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TAMIL NADU

- **The pre-baseline Tamil Nadu Household Panel Survey (TNHPS) for 2018-2019 - was released by the minister for finance P T R Palanivel Thiaga Rajan and received by chief secretary V Irai Anbu in Chennai on October 11.**
- ✓ The Tamil Nadu Household Panel Survey (TNHPS) examines a set of sample households in Tamil Nadu at specific intervals to analyse the change in socio-economic status of individuals, families and communities and how they are influenced, especially by government intervention.
- ✓ The details of the survey have not yet been released by the government.
- ✓ The survey was first started in 2018 during the AIADMK regime.
- ✓ Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS), in association with the department of economics and statistics (DoES), Government of Tamil Nadu and the Survey Research Centre at University of Michigan, USA, undertook the TNHPS pre-baseline survey (PBS)
- ✓ The agencies have followed a computer-assisted personal interview (CAPI) data collection design to gather, monitor, retrieve, and analyse data.
- ✓ The survey collected demographic and socio-economic data from households as it aims to strengthen the capacity to carry out sample surveys by field officials of the department of economics and statistics within the state.
- ✓ In view of the delay in Census 2021, PBS data provides the state with an opportunity to estimate the recent demographic features of the state population as well.
- ✓ About 2.12 lakh households were covered in the pre-baseline survey.
- ✓ The key indicators analysed in the survey include education, employment, agricultural land and asset ownership, possession of ration cards, household income, sanitation, electricity, water, cooking fuel and housing.

- **The Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI), Mandapam - has released 1.2 million green tiger shrimp seeds into the sea at Maraikayarpatinam in the Gulf of Mannar on October 11**
- ✓ This is done as part of the sea ranching programme under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY).
- ✓ A total of 19.44 million green tiger shrimp seeds were sea ranched in Palk Bay and Gulf of Mannar since the inception of the project in February this year.
- ✓ As much as 200 million green tiger shrimp post larvae will be released in a period of four years (2022-2026).
- ✓ The total budget of the project is Rs.1.7 crore.

NATIONAL


- **On October 11, Prime Minister Narendra Modi - dedicated to the nation Phase I of the Mahakal Lok Project in the Mahakaleshwar temple in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh**



- ✓ Madhya Pradesh Governor Mangubhai Patel, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan, Union Ministers Narendra Singh Tomar, Dr. Virendra Kumar, Jyotiraditya Scindia, Faggan Singh Kulaste, and Prahlad Patel were present during the occasion.
- ✓ The estimated cost of Shri Mahakal Corridor, built on the lines of Kashi Vishwanath Corridor, is Rs.850 crore and the development of the project has been planned in two phases
- ✓ In the first phase of this project, Mahakal Lok, Rudrasagar, and many other structures of religious importance will be constructed and developed at a cost of around Rs.351 crore.
- ✓ The corridor measures more than 900 metres in length and has two majestic gateways — Nandi Dwar and Pinaki Dwar.
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi was gifted a replica of the Nandi Dwar of 'Mahakal Lok' on the day of inauguration of the mega corridor

