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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ In a first, Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission (TNERC) has granted permission for the Dindigul-based Dollar Industries Ltd to set up four Mega Watt hour (MWhr) Battery Energy Storage System (BESS).
- ❖ Nawab of Arcot Mohammed Abdul Ali was bestowed the Indo-Australian Award for Meritorious Service at Amir Mahal, Chennai.
- ❖ For the first time in the country, the oldest Income Tax building situated at Karaikudi, which is 100-years-old, was renovated and is being converted into a Tax Museum.
- ❖ Chennai Mayor R. Priya will kick start the scheme 'Makkalai Thedi Mayor' in the city from Royya Puram, Chennai on May 3.
 - Under the scheme, the mayor will visit each of the 15 zones in the city every 15 days, to meet with residents to receive petitions relating to civic issues in the zone.
- ❖ President of India Droupadi Murmu will inaugurate the newly-constructed multi-super speciality hospital in Guindy, Chennai on June 5.
- ❖ In honour of Sachin Tendulkar's 50th birthday, the West Stand at the Sharjah cricket stadium, UAE has been named as the 'Sachin Tendulkar Stand.'

TAMIL NADU

Tamil Nadu - Where the World comes to Heal



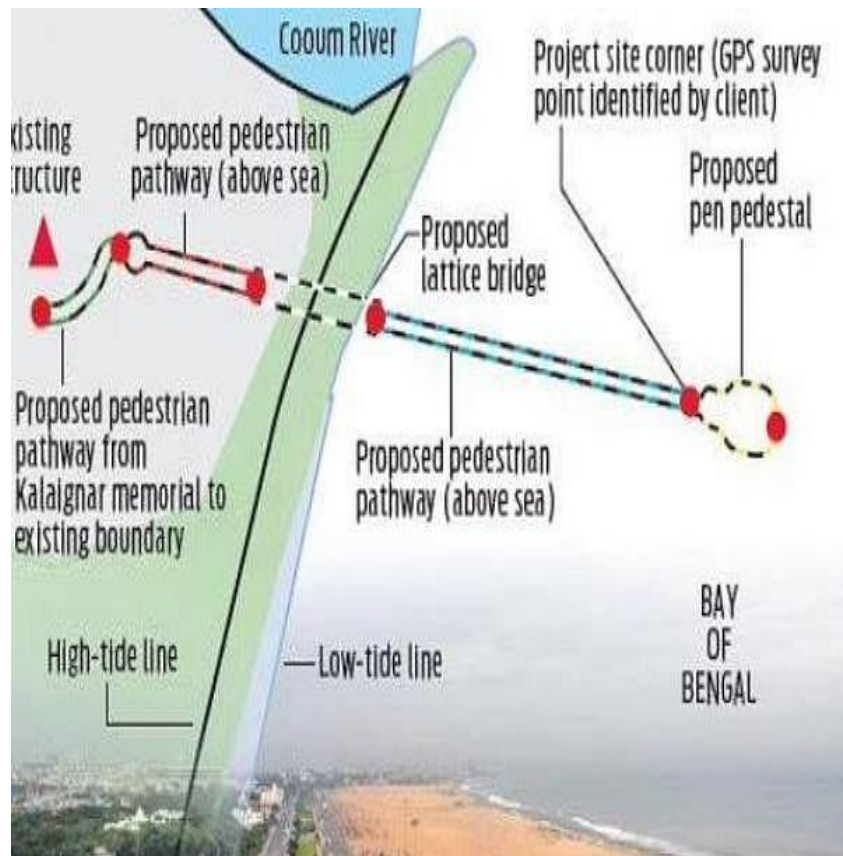
- ❖ Chief Minister inaugurated a two-day medical value travel conclave.
- ❖ The event was called 'Tamil Nadu - Where the World comes to Heal.'

- ❖ This was organised jointly by the Tourism and Health departments.
- ❖ It is aimed at bringing together hospitals from 21 source countries with hospitals in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ Already, Tamilnadu is known as the hub of Medical Tourism in India.

Direct tax net collections

- ❖ For the financial year 2022-23, the direct tax net collections of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry regions exceeded one lakh crore.
- ❖ Net collections this year was ₹1,08,364 crore and the growth rate was 20.20%.
- ❖ This is the third consecutive year that the Budget target was achieved.

Dr. Kalaignar pen monument in the Bay of Bengal



- ❖ The Union Environment Ministry's Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) has cleared the proposal to construct the Pen Memorial.
- ❖ It has recommended for coastal zone clearance (CRZ) with nearly 15 conditions.

