



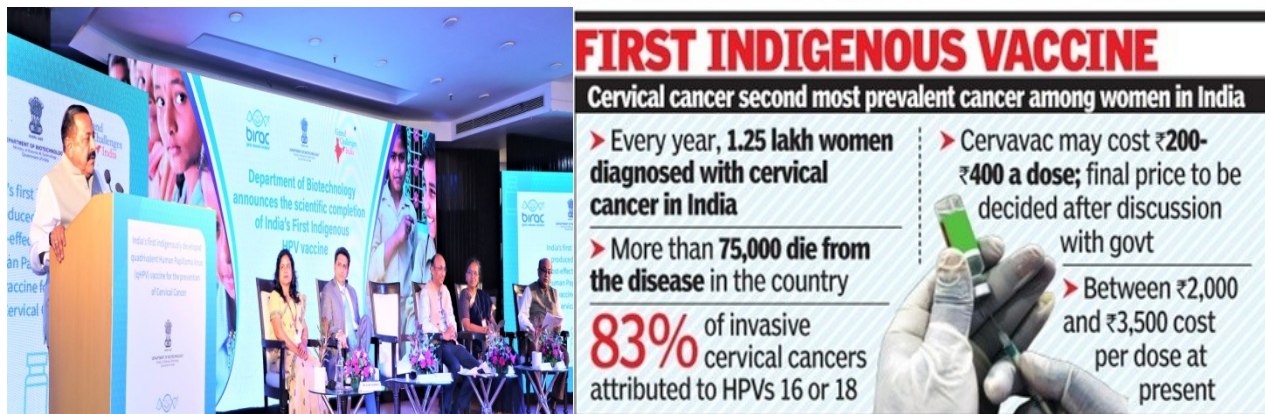
## **FVF** **RYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS - september**

### **TAMIL NADU**

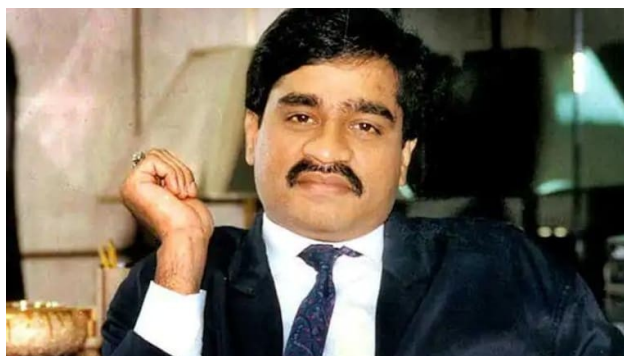
- **The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) - has revised user fee at 28 toll plazas in the state from September 1, 2022**
- ✓ NHAI has made the annual revision of toll fee amid growing calls from various quarters for the removal of the plazas permanently
- ✓ In this regard, Tamil Nadu Highways minister E V Velu has already written to NHAI, which is functioning under the Union Road Transport Ministry
- ✓ This revision will be for a period of one year in toll plazas which are established under the National Highways (Collection of fees by any person for the use of section of National Highways/ Permanent Bridge/ Temporary Bridge on National Highways), Rules, 1997
- ✓ NHAI annually collects at least Rs.800 crore or more as toll fee in the state.
- ✓ As of August 1, there are 53 toll plazas on national highways in Tamil Nadu, of which the remaining toll plazas undergo fee revision on April 1 every year.
- ✓ The annual revision is based on the wholesale price index (WPI), where 2% increase is fixed and the remaining is calculated depending on the Index in accordance with the provisions of National Highways Fee (Determination of Rates and Collection) Rules, 2008

### **NATIONAL**

- **Union Minister of Science and Technology, Dr Jitendra Singh - launched India's first indigenously developed vaccine "CERVAVAC" for the prevention of cervical cancer at India International Centre, New Delhi on September 1**
- ✓ On June 15, the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) Subject Expert Committee had approved the Quadrivalent Human Papillomavirus vaccine (qHPV) vaccine for cervical cancer patients above 9 years to 26 years of age.
- ✓ Following this, the DGCI granted market authorisation in July to the Serum Institute of India (SII) to manufacture the indigenously-developed vaccine