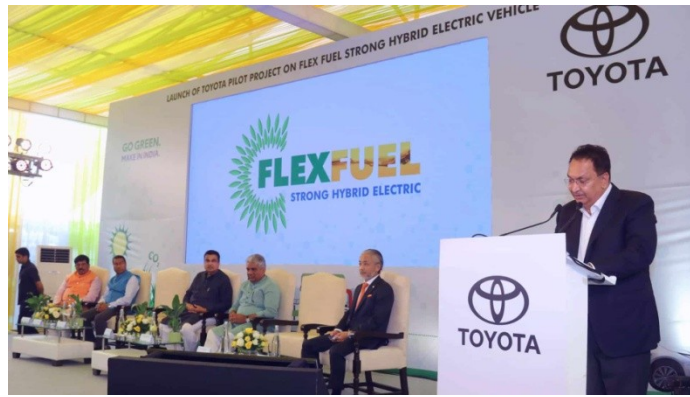
- ✓ The 'Mahakal Lok' corridor spreads around the old Rudrasagar Lake which has also been revived as part of the redevelopment project
 - ✓ Under the project, the temple precinct will be expanded nearly seven times.
 - ✓ The 'Mahakal Lok' has around 108 aesthetically ornate pillars made of intricately carved sandstones that depict the Anand Tandav Swaroop (Lord Shiva's dance form), 200 statues and murals of Lord Shiva and goddess Shakti.
 - ✓ The project aims to decongest the entire area and also put special emphasis on the conservation and restoration of heritage structures
 - ✓ The entire premise will be monitored 24x7 by Integrated Command and Control Centre with the help of artificial intelligence and surveillance cameras.
 - ✓ The second phase of the project involves the creation of a 'Shikhar Darshan', a vista that will offer a clear and obstruction-free view of the temple's 'shikhar' (pinnacle) with aesthetic landscaping"
 - ✓ Ram Ghat on Kshipra River bank will also be developed as part of the second phase of the project.
 - ✓ The second phase work will be completed in the year 2023-24.
 - ✓ The cost for the second phase is estimated at Rs 450 crore.
 - ✓ The Mahakaleshwar Temple is considered one of the holiest places by Hindus, and lakhs of people converge here from all parts of the country during the Shraavan month of the Hindu calendar or Mahashivratri.
 - ✓ The Mahakaleshwar Temple is one of the 12 'jyotirlingas' in the country and gets devotees throughout the year.
 - ✓ The mega corridor in Ujjain is located around 200 km from state capital Bhopal.
- **On October 11, Chief Justice of India, U U Lalit - recommended Justice D Y Chandrachud to the government for appointment as the next CJI.**

FIRST FATHER-SON DUO TO HEAD JUDICIARY

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Graduate in economics honours from St Stephen's College, got his law degree from Campus Law Centre, DU. LLM & doctorate from Harvard Law School ➤ Appointed judge of Bombay HC in March 2000, chief justice of the biggest HC at Allahabad in Oct 2013. Became SC judge in May 2016 ➤ Justices YV Chandrachud and DY Chandrachud will be first father-son duo to head judiciary. Chandrachud Sr holds record for longest tenure as CJI – over 7 yrs – from Feb 1978 to July 1985 	 <p>CJI UU Lalit (R) hands over a copy of the letter of recommendation to Justice Chandrachud on Tuesday</p>
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- ✓ CJI Lalit created a new tradition by handing over the letter recommending Justice Chandrachud's name in presence of all judges

