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## TNPSC BITS

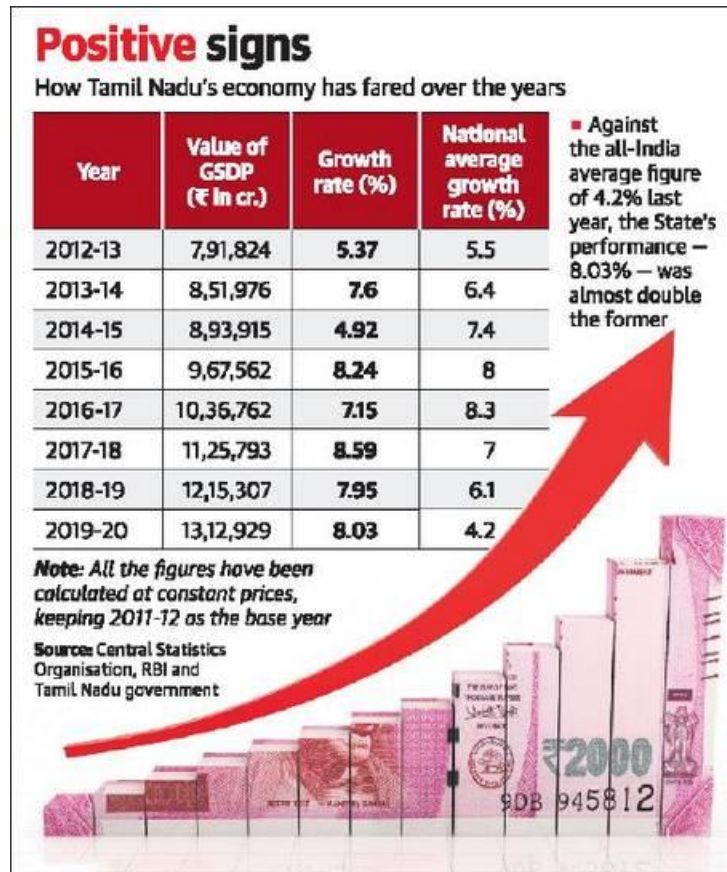
- ❖ Chhattisgarh's Jagdalpur has become the first municipal corporation in the country to provide forest land rights certificates to people of an urban area.
- ❖ The Ministry of Textiles has disbanded All India Powerloom Board after All India Handicrafts and Handloom boards.
- ❖ The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India recently announced that sale of junk and unhealthy food should be restricted within 50 metres schools and education institutions.

## TAMIL NADU

### Economic Growth of Tamilnadu

- ❖ Tamil Nadu had achieved higher economic growth rate than the national average for three consecutive years.
- ❖ Against the all-India average figure of 4.2% last year, the State's performance (8.03%) was almost double.
- ❖ The calculations on the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) data have been done at constant prices, keeping 2011-12 as the base year.
- ❖ As far as the per capita income (based on Net State Domestic Product) is concerned, the State's figure for 2019-20 was ₹1,53,853, which was at 6th rank at the all-India level.
- ❖ During 2018-19, the figure was ₹1,42,941 with the State standing at 12th rank.
- ❖ As for the value of the GSDP, the State's rank was consistently placed at second, next to Maharashtra.
- ❖ During 2019-20, it went up to the first place, which could be due to the absence of data for the western State of Maharashtra.
- ❖ As per advance estimates for 2019-20, the growth rate of the primary sector stood at 6.08%, while it was 6.63% for the services.
- ❖ The secondary sector had posted a double-digit growth rate — 10.02%.
- ❖ Within the Secondary sector, manufacturing and construction posted the double-digit figures of 10.27% and 10.49% respectively.
- ❖ Even in the primary sector, the component of agriculture recorded higher rate (7.43%) this time than the 2018-19 figure, which was 5.8%.

- ❖ The previous year's figures for the primary, secondary and the services sectors were 8.49%, 6.49% and 7.83% respectively.



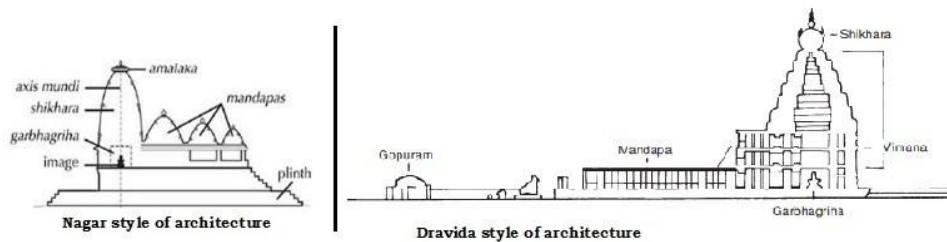
## NATIONAL

### Foundation Day of TRIFED

- ❖ The 33rd Foundation Day of Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) was observed on 6th August 2020.
- ❖ It is the national level cooperative body mandated to bring about socio-economic development of tribal of the country by institutionalising the trade of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) & Surplus Agricultural Produce (SAP) collected/cultivated by them.
- ❖ It was established in 1987.
- ❖ It is under the administrative control of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

## Foundation to Ram Mandhir construction

- ❖ The temple construction officially started again after a ground-breaking ceremony on 5 August 2020.
- ❖ Modi laid the foundation of the Ram temple in Ayodhya.
- ❖ PM Modi is the first Prime Minister to visit Ram Janmabhoomi at Ayothoya.
- ❖ He is also the first Prime Minister to visit Hanuman Garhi, the shrine to Hanuman.
- ❖ The grand temple at Rama Janmabhoomi in Ayodhya will follow the Nagara style of temple architecture.
- ❖ The Nagara style of temple architecture is found in northern India.



## ECONOMY

### Agriculture Infrastructure Fund

- ❖ The Prime Minister launched a financing facility of Rs. 1 lakh crores under the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund.
- ❖ It will be used for agri-startups, entrepreneurs, farmer groups, agri-tech players for the post-harvest management and nurturing farm assets.
- ❖ In July 2020, Union cabinet had approved Agriculture Infrastructure Fund as part of the over Rs. 20 lakh crores stimulus packages.

## ENVIRONMENT

### TRAFFIC study on leopards

- ❖ TRAFFIC India has released a paper titled “SPOTTED” in Illegal Wildlife Trade: A Peek into Ongoing Poaching and Illegal Trade of Leopards in India.
- ❖ Of the total of 747 leopard deaths between 2015-2019 in India, 596 were linked to illegal wildlife trade and activities related to poaching.



- ❖ The highest numbers of poaching incidents were reported from the States of Uttarakhand and Maharashtra.
- ❖ TRAFFIC, the Wildlife Trade Monitoring Network, is the leading non-governmental organisation working globally on the trade of wild animals and plants in the context of both biodiversity and sustainable development.
- ❖ It was founded in 1976 as a strategic alliance of the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

