

August - 28

TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Tamil Nadu government has granted a tax exemption for Tamil movie, 'Kakkan', which is based on the life of freedom fighter and former state Home Minister P. Kakkan.

TAMIL NADU

Extension of Breakfast Scheme

- ❖ Chief Minister's breakfast scheme was launched On September 15, 2022.
- ❖ On August 25, the scheme was extended to the entire state.
- ❖ The scheme will be extended to cover 15.75 lakh students of class one to five in 31,008 government schools across the state.
- ❖ The initiative will benefit students studying in schools from 1st to 5th standard across the entire state.

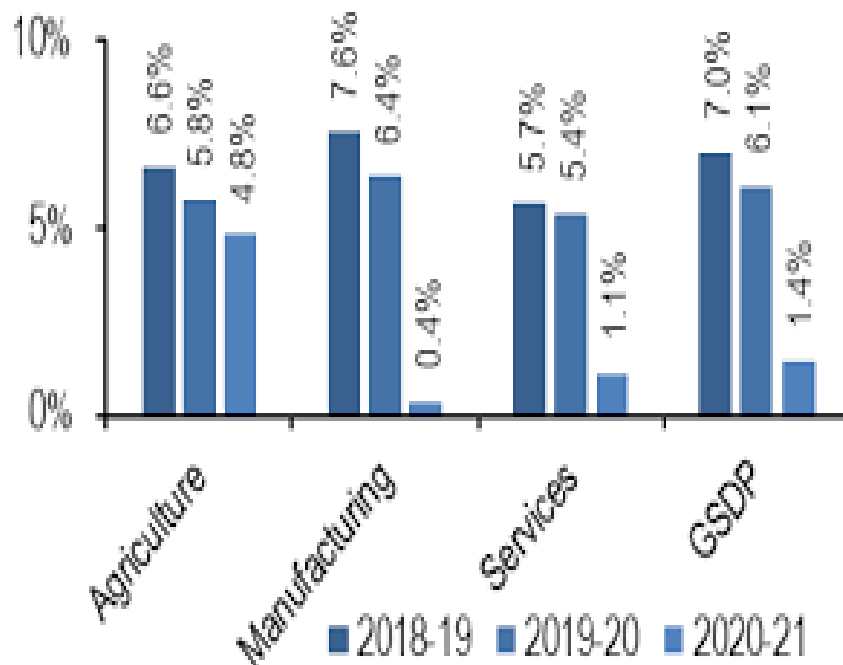


Tamil Nadu Land Consolidation Act, 2023

- ❖ The Governor R.N. Ravi granted assent to the Tamil Nadu Land Consolidation (for Special Projects) Act, 2023.
- ❖ According to the legislation, a project proponent would submit an application for a proposal for consolidation of project land to the government.
- ❖ If the conditions are fulfilled, the government would notify it as a special project, and forward it to the respective District Collector.

- ❖ The government has to constitute an expert committee.
- ❖ It would publish the consolidation proposal and conduct a public hearing.
- ❖ The panel would prepare a draft land consolidation scheme, get the views of interested persons and submit it to the Collector.
- ❖ Along with his recommendation to the competent authority, which shall “either approve or approve with conditions, as it may deem fit”