- ✓ Traditionally, the CJI goes to the most senior Supreme Court judge's chamber to handover a copy of the recommendation letter he sends to the Union government
 - ✓ CJI Lalit retires on November 8.
 - ✓ In the next few days, the President would designate Justice Chandrachud as the next CJI, which would be the final step prior to his taking oath as the 50th CJI on November 9.
 - ✓ That will make Justices YV Chandrachud and DY Chandrachud the first father-son duo to head the Indian judiciary.
 - ✓ A law graduate from Delhi University, Justice Chandrachud went on to obtain his LL.M degree and a Doctor of Juridical Science from the Harvard Law School.
 - ✓ He practised law at the Supreme Court and the Bombay High Court and was designated a Senior Advocate by the Bombay High Court in June 1998.
 - ✓ Justice D Y Chandrachud had also served as the Additional Solicitor General of India in 1998.
 - ✓ He was sworn in as the Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court in 2013 and was elevated as a judge in the top court in 2016.
 - ✓ He was also Director of the Maharashtra Judicial Academy.
 - ✓ While Chandrachud Jr would have a tenure of two years and two days as CJI, the long tenure of his father as the 16th CJI — seven years, four months and 19 days — would in all probability remain a record, given the trend in the last 37 years.
 - ✓ He was the CJI from February 1978 to July 1985.
 - ✓ A die-hard protector of civil liberties, Justice Chandrachud overruled in 2017 the infamous ADM Jabalpur judgment of 1976 delivered by a 5-judge bench that included Chandrachud Sr, which upheld suspension of fundamental rights during the Emergency.
 - ✓ A year later, his judgment decriminalising adultery under Section 497 of IPC overruled his father's Sowmithri Vishnu Judgment of May 1985.
 - ✓ Several landmark judgments were authored by him as an SC judge, including the landmark right to privacy as a fundamental right.
 - ✓ He was also part of the 5-judge bench's unanimous verdict in 2019 that awarded disputed Ayodhya land for construction of Ram Temple and a five acre land at a prominent place in Ayodhya to the Muslim side for construction of a mosque.
- **Three Union ministers — Nitin Gadkari, Bhupendra Yadav and Mahendra Nath Pandey — flagged off the first flex fuel-strong hybrid electric vehicle (FFV-SHEV) on October 11**
- ✓ The Corolla Altis FFV-SHEV manufactured by automobile major Toyota has a flex-fuel engine and an electric power train.
 - ✓ This is the country's first flex-fuel car that can run on 100% ethanol.
 - ✓ It provides dual benefit of higher ethanol use and greater fuel efficiency as it can run for a significant time on its EV mode, when the engine is shut off.
 - ✓ The car can also run on petrol that has ethanol blending between 20-100%.



- ✓ The vehicle was launched as a pilot to assess the BS-VI compliant FFV-SHEV technology in India
- ✓ Its effectiveness in domestic conditions in reducing carbon emission will be shared with the Indian Institute of Science and for promoting ethanol as a vehicle fuel
- ✓ The vehicle has been imported from Brazil for research and development purpose.

INTERNATIONAL

- **On October 11, Russia - added US tech giant Meta, the parent company of Instagram and Facebook, to a list of “terrorist and extremist” organisations**
 - ✓ Russia in late March banned Facebook and Instagram for “carrying out extremist activities” during Russia’s military campaign in Ukraine.
 - ✓ Meta had announced on March 10 that the platforms would allow statements like “death to Russian invaders” to users posting from inside Ukraine.
 - ✓ Facebook and Instagram have been inaccessible in Russia since March, but many Russians resorted to VPN to keep using the social media network.
 - ✓ The ban does not apply to popular messenger app Whatsapp.
- **Israel and Lebanon - have agreed to resolve a decades-old dispute over the control of an eastern stretch of the Mediterranean Sea**
 - ✓ This is a major diplomatic breakthrough between two neighbours that technically remain at war and have no direct diplomatic relations.
 - ✓ If ratified by both countries, the deal is expected to prevent the threat of conflict between Israel and Hezbollah militants in Lebanon
 - ✓ It will also make it easier for energy companies to extract gas from the eastern parts of the Mediterranean Sea.
 - ✓ Israel allowed Lebanon the right to drill in a previously contested gas field that stretches between the Israeli and Lebanese economic zones
 - ✓ In exchange, Israel will receive compensation for any gas taken from the section of the field, known as Qana, which is within the Israeli zone.

- ✓ Lebanon has renounced any claims to a second gas field nearby, Karish, allowing Israel to proceed with the extraction of gas there without fear of reprisals from Hezbollah.
- ✓ The deal represented a significant breakthrough for two countries that have a long history of conflict and fought a month long war in 2006 with Hezbollah.