- ✓ CERVAVAC is the product of Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and BIRAC in association with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, supported by Serum Institute of India through its partnership programme 'Grand Challenges India'.
- ✓ According to the Serum Institute, the vaccine is likely to cost Rs. 200-400 per dose
- ✓ The cervical cancer vaccines available in India at present cost anywhere between Rs.2,000 to Rs.3,500 per dose
- ✓ Cervical cancer is the second most common cancer of women in India and the fourth most common cancer among women globally, according to the WHO
- ✓ In 2018, an estimated 570,000 women were diagnosed with the disease and it accounted for 311,000 deaths across the world.
- ✓ India accounts for about a fifth of the global burden of cervical cancer, with 1.25 lakh cases and around 75,000 deaths per year.
- ✓ According to the World Health Organization, cancer is a leading cause of death worldwide, accounting for nearly 10 million deaths in 2020 — nearly one in six deaths
- **The National Investigation Agency (NIA) - has announced a cash reward of Rs 25 lakh for any information leading to the arrest of underworld don Dawood Ibrahim.**



- ✓ Besides, the probe agency has also announced a cash reward of Rs 20 lakh for Chhota Shakeel and Rs 15 lakh on other D-Company members such as Tiger Memon, Anees Ibrahim, and Javed Chikna.

- ✓ Dawood Ibrahim has been designated as a 'Global Terrorist' by the United Nations under United Nations Security Resolution 1257 and also listed under the fourth schedule of UAPA Act 1967
- ✓ Ibrahim already has a bounty of \$25 million on his head announced by the United Nations Security Council in 2003
- ✓ He runs an international terrorist network named D-Company and was the mastermind behind the 1993 Mumbai serial blasts, which killed 257 and injured 1,400 people
- ✓ 'D' Company is a unit in India to smuggle arms, explosives, drugs and fake Indian currency notes (FICN) and carry out terror attacks in close association with Pakistani spy agency ISI and terror outfits
- ✓ In February 2022, the NIA had registered a case against the 'D company' in connection with the 1993 Mumbai serial bomb blast case

## COURT VERDICT

- **The Madras high court - has directed the Tamil Nadu government to constitute a committee to monitor and ensure that physical education is given due importance and requisite infrastructure is made available in all schools**
- ✓ The committee shall be headed by the school education secretary and it shall be constituted by the government within a month, the court said.
- ✓ The first bench of Chief Justice Munishwar Nath Bhandari and Justice N Mala passed the order on September 1
- ✓ The bench held that sports and physical activities are integral to education and, therefore, infrastructure for sports is indispensable in schools
- ✓ The judges added that wherever a school does not have adequate sports infrastructure, the public grounds of municipality/ corporation should be utilised after obtaining requisite permission.
- ✓ The court also directed authorities to conduct periodic inspections at schools.

## INTERNATIONAL

- **China - has committed "serious human rights violations" against Uyghur Muslims in its northwestern region of Xinjiang**
- ✓ This was revealed in a long-awaited report released on August 31 by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva
- ✓ Michelle Bachelet, a former Chilean president and the outgoing human rights commissioner of the United Nations, published the 45-page detailed report just 11 minutes before her four year term officially ended
- ✓ Bachelet made a controversial visit to China in May this year and became the first UN High Commissioner for Human Rights to travel there to speak with senior government officials



