

July - 30

## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Supreme Court extended Enforcement Directorate (ED) Director Sanjay Kumar Mishra's tenure till September 15.
- ❖ An MLA of Tamil Nadu is entitled to a monthly salary of ₹1.05 lakh, apart from the sitting fees paid every day when the Assembly was in session.
  - Whereas the monthly salary of an MLA elevated to the post of Minister was only ₹76,800.
- ❖ Canara Bank topped the list of public sector banks with the highest lending to corporations and PSUs of States and Union Territories for the fifth year in a row.
- ❖ India's Scheduled Commercial Banks have done aggregate recovery of Rs 10,16,617 crore during the last nine financial years.
- ❖ Ireland and Scotland have qualified next year's ICC Men's T20 World Cup in the USA and the West Indies.
- ❖ The 8th India-Australia Defence Policy Talks (DPT) was held at Canberra, Australia.
- ❖ Every year, International Friendship Day is celebrated on July 30 since 2011.

## TAMIL NADU

### Appointment of temple priests

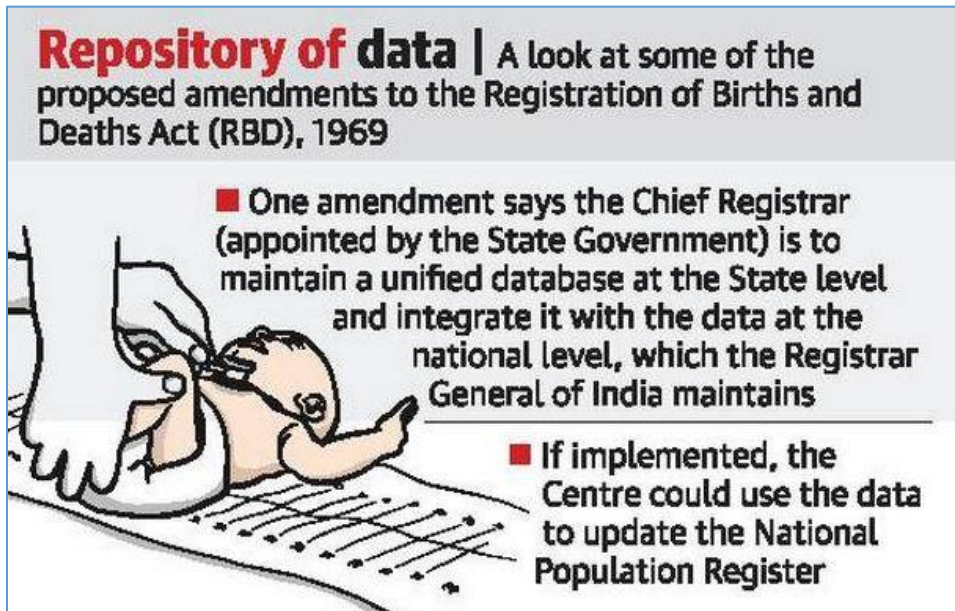


- ❖ The Madras High Court refused to stay the operation of a single judge's June 26 verdict.

- ❖ The June 26 verdict said caste would have no role to play in the appointment of Archakas (temple priests).
- ❖ Also, any person properly trained to perform pujas and other rituals as per the Agama Sastra could be appointed to the post.
- ❖ These directions contrary to the law laid down by the Supreme Court in Seshammal's case (1972).
- ❖ Karana Agama, as well as the other 27 Saiva Agamas clearly prescribe that only persons belonging to the denomination of Adi Saivars/Sivachariyars/Gurukkals are eligible to become Archakas in temples governed by the 28 Saiva Agamas.
- ❖ This custom was upheld by the Supreme Court in Seshammal's case.
- ❖ Other cases related to this issue
  - Srimad Perarulala Ethiraja Ramanuja Jeeyar Swami versus State of Tamil Nadu (1972).
  - Adi Saiva Sivachariyargal Nala Sangam versus Government of Tamil Nadu (2016).