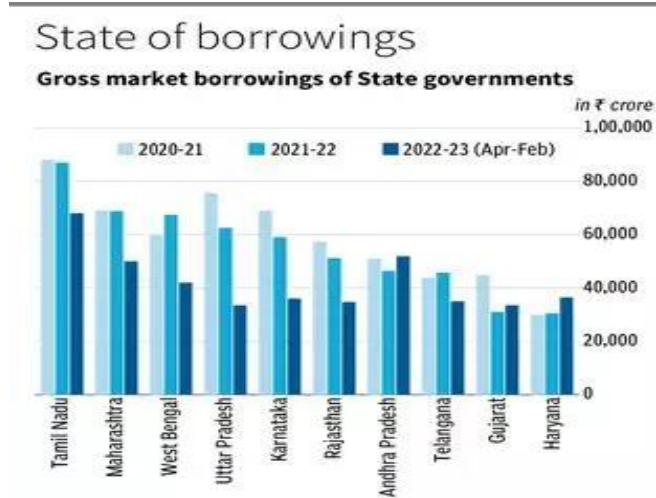
Tamil Nadu’s economic growth



- ❖ Tamil Nadu’s economic growth has increased to about 8% at constant prices in the post-COVID-19 years of 2021-22 and 2022-23.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu’s GSDP was ₹14,53,321 crore at constant prices and ₹23,64,514 crore at current prices in 2022-23.
- ❖ It’s GSDP growth in 2022-23 was 8.19% at constant prices and 14.16% at current prices.
- ❖ For the same period, India’s GDP growth was 7.24% at constant prices and 16.06% at current prices.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu’s GSDP was ₹13,43,287 crore at constant prices and ₹20,71,286 crore at current prices in 2021-22.
- ❖ It grew at 7.92% at constant prices and 15.84% at current prices in the period.
- ❖ India’s GDP growth was 9.05% at constant prices and 18.36% at current prices in 2021-22.

- ❖ The contribution of the services sector was 50.94% in 2021-22 and 50.92% in 2022-23.

Tamil Nadu's gross market borrowings



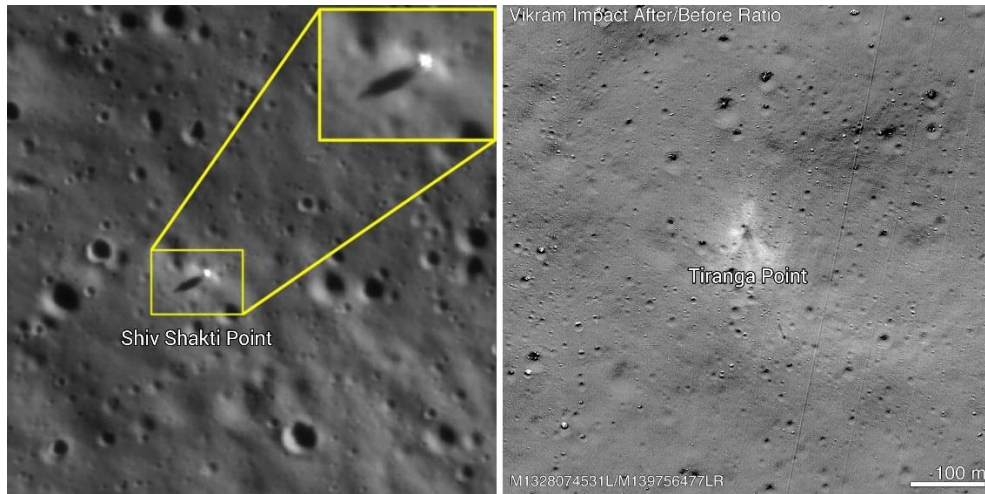
- ❖ Tamil Nadu's gross market borrowings increased to ₹25,000 crore in the first quarter of fiscal 2023-24.
- ❖ It was ₹8,000 crore in the same period last year.
- ❖ After adjusting for repayments, the net borrowings stood at ₹17,000 crore in April-June 2023 period.
- ❖ It was ₹5,528 crore in April-June 2022.
- ❖ State borrows from the market through the auction of bonds known as State Development Loans (SDL).
- ❖ The Centre has fixed a borrowing ceiling for the States.
- ❖ States can borrow up to 3% of their Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) for 2023-24.
- ❖ An additional borrowing of 0.5% of GSDP is allowed for fulfilment of power sector reforms.

NATIONAL

'Shivashakti' and 'Tiranga Point'

- ❖ Prime Minister announced that the touchdown point of Chandrayaan 3 will be called 'Shiv Shakti'.
- ❖ The site where Chandrayaan 2 left its footprints will be called 'Tiranga'.

- ❖ He also announced that August 23, the day the Chandrayaan-3 lander touched down on the lunar surface, would be celebrated as "National Space Day".



