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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Minister for Dairy Development Nasar clarified that Aavin was not manufacturing any health mix meant for expectant mothers.
 - It was only planning to manufacture a health mix, like Sathumaavu, meant for general use.
- ❖ World Pest Day is celebrated annually on June 6.
 - The first World Pest Day was marked in 2017.

TAMIL NADU

Excess Cauvery water

Tracking inflow

TREND OF CAUVERY RIVER WATER REALISATION OVER THE YEARS

Water Year	Realisation+ (in tmc ft.)	Surplus/Deficit (in tmc ft.)
2018-19	405.43	228.18
2019-20	275.16	97.91
2020-21	211.3275	34.0775
2021-22	281.0739	103.8239

HOW LAST YEAR FARED?

Month	Quantity prescribed (in tmc ft.)	Realisation (in tmc ft.)
June 2021	9.19	7.6978
July	31.24	27.989
August	45.95	22.6417
September	36.76	33.1394
October	20.22	48.2763
November	13.78	71.5651
December	7.35	26.1825
January 2022	2.76	6.4331
February	2.5	3.1125
March	2.5	5.2149
April	2.5	5.8642
May	2.5	22.9573
Total	177.25	281.0739

tmc ft. - thousand million cubic feet

Note: The tables are based on readings taken by the Central Water Commission in Biligundlu on the inter-State (Karnataka-Tamil Nadu) border

- ❖ For the fourth consecutive year, Tamil Nadu realised a higher quantum of the Cauvery water in the just-concluded water year 2021-22.

- ❖ In terms of monthly realisation, November topped the list with around 71.57 tmc.
- ❖ The State received about 281 tmc between June 2021 and May 2022.
- ❖ In 2018-19, the excess figure was 228.18 tmc.
- ❖ It remains the highest in the last four years.
- ❖ In effect, it got 103.8 tmc more than the quantum of 177.25 tmc stipulated by the Supreme Court in the judgment.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu got an unanticipated “bonanza” during January-May of 2022 when it received about 44 tmc against 12.76 tmc.
- ❖ 2022 May witnessed the State netting around 22.96 tmc.

Operation Kanthuvatti



- ❖ The Director-General of Police C. Sylendra Babu ordered the launch of ‘Operation Kanthuvatti’ across Tamil Nadu to curb the menace.
- ❖ The Police were told to take up cases of usury pending at all police stations and initiate action under the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Charging Exorbitant Interest Act, 2003.

S2G Buy Day initiative

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Start-up and Innovation Mission is popularly known as TANSIM among entrepreneurs.
- ❖ It has launched an initiative called ‘S2G Buy Day’ to link start-ups and the government.

- ❖ The government departments and public sector undertakings would be allowed to directly procure innovative products and services valued at up to Rs. 50 lakh from start-ups in the State.

Jayankondam project

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government has decided to return the land to its former owners without collecting the compensation paid to them.
- ❖ The reason for dropping the project is the steep rise in the compensation that would have to be paid.
- ❖ 3,390 hectares were acquired for the 1,600-MW Jayankondam integrated lignite mining and power generation project in Ariyalur district nearly 25 years ago.

NATIONAL

4th State Food Safety Index 2021-2022



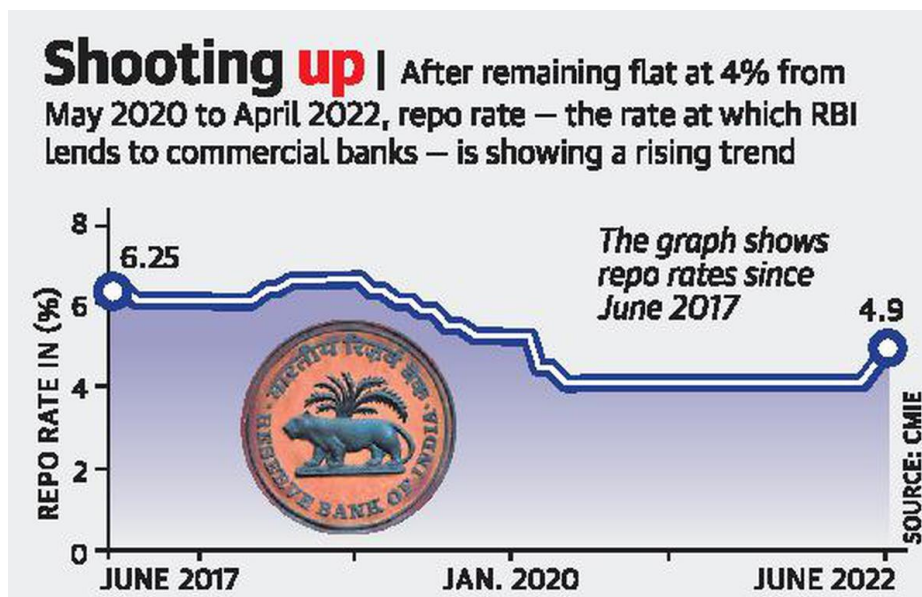
- ❖ The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare released the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) led index.



- ❖ It was initiated in 2018-19, in a bid to create a competitive and positive change in food safety ecosystem of India.
- ❖ The State Food Safety Index measured the performance of States on five parameters — human resources and institutional data, compliance, food testing infrastructure and surveillance, training and capacity-building and consumer empowerment.
- ❖ A total of 150 districts across the country had participated in the challenge
- ❖ Tamil Nadu was ranked first in the State Food Safety Index 2021-2022 in the category of large States.
- ❖ In the category of small states, Goa has been ranked first followed by Manipur and Sikkim.
- ❖ Among UTs, Jammu & Kashmir has been ranked first, followed by Delhi and Chandigarh.
- ❖ A total of 11 districts from the State — Tiruvallur, Kancheepuram, Salem, Coimbatore, Chennai, Tirunelveli, Erode, Madurai, Thoothukudi, Tiruppur and Dindigul — were honoured for the best performance in the 'Eat Right Challenge', organised by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).