## NATIONAL

### Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Bill, 2023



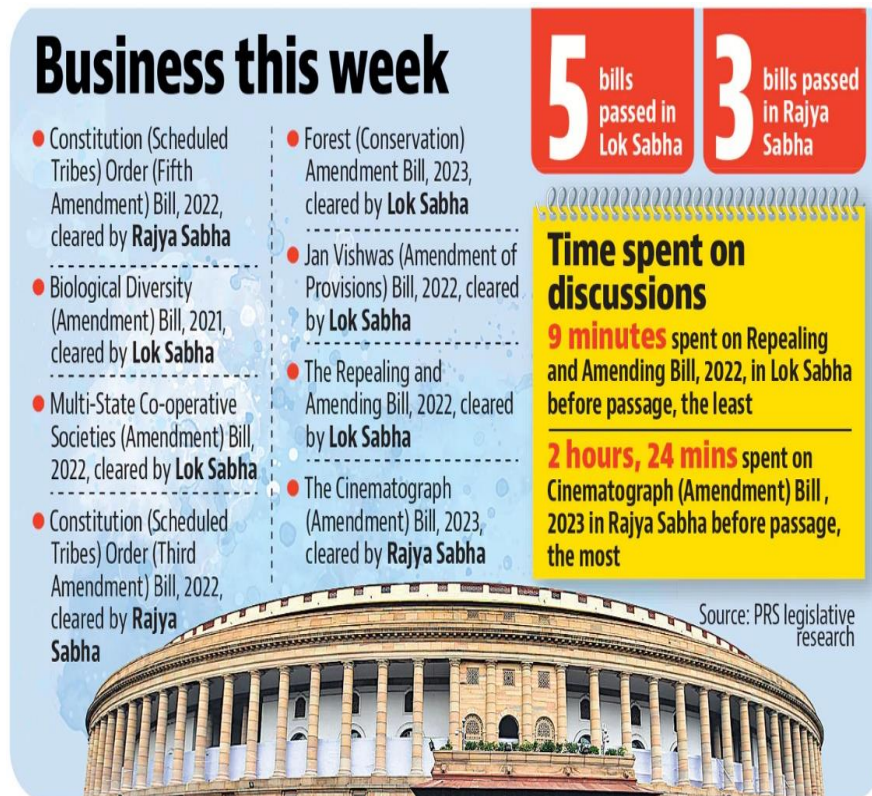
**Repository of data** | A look at some of the proposed amendments to the Registration of Births and Deaths Act (RBD), 1969

- One amendment says the Chief Registrar (appointed by the State Government) is to maintain a unified database at the State level and integrate it with the data at the national level, which the Registrar General of India maintains
- If implemented, the Centre could use the data to update the National Population Register

- ❖ The government tabled the Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Bill, 2023 in the Lok Sabha.
- ❖ The new bill mandates Aadhaar number use for birth certification.

- ❖ This development is part of an amendment to the original 1969 Act.
- ❖ The proposed legislation would require the Aadhaar numbers of both parents and any informants during birth registration.
- ❖ The bill proposes the appointment of Special "Sub-Registrars" to accelerate the registration of deaths and certificate issuance.
- ❖ It aims to provide that the Registrar must provide the certificate to such person within seven days.
- ❖ It aims to provide for obtaining births and deaths certificates (electronically or otherwise) instead of extracts.

### The Cinematograph (Amendment) Bill, 2023

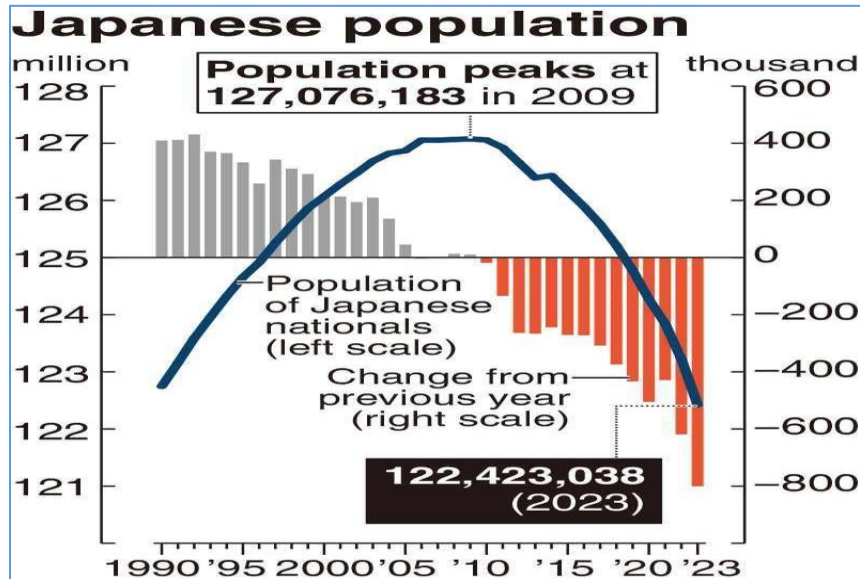


- ❖ The Rajya Sabha passed the Cinematograph (Amendment) Bill, 2023.
- ❖ It introduces stringent anti-piracy provisions, expanding the scope of the law from censorship to also cover copyright.
- ❖ The Bill proposes a jail term of up to three years and a fine up to 5% of a film's production cost for persons who use any audio-visual recording device to copy a film.
- ❖ The Bill seeks to amend the Cinematograph Act, 1952.

