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- ❖ RBI Governor Shakti kanta Das, was awarded the 'Governor of the Year' award for 2023 by the international publication Central Banking.
  - ○ Former governor Raghuram Rajan was the first to be conferred the title back in 2015 from the country.
- ❖ Indian Railways has set a target of becoming a 'net-zero carbon emitter' by 2030.
- ❖ Krithi Krithivasan has been appointed as the CEO designate to Tata Consultancy Services.

TAMIL NADU

Highlights of Tamil Nadu budget

TAMIL NADU BUDGET 2022-2023

Tamil Nadu Budget Highlights

- Tamil Nadu Finance Minister PTR Palanivel Thiagarajan said that failure to get GST compensation from the centre will result in loss of Rs 20,000 crore.
- CM MK Stalin requests Centre for extension of GST compensation periods by two years.
- Rs 7,338 crore allocated to water resource department.
- Rs 500 crore allocated for flood mitigation projects in Chennai.
- Rs 1,000 crore allocated to upgrade 19 govt hospitals.

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Finance Minister Palanivel Thiaga Rajan presented the Budget for the financial year 2023-24 March 20, 2023.
- ❖ The fiscal deficit of the state would decline to 3.80% from 4.33% in the 2021-22 budget estimate.
- ❖ The overall revenue deficit decreased to Rs. 55,000 crores against the 2021 budget estimate of Rs. 58,000 crores.
- ❖ State's revenue deficit was reduced by Rs 30,000 crore from Rs 62,000 crore.
- ❖ State's own tax revenue is expected to increase to more than Rs 1.5 lakh crore in FY24.
- ❖ It was over Rs 1.4 lakh crore in the current fiscal.

- TN to launch Rs 1,000 monthly financial aid for women home makers from September 15.

- The assistance is officially known as 'Magalir Urimai Thogai' in Tamil, meaning 'Women's Right to Assistance'.

- For this the allocation was 7000 crores for this year.

- Free breakfast scheme is to be extended to all 30,122 government primary schools from 2023-24.

- The Literacy and numeracy programme is to be extended up to Class V.

- North Chennai development initiative is to be launched at Rs 1000 crore.

- International birds centre would be established at Marakkanam.

- Monthly financial assistance for severely differently abled persons increased from Rs1,500 to Rs.2000.

- Rs.3,993 crore will be allotted to waive gold and education loans.

- TN targets bank loans to the tune of Rs 30,000 crore for women self-help groups

- The Tamil Nadu government will set up a new Textile Park in the Western Region at Salem.

- Tamil Nadu government will also set up a world class skill centre named "Tamil Nadu World Innovation and Skill Training Hub" (TN-WISH) at Ambattur.

- A grand Chola Museum will be set up in Thanjavur.

- Rs 77,000 crore is allocated for developing a mega power project to generate 14,500MW power by 2030.

- The state-of-the-art global sports city will be set up in Chennai.

- All schools functioning under various departments including Adi-Dravida and Tribal Welfare, Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities and Forest will unify under the school education department.

- Civil service aspirants will be provided ₹7,500 per month for 10 months to prepare for the preliminary examination.

- Those students who clear the preliminary examination will be provided a lumpsum amount of ₹25,000.

- To promote economic development of SC/ST entrepreneurs, a new scheme called 'Annal Ambedkar Business Champions Scheme' will be launched.

- Tamil Nadu government is to hold international Tamil computing conference to popularize the use of Tamil in computers.

- To promote Tamil Nadu as a global hub for IT/ITeS, the State Government will establish 'Tamil Nadu Tech City' (TNTech city) at Chennai, Coimbatore and Hosur.

- The government would extend the free bus pass scheme to 591 more elderly Tamil scholars.
- The first ever 'Project Nilgiri Tahr' shall be initiated in TN at a cost of Rs 10 Crores to protect & conserve Nilgiri Tahr.
- School education department is allocated Rs 40,229 crore in budget
- Rs 9000 crore is estimated for Coimbatore Metro between Avinashi Road and Sathyamangalam Road.
- Rs 8500 crore is allocated for Madurai Metro between Thirumangalam and Othakadai.
- Ezhilmigu Coimbatore and Ma Madurai programme is for planned development of the two cities.
- Target to double the installed power generation capacity will be adding 33000 MW by 2030 and increase the share of green energy to 50 per cent will be by 2030.
- New SIPCOT industrial parks are to come up in Virudhunagar, Vellore, Kallakurichi and Coimbatore
- A new wildlife sanctuary called the 'Thanthai Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary' is to come up at Erode.
- New sanctuary declared will be the 18th in Tamil Nadu.
- A memorial would be established in Chennai to honour the legacy of Tamil martyrs Thiruvalargal Thalamuthu and Natarajan, who sacrificed their lives to protect Tamils in the struggle against Hindi imposition
- 1,000-bed Kalaignar Memorial Multi-Super Speciality Hospital in the premises of the King Institute of Preventive Medicine and Research Centre, Guindy, will be inaugurated this year.
- Neo-tidel parks to be expanded in 3 more locations including Chengalpattu, Tirunelveli and Erode.
- Kalaignar memorial library in Madurai will be inaugurated in June 2023
- The State government has decided to reduce the registration fee to 2 per cent.
- A state-of-the-art Skill Development Centre will be established at SIPCOT Industrial Park in Krishnagiri district.
- To establish better connectivity and provide various digital services at an affordable cost, the Government will set up a "Unified Digital Infrastructure", that will create high speed optical fibre network from the State Headquarters to all districts.
- To mitigate the effects of climate vagaries on the coastal ecosystem, the Tamil Nadu government has announced the Tamil Nadu Coastal Restoration Mission.