ECONOMY

Interest rate by RBI

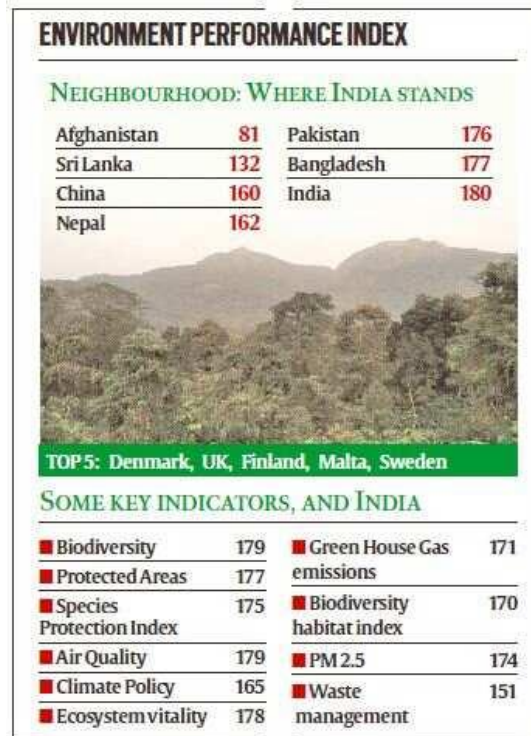


- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) voted unanimously to raise the repo rate by 50 basis points to 4.90%.

- ❖ In May 2022, RBI increased the repo rate or short-term lending rate by 40 basis points
- ❖ The RBI's move will increase borrowing costs for those seeking loans to buy cars and homes and MSME firms looking to raise capital.
- ❖ The MPC also decided to remain focused on the withdrawal of accommodation which had been provided to support the COVID-19 hit economy.
- ❖ It aims to ensure that inflation remains within the target going forward, while supporting growth
- ❖ The MPC fix the benchmark interest rates in India.
- ❖ The committee held at least 4 times a year.
- ❖ The Governor of RBI act as the chairperson ex officio of MPC.

ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Performance Index



- ❖ It was an annual analysis by the USA's Yale and Columbia University researchers.
- ❖ It gives a data-driven evaluation of the situation of sustainability around the world.

- ❖ Climate change, environmental public health, and biodiversity are among the 40 performance factors used by the EPI to rank 180 nations.
- ❖ Only a few nations, like Denmark and the United Kingdom, are on track to fulfil net zero emission objectives by 2050
- ❖ Denmark came in first as the world's most sustainable country
- ❖ India came in last out of 180 countries.
- ❖ According to the EPI, four nations, China, India, the United States, and Russia, would account for more than half of global residual greenhouse gas emissions in 2050 if current trends continue.

India's achievement in Ethanol Blending



- ❖ Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighted that, India has achieved 10 percent ethanol blending of petrol, five months before the schedule.
- ❖ 10 percent ethanol blending has reduced carbon emission by 27 lakh tonnes.
- ❖ It has saved India's Rs 41,000 crore on oil imports, in foreign exchange spending.

STATES

State butterfly of Sikkim

- ❖ The Chief Minister of Sikkim, P.S. Golay, declared Blue Duke as "State Butterfly of Sikkim".
- ❖ Blue Duke is a native butterfly species of Sikkim.
- ❖ It represents Sikkim with its two unique colours.
- ❖ Blue colour represents sky while white colour depicts snow clad mountains of Himalayas.

- ❖ Blue Duke is also called *Bassarona durga*.
- ❖ It is unique to Sikkim and Eastern Himalayas.
- ❖ Blue Duke is listed in Schedule 2 of Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.
- ❖ It is a highly protected species of butterfly in the Himalayas.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Mithali Raj

- ❖ The legendary Indian cricketer Mithali Raj announced her retirement from all forms of International Cricketer.
- ❖ She is the highest run-scorer in the women's international cricket.
- ❖ She has been the Captain of the Women's Indian cricket team since 2005.
- ❖ She is the only female cricketer who have captained in more than one ICC ODI World Cup Final that is in the year 2005 and 2017.
- ❖ She also become the first woman to complete 20 years in international cricket in the year 2019.
- ❖ She is the only female cricketer to surpass the 7,000-run mark in Women's One Day International Matches

- ❖ She became the first Indian woman cricketer that has completed 10,000 international runs in all the cricket formats.

	MAT	RUNS	HS
WTEST	12	699	214
WODI	232	7805	125*
WT20I	89	2364	97*

- MOST APPEARANCES IN WODI - 232 MATCHES
- MOST RUNS IN WODI CAREER - 7805 RUNS (ONLY FEMALE CRICKETER TO CROSS 7000 RUNS)
- MOST SCORES OF 50 OR MORE IN WODI - 71 FIFTIES
- FIRST CRICKETER TO SCORE SEVEN CONSECUTIVE 50s IN WODI
- FIRST FEMALE CRICKETER TO CROSS 2000 WT20I RUNS
- FIRST INDIAN FEMALE CRICKETER TO CROSS 10000 INTERNATIONAL RUNS
- ONLY INDIAN CRICKETER TO LEAD INDIA IN 2 ODI WORLD CUP FINALS

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