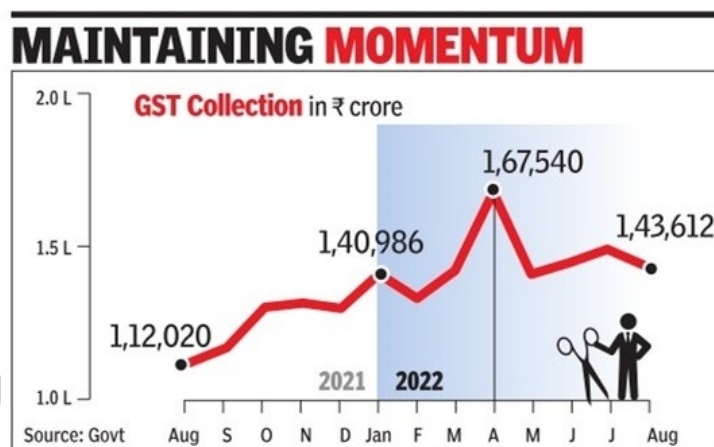


- ✓ There are about 12 million Uyghurs, mostly Muslim, living in what is officially known as the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region
  - ✓ The report stated that the Uyghur prisoners had been subjected to "patterns of ill-treatment" which included "incidents of sexual and gender-based violence."
  - ✓ It recommended the Chinese government to take prompt steps to release all those detained in training centers, prisons or detentions facilities
  - ✓ The report, which includes interviews with 40 people of Uyghur, Kazakh and Kyrgyz ethnicities, said the Chinese government's actions may constitute "crimes against humanity."
  - ✓ China has repeatedly and vehemently denied accusations of human rights abuses in the region, saying the UN's report was "based on the disinformation and lies fabricated by anti-China forces."
  - ✓ The Chinese government maintains that its so-called "vocational education" centers in the region have been closed since 2019.
  - ✓ China has been accused of detaining millions in concentration camps, forcibly mass sterilising Uyghur women, separating children from their families, and trying to erase the cultural traditions of the community, all of which may account to 'genocide' under the international convention
- **On September 1, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) – had announced it has reached a preliminary agreement to provide Sri Lanka with \$2.9 billion over four years to help the island nation recover from its worst economic crisis.**
- ✓ The arrangement will help restore financial and macroeconomic stability and debt sustainability as well as enable the country's growth potential
  - ✓ Sri Lanka has suspended repayment of nearly \$7 billion in foreign debt due this year.
  - ✓ The country's total foreign debt amounts to more than \$51 billion, of which \$28 billion has to be repaid by 2028
  - ✓ Sri Lanka's economy is expected to shrink by 8.7% in 2022 with inflation rising above 60%
  - ✓ According to IMF, its package will focus on stabilizing the economy, protecting the livelihoods of citizens and helping accelerate growth

- ✓ The package aims to reach a primary surplus of 2.3% of GDP by 2024
- ✓ The key elements of the package include major tax and energy pricing reforms, raising social spending, replenishing foreign exchange reserves and introducing a stronger anti-corruption legal framework
- ✓ The debt-laden country has been seeking up to \$3 billion from the IMF in a bid to escape its worst economic crisis since independence from Britain in 1948

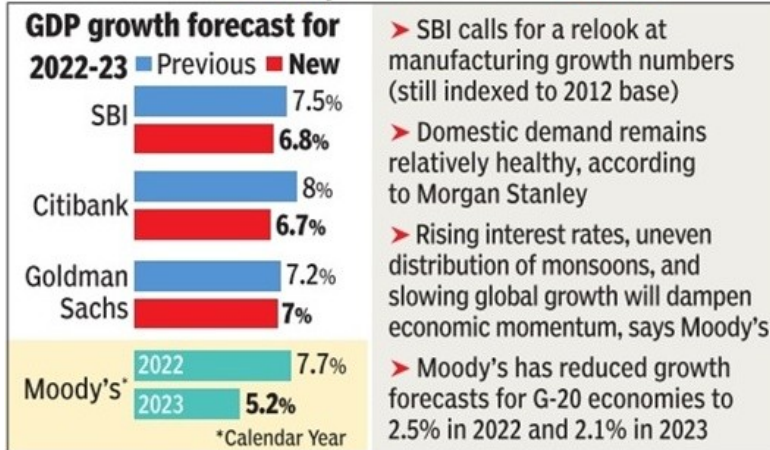
## ECONOMY

- **The Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections - rose 28% year-on-year to around Rs 1.43 lakh crore in August 2022**
- ✓ This is the sixth straight month of over Rs 1.4 lakh crore collection.