- ❖ The mission, to be implemented with World Bank assistance at an estimated cost of ₹2,000 crore over the next five years, is aimed at preventing sea erosion, reducing marine pollution and conserving marine biodiversity.

- ❖ Chennai, Avadi, Tambaram, Coimbatore, Madurai, Tiruchirappalli and Salem cities will get free Wi-Fi services at important places.

NATIONAL

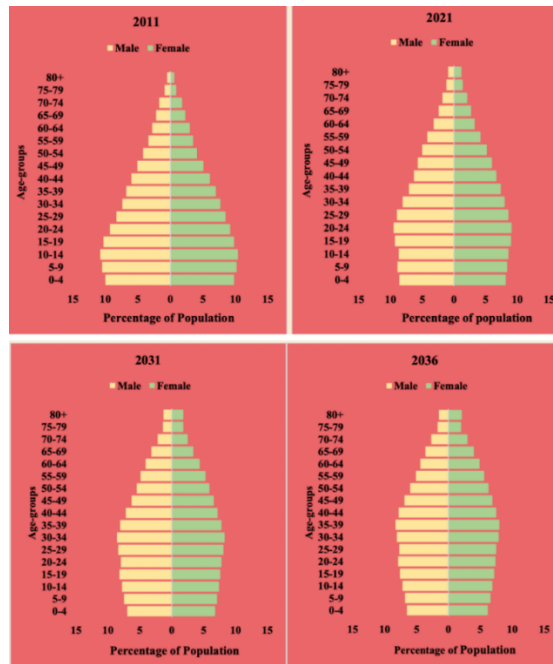## Best airport in India and South Asia

- ❖ Delhi airport has been adjudged the best airport in India and South Asia.

- ❖ This is according to international air transport rating organisation Skytrax.

- ❖ The Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) has moved up to the 36th position this year from 37th in 2022.

- ❖ The Skytrax World Airport Awards are based on annual global airport customer satisfaction survey.

Women and Men in India 2022

- ❖ The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has released Women and Men in India 2022 report.

- ❖ India's sex ratio (females per 1,000 males) is expected to improve to 952 by 2036.

- ❖ The sex ratio at birth went up by three points to 907 in 2018-20 from 904 in 2017-19.

❖ India's Labour Force Participation Rate for those above 15 years of age has been on the rise since 2017-2018.

❖ The rate was 77.2 for males and 32.8 for females in 2021-22.

❖ The population growth is on a downward trend from 2.2% in 1971 to 1.1% in 2021.

❖ It is projected to fall further to 0.58% in 2036.

❖ The age-specific fertility rate for the 20-24 years and 25-29 years age group between 2016 and 2020 reduced from 135.4 and 166.0 to 113.6 and 139.6 respectively.

❖ The same indicator for the 35-39 years age group increased from 32.7 in 2016 to 35.6 in 2020.

❖ The mean age for marriage has improved marginally up from 22.1 years in 2017 to 22.7 years in 2020.

❖ The population under 15 years of age is expected to decline and the population above 60 years is expected to increase by 2036.

INTERNATIONAL

King Charles III stamp

❖ New stamps featuring the image of King Charles were revealed recently.

❖ The new so-called "definitive stamp" is intended for everyday use and consisting solely of the monarch's head.

❖ From coins and banknotes and to the official royal cypher used by the government.

❖ Britain has been slowly introducing replacements featuring the new monarch.

❖ Charles is the seventh British monarch to appear on a definitive stamp.

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Sleep Day - March 17

❖ It is organized by the World Sleep Day Committee of World Sleep Society.

❖ It aims to lessen the burden of sleep problems on society through better prevention and management of sleep disorders.

❖ 'Sleep is Essential for Health' is the theme for this year.

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