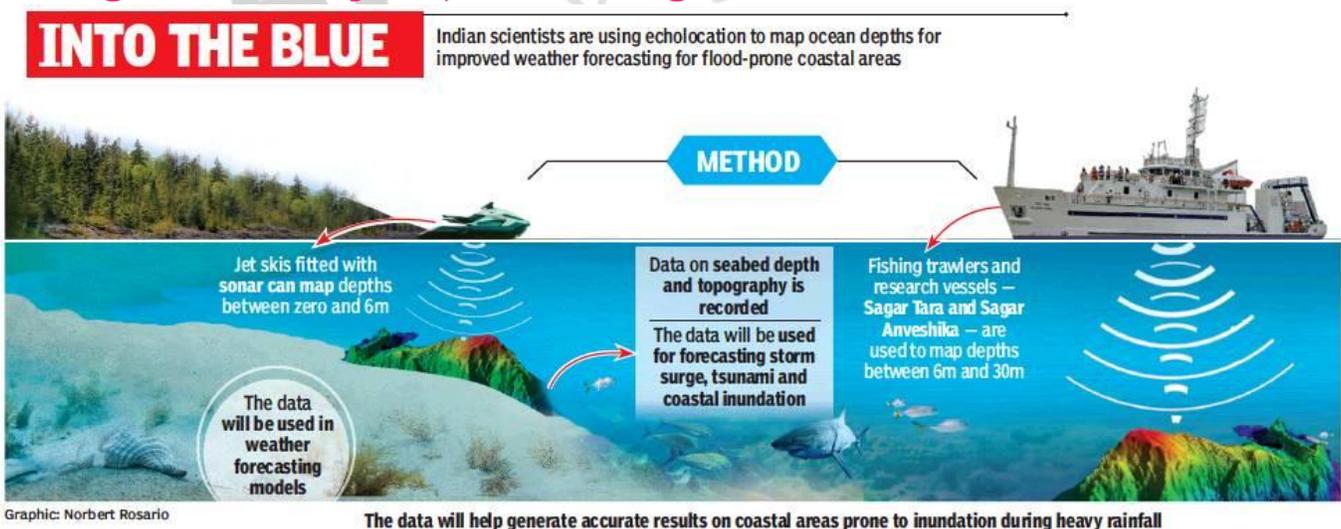
STATES

◆ **The Karnataka government – is planning to create a database of immigrants without documents and foreign nationals overstaying their visa.**

- ✓ As part of the process, the government is looking to inaugurate a detention centre in Nelamangala — an old social welfare department hostel — on the outskirts of Bengaluru city soon.
- ✓ The detention centre will house immigrants during the process of deportation
- ✓ The centre, once operational, will be a first in south India

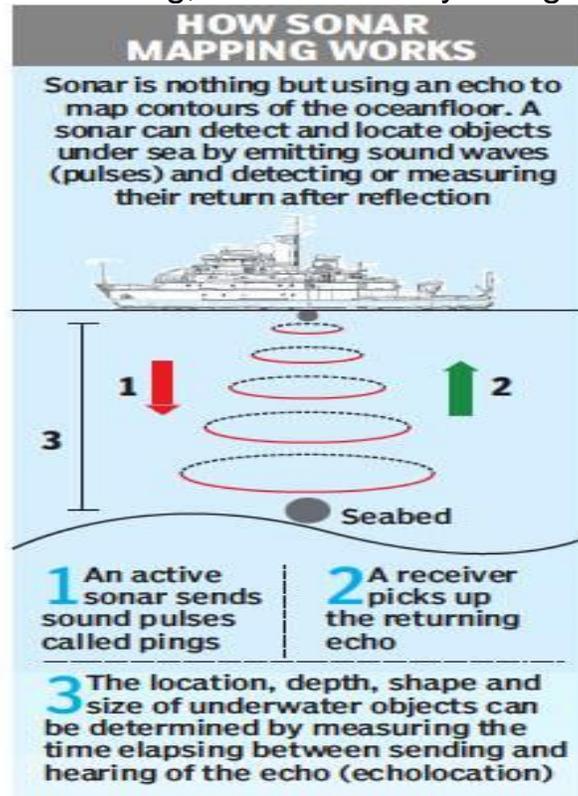
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

◆ **Experts from Chennai-based National Centre for Coastal Research (NCCR) along with those from National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) – to use sonar signals to map depths of ocean along the country's 7,500km long coastline**



- ✓ The high-resolution coastal seabed data gathered through seabed mapping will be used to forecast natural disasters like cyclones and tsunami
- ✓ The onboard research vessels will scan the bottom of Bay of Bengal to map seafloor contours up to a depth of 30m.
- ✓ Till now, a length of about 100km along the Tamil Nadu coast has been mapped.

- ✓ Globally, seabed mapping is used to gather disaster management data for a range of scientific applications such as tsunami risk assessments, hazard identification and risk modelling, marine security and groundwater monitoring.



- ✓ NCCR is also planning to take the expertise of National Institute of Oceanography, Goa, when mapping the west coast.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

- ◆ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi – launched the book ‘Bridgital Nation’, written by Tata Sons chairman N Chandrasekaran and Roopa Purushothaman, chief economist and head of policy advocacy at the Tata Group.**



- ✓ Roopa was earlier part of the Goldman Sachs team that coined the term ‘BRIC’ to describe the potential that Brazil, Russia, India and China held.
- ✓ The PM gave the first copy of the book to Ratan Tata, chairman emeritus of Tata Sons.