- ❖ The CRZ clearance is also subject to the final order of the National Green Tribunal, Southern Zone.
- ❖ The project - 'Muthamizh Arignar Dr Kalaignar Pen' memorial being proposed to be built at a cost of over Rs 81 crore.

USD 1 trillion economy by 2034

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister inaugurated the national executive meeting of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).
- ❖ He also released a FICCI – Deloitte Knowledge Paper on 'Accelerating Tamil Nadu's Progress to becoming a One Trillion Dollar Economy by 2030-31'.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu is the second-largest State economy after Maharashtra.
- ❖ It is the third-largest goods exporter in India (by value) after Gujarat and Maharashtra.
- ❖ Assuming Tamil Nadu can sustain its current average of 10% growth, it is expected to reach a USD 1 trillion economy benchmark by FY2034.
- ❖ However, to achieve this milestone by FY2031, the State will need to grow at an average of 16.5% annually.

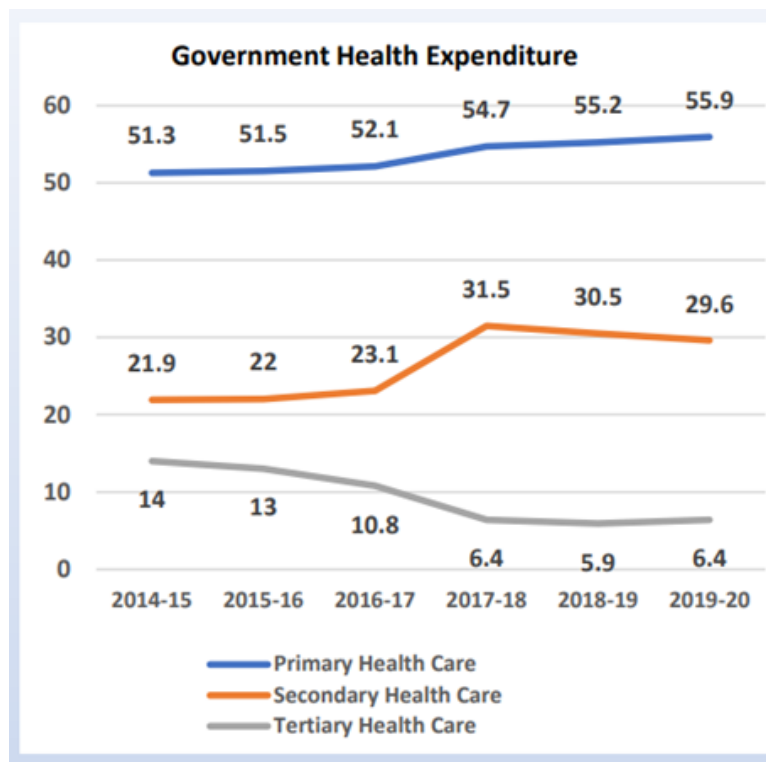


NATIONAL

National Health Accounts Estimates for India (2019-20)

- ❖ The government spent 1.35% of the country's Gross Domestic Product on healthcare during the year.
- ❖ This was 1.13 per cent in 2014-15.

- ❖ For the same period, GHE as per cent of general government expenditure (GGE) has increased from 3.94 per cent to 5.02 per cent.
- ❖ Between 2014-15 and 2019-20, government health expenditure grew from 29 per cent to 41.4 per cent of the total health expenditure.
- ❖ Healthcare spending per person doubled from Rs 1,108 to Rs 2,014 from 2014-15 to 2019-20.
- ❖ Expenditure on social security schemes has increased from 5.7 per cent to 9.3 per cent in this period.
- ❖ Primary care received 55.9 per cent of the government's health spending for 2019-20.
- ❖ Secondary care received 29.6 per cent and tertiary care received 6.4 per cent.
- ❖ A consistent decline in the share of out-of-pocket expenditure in total health expenditure has been recorded as 47.1 per cent in 2019-20.
- ❖ This was 62.6 per cent in 2014-15.



Nav Ratana status for Rail Vikas Nigam Limited

- ❖ Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd (RVNL) has been upgraded to Navratna Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE).
- ❖ RVNL will now be the 13th Navratna amongst the CPSEs.

- ❖ The Navratna status was first granted to nine public sector enterprises in 1997 by the Indian government.



Government Approves #Navratna Status

INTERNATIONAL

Approval for abortion pill