- ❖ The Bill also introduces three age ratings for films requiring adult supervision.
- ❖ Films currently get a U/A rating.
- ❖ It has been split into U/A 7+, U/A 13+ and U/A 16+.

## INTERNATIONAL

### Japan's Population Decline

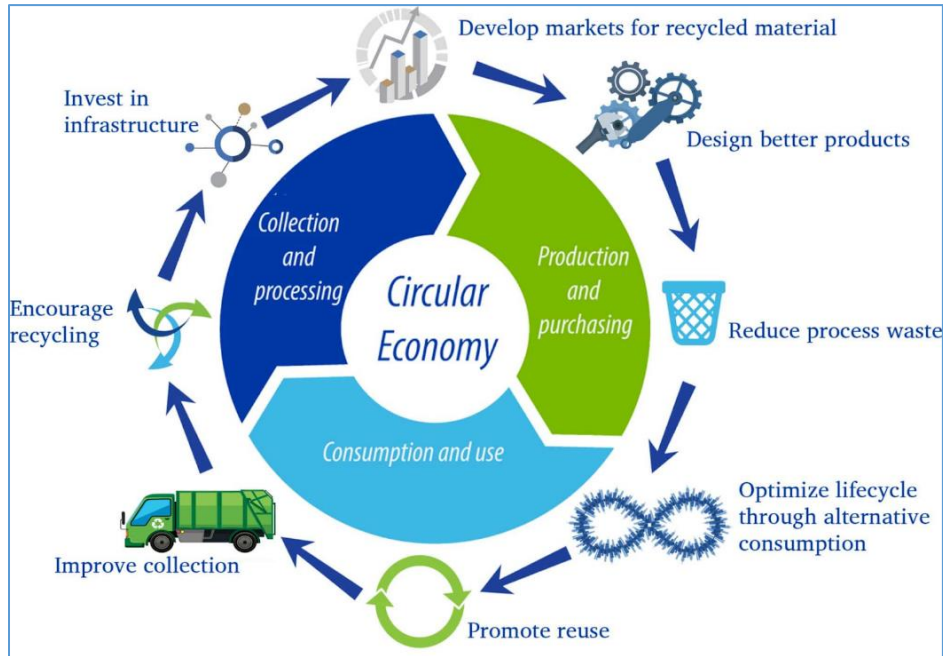


- ❖ The population of Japanese nationals fell by about 800,000 people to 122.4 million in 2022 from the previous year.
- ❖ This is the loss of 0.65% and witnessing falling for a 14th straight year.
- ❖ Japan's total population was 125.41 million, down just over half a million people from a year earlier.
- ❖ There was a 10.7% jump in foreign residents with addresses registered in Japan.
- ❖ Foreign residents now account for about 2.4% of Japan's population.
- ❖ The country saw a record low of 771,801 births last year.

### Resource Efficiency Circular Economy Industry Coalition

- ❖ The G20 countries are set to launch the Resource Efficiency and Circular Economy Industry Coalition (RECEIC).
- ❖ This is an industry-led initiative with a global focus on promoting resource efficiency and circular economy practices.
- ❖ The coalition includes 39 founding members from 11 different nations.

- ❖ The RECEIC is designed to be a platform for knowledge and best practice exchange, fostering sustainable practices among its participating industries.