Committee for revamp DRDO



- ❖ The Ministry of Defence has decided to revamp India's premier defence research agency - Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- ❖ For this, the ministry has set up a nine-member committee

- ❖ This is headed by K. Vijay Raghavan, the former principal scientific advisor to the government.
- ❖ It has members with links to the three Services, industry and the ministry itself.
- ❖ The committee's primary task is to come up with recommendations of restructuring and redefining the role of the DRDO

INTERNATIONAL

BRICS Summit 2023

- ❖ The 15th BRICS summit was hosted by South Africa in Johannesburg.
- ❖ The theme for the Summit is “BRICS and Africa: Partnership for Mutually Accelerated Growth, Sustainable Development and Inclusive Multilateralism”.
- ❖ This summit marked by expanding its membership from five to eleven countries.
- ❖ Egypt, Iran, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Ethiopia, and Argentina joined to the BRICS in the event.
- ❖ Their Full membership will take effect on January 1, 2024.



Indian PM's Greece visit

- ❖ Indian Prime Minister made an official visit to Greece.
- ❖ This was the first visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Greece in 40 years.
- ❖ Prime Minister was conferred with the prestigious Grand Cross of the Order of Honour by Greek President.

- ❖ The last high-level visit to Greece took place in September 1983 when then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi travelled to the country.



ENVIRONMENT

54th Tiger reserve of India



- ❖ The 54th tiger reserve was established in the Karauli and Dholpur districts of Rajasthan.
- ❖ This reserve is the Rajasthan's fifth Tiger reserve.
- ❖ The existing reserves are Ranthambore, Sariska, Mukundra Hills, and Ramgarh Vishdhari.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Statistical scientist CR Rao

- ❖ The world's most eminent statistician Calyampudi Radhakrishnan Rao (102) passed away.

- ❖ He taught and researched at the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Kolkata.
- ❖ He was also a member of several government committees for the development of national statistical systems, statistical education and research in India.
- ❖ He served as
 - Chairman of the Committee on Statistics (1962-69),
 - Chairman of the Demographic and Communication for Population Control (1968-69),
 - Chairman of the Committee on Mathematics, Atomic Energy Commission, AEC (1969-78),
 - Member of the Committee on Science and Technology, COST (1969-71).
- ❖ He was awarded India's highest honours the Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan in 1969 and 2001, respectively.



69th National Film Awards 2023

Category	Winner(s)
Best Feature Film	Rocketry
Best Actor	Allu Arjun, Pushpa
Best Director	Nikhil Mahajan, Godavari
Best Actress	Alia Bhatt (Gangubai Kathiawadi)
Nargis Dutt Award for Best Film on National Integration	The Kashmir Files
Best Supporting Actor	Pankaj Tripathi (Mimi)
Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment	RRR
Best Female Playback Singer	Shreya Ghoshal (Iravin Nizhal)
Best Tamil Film	Kadaisi Vivasayi
Special Mention	Late Shri Nallandi, Kadaisi Vivasayi
Best Educational Film	Sirpigalin Sirpangal

- ❖ The 69th National Film Awards were announced recently

- ❖ The National Film Awards, held annually, are to honor the stream of Indian cinema.
- ❖ The National Film Awards are organized by the Directorate of Film Festivals, under the Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
- ❖ The National Film Awards were started in 1954 in the name of State Awards.

SPORTS

Chess World Cup final



- ❖ Magnus Carlsen of Norway has won the Chess World Cup by defeating India's Rameshbabu Pragganandhaa.
- ❖ Pragganandhaa is the runner-up of the 2023 FIDE World Cup held at Kazakhstan.
- ❖ It was Carlsen's first World Cup triumph, having won the World Championship five times.
- ❖ Pragganandhaa, thus, became the third youngest player after the Bobby Fischer and Carlsen to qualify for the Candidates tournament.
- ❖ Pragganandhaa became the youngest international master in history at age 10 in 2016.
- ❖ He had earned the title of International Chess Federation master by age seven.