- ✓ The gross GST revenue collected in August 2022 stood at Rs 1,43,612 crore of which Central GST is Rs 24,710 crore, State GST is Rs 30,951 crore, Integrated GST is Rs.77,782 crore and cess is Rs.10,168 crore
  - ✓ The move is seen to be the result of various steps taken by the GST Council to improve compliance along with a pickup in economic activity.
  - ✓ The revenues from import of goods were 57% higher and the revenues from domestic transaction (including import of services) are 19% higher than the revenues from these sources during the same month last year
  - ✓ The revenues for the month of August 2022, registered 28% increase than the GST revenues of Rs.1,12,020 crore collected in August 2021
- **SBI – has revised its GDP growth forecast for FY23 to 6.8% from its earlier prediction of 7.5%**
  - ✓ The bank had called for a relook at the manufacturing growth numbers as it is still indexed to 2012 base and there could be gross misappropriation (or underestimation) of manufacturing sector growth.
  - ✓ The manufacturing sector growth was at 4.8% in the June quarter compared to the 4.9% in the year ago quarter.
  - ✓ Meanwhile, Citibank revised their FY23 real GDP forecast downwards to 6.7% as against 8% predicted earlier

## SBI SEES 6.8%, MOODY'S\* 5.2%



- ✓ Goldman Sachs have revised both the calendar year 2022 / fiscal year 2023 GDP growth forecast lower to 7% year-on-year, from 7.6% and 7.2%, respectively
- ✓ Global ratings agency Moody's Investors Service has reduced its growth forecasts for G-20 economies to 2.5% in 2022 and 2.1% in 2023.
- ✓ It had reduced India's real GDP growth from 8.3% in 2021 to 7.7% in 2022 and further to 5.2% in 2023
- ✓ On August 31, the country's GDP rose by an annual 13.5% in the April-June quarter of the current financial year as against 4.1% in the previous quarter but below 20.1% recorded in first quarter of 2021-22
- ✓ The 13.5% growth, based on the data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), was lower than the RBI's estimate of 16.2% for FY2022-23 Q1

## OBITUARY

- **Academician and rights activist Mary Roy - passed away at the age of 89 due to age-related ailments in Kottayam on September 1, 2022**



- ✓ Roy is the founder of the famous Pallikoodam school, formerly known as Corpus Christi High School, at Kottayam in 1961.
- ✓ She is the mother of noted author and writer Arundhati Roy, who won the Man Booker Prize in Fiction in 1997 for her book 'The God of Small Things'