## ECONOMY

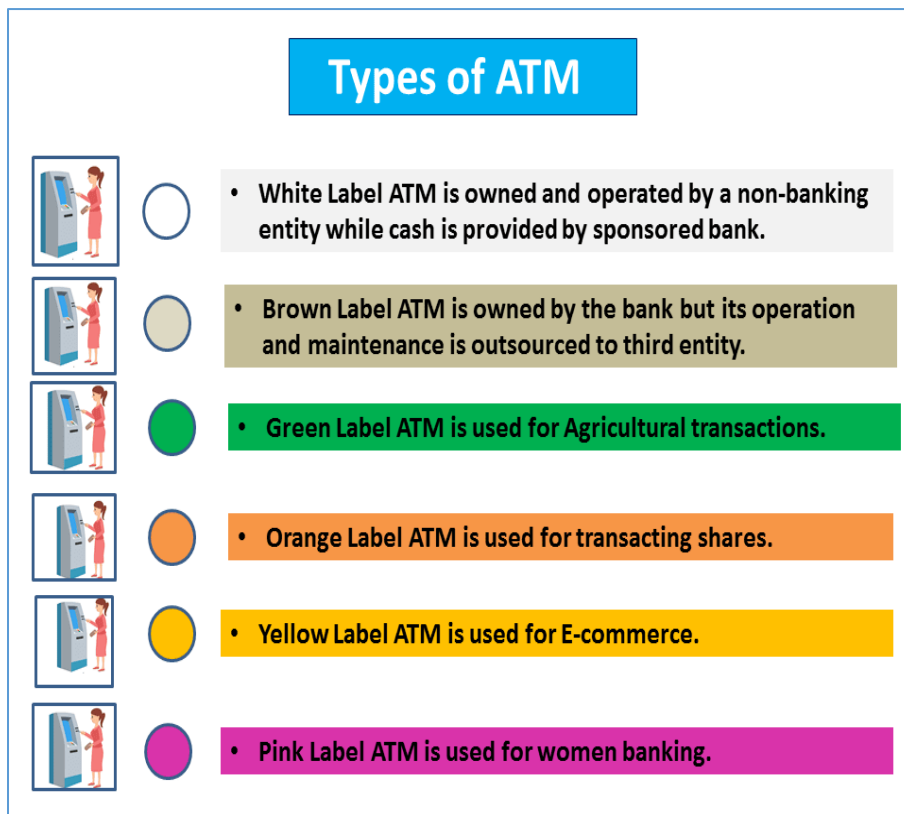
### SBI Ecowrap report



- ❖ State Bank of India's Economic Research Department's report, SBI Ecowrap, said that India is likely to get the tag of the world's third largest economy by FY28.

- ❖ India should surpass both Japan and Germany in 2027 at the current rate of growth.
- ❖ The incremental increase by India between 2022-2027, is more than the current size of Australia's economy at \$1.8 trillion.
- ❖ India is likely to add \$0.75 trillion in every 2 years.
- ❖ This implying that India is all set to touch \$20 trillion by 2047.
- ❖ Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh will break the \$500 billion mark in 2027 (or FY28).

### White Label ATMs



- ❖ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has granted permission to non-bank entities to establish, own, and operate White Label ATMs (WLAs) nationwide.
- ❖ This move is aimed at enhancing banking services reach, especially in smaller towns and rural areas, and promoting financial inclusion.
- ❖ WLAs are ATMs set up, owned and operated by non-banks.
- ❖ Non-bank ATM operators are authorised under the Payment & Settlement Systems Act, 2007 by the RBI.



- ❖ They provide banking services to customers using debit/credit/prepaid cards issued by banks.
- ❖ WLAs also offer services like account information, cash deposit, bill payment, mini statements, PIN change, and cheque book requests.

## STATES

### Top rabies deaths

- ❖ Delhi saw the highest number of deaths (48) due to rabies in the country in 2022.
- ❖ West Bengal saw 38 deaths, followed by Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra at 29 each.
- ❖ Union Health Ministry had launched the National Rabies Control Programme (NRCP) for prevention and control of rabies.

## HEALTH MINISTRY'S DATA

STATE/UT	DEATHS
Delhi	48
West Bengal	38
Maharashtra	29
Karnataka	29

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### International Tiger Day 2023 - July 29

- ❖ It aims to raise awareness about the endangered tiger species.
- ❖ This day was first established in 2010 during the Saint Petersburg Tiger Summit by nations that are home to tigers.

- ❖ Thirteen tiger range countries collaborated to form Tx2, committed to doubling the tiger population by 2022.



## MISCELLANEOUS

### World Cities Culture Forum – Bengaluru



- ❖ Bengaluru has become the first Indian city to be part of the World Cities Culture Forum (WCCF).



- ❖ World Cities Culture Forum was founded in 2012 by Justine Simons OBE, London's Deputy Mayor for Culture & the Creative Industries.
- ❖ It provides a way for policy makers in these cities to share research and intelligence, and explore the vital role of culture for their future prosperity.