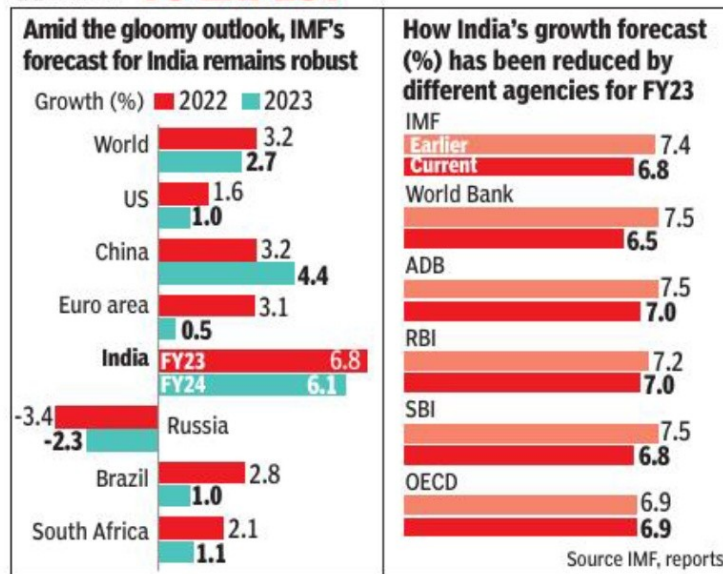
INDIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

- **On October 10, India - was among the 107 countries which voted to reject Moscow's call for a secret vote in the UN General Assembly on a resolution condemning Russia's referendums in Ukraine.**
- ✓ This was the third time in the past couple of months that India went against Russia in a procedural vote
- ✓ Only 13 countries voted for Russia at UNGA while 39 others abstained
- ✓ Last month, India had abstained from a vote in the Security Council on the resolution condemning Russia's "illegal" annexation of four Ukrainian regions.

ECONOMY

- **On October 11, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) - lowered India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth projection for 2022-23 to 6.8% from the July forecast of 7.4%**
- ✓ It had cited the impact of a slowing global economy, inflation, rising interest rates and the war in Ukraine.

WHAT TO EXPECT



- ✓ IMF joins the World Bank to project below 7% growth.
- ✓ Several other agencies, economists and investment banks have also slashed India's growth estimates for the current financial year.
- ✓ The RBI has also cut GDP growth estimate to 7% from 7.2%.

- ✓ In April, IMF had projected India's GDP growth for 2022-23 at 8.2%
- ✓ World growth estimate for 2022 has been retained at 3.2%, while it has been lowered to 2.7% for next year.
- ✓ Saudi Arabia will be the fastest growing major economy for 2022, with 7.6% projected GDP growth, while India will regain the title in 2023 with 6.1%.
- ✓ According to IMF, this is the weakest growth profile for the global economy since 2001, except for the global financial crisis and an acute Covid phase and reflects significant slowdowns for the largest economies:

SPORTS

- **Former India seamer Roger Binny - is set to succeed ex-captain Sourav Ganguly as the next BCCI president.**



- ✓ Jay Shah will continue as the board secretary, Devajit Saikia of Assam will be joint secretary, ex-Mumbai Cricket Association president Ashish Shelar will be the new board treasurer, while Rajiv Shukla will continue as BCCI vice-president
- ✓ Arun Dhumal, now the BCCI treasurer, is likely to be the new IPL governing council chairman
- ✓ Cricket Association of Bengal president Avishek Dalmiya, son of late cricket administrator and BCCI ex-chief Jagmohan Dalmiya, will be one of the BCCI's two elected representatives in the IPL governing council.
- ✓ Binny and rest of the candidates for the office-bearer's posts filed their nominations at the BCCI office in the presence of BCCI election officer AK Joti on October 11.
- ✓ The BCCI election and the Annual General Meeting will take place here on October 18.
- ✓ Binny is currently the president of the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA)
- ✓ Binny, 67, has played 27 Tests (47 wickets) from 1979-87 and 72 ODIs (77 wickets) from 1980-87.
- ✓ His biggest hour of glory was the 1983 World Cup, when he took 18 wickets in eight games to emerge as the highest wicket-taker of the tournament.
- ✓ Binny will thus be the second player from India's 1983 World Cup winning team to become the BCCI president

- ✓ On March 28, 2014, the Supreme Court had appointed batting legend Sunil Gavaskar as the interim president of the BCCI, primarily to oversee the seventh season of the Indian Premier League (IPL).