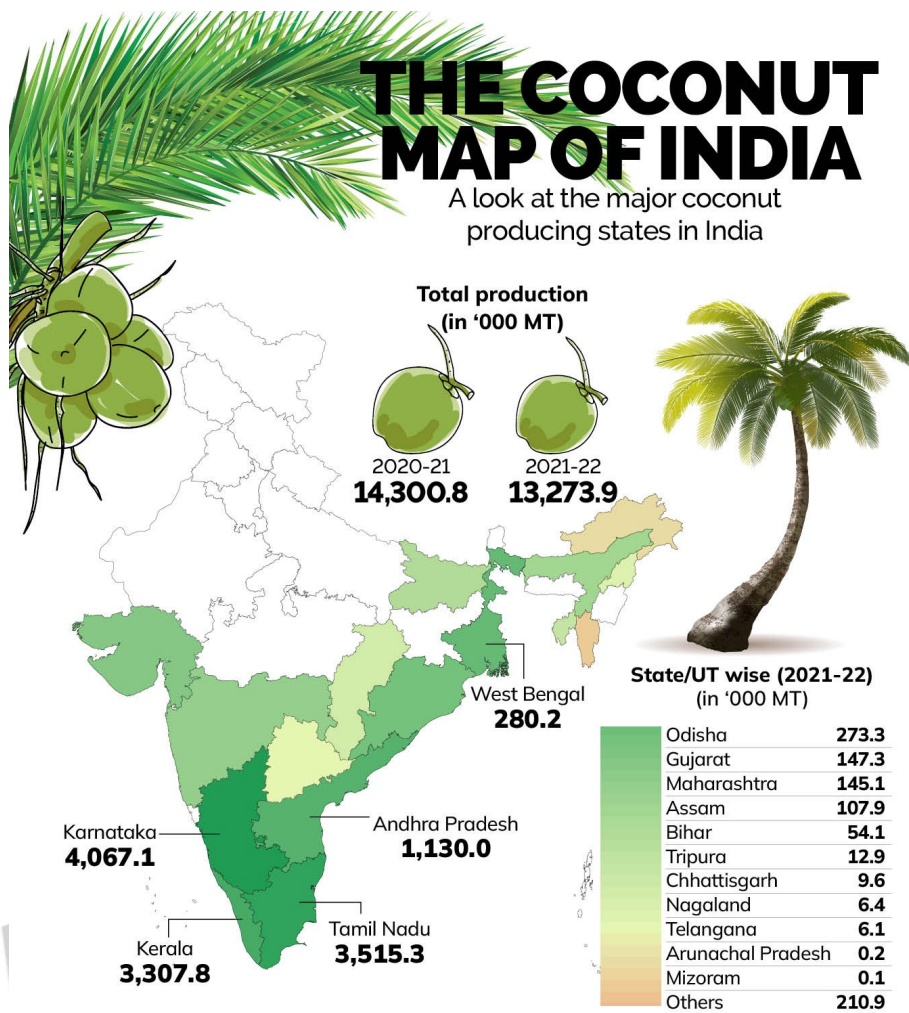
- ✓ Daughter of entomologist P V Isaac, Mary Roy held a degree from Queen's Mary College in Chennai
- ✓ Roy is known for her long-drawn legal battle of nearly four decades against an age-old inheritance law to ensure equal rights in parental property for Syrian Christian women in Kerala
- ✓ The 'Mary Roy case' resulted in equal succession rights for Christian women ensuring gender equality in inheritance for women
- ✓ Roy had challenged the provisions of the Travancore Succession Act, 1916 and Cochin Succession Act, 1921, which the Syrian Christian community followed
- ✓ As per the Acts, women in a family were eligible for one quarter of the son's share or Rs 5,000, whichever was less, if the father died intestate
- ✓ In a landmark verdict, the Supreme Court in 1986 ruled that no personal law can be held above the Indian Constitution and that the Travancore Succession Act 1916 violated the Right to Equality under Article 14.
- ✓ Although the SC had ruled the case in her favour in February 1986, it is 2009, that she got the final verdict, which was a decree from a Kottayam sub-court.

## **INTERNATIONAL DAY**

### ➤ **World Coconut Day – September 2**



- ✓ The day is observed every year to highlight the importance of coconuts and spread information about their various advantages.
- ✓ On September 2, 2009, the first world coconut day was observed by the Asia Pacific Coconut Community (APCC) to raise awareness of the benefits of coconuts.
- ✓ The day commemorates the formation of Asian Pacific Coconut Community (APCC), headquartered at Jakarta, Indonesia, in the year 1969
- ✓ All the major coconut growing countries including India are members of APCC
- ✓ Theme 2022 - "Growing Coconut for a Better Future and Life"



- ✓ The Coconut Development Board (CDB) observes this day in India in states like Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Goa, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, etc.
- ✓ The three countries that produce the most coconuts worldwide are Indonesia, Philippines and India in that order respectively
- ✓ The coconut tree is a member of the palm tree family and the only living species of the genus Cocos.
- ✓ Owing to its versatile use in food, fuel, medicine, cosmetics, building materials, and others, the coconut or coconut palm is often called the 'tree of life'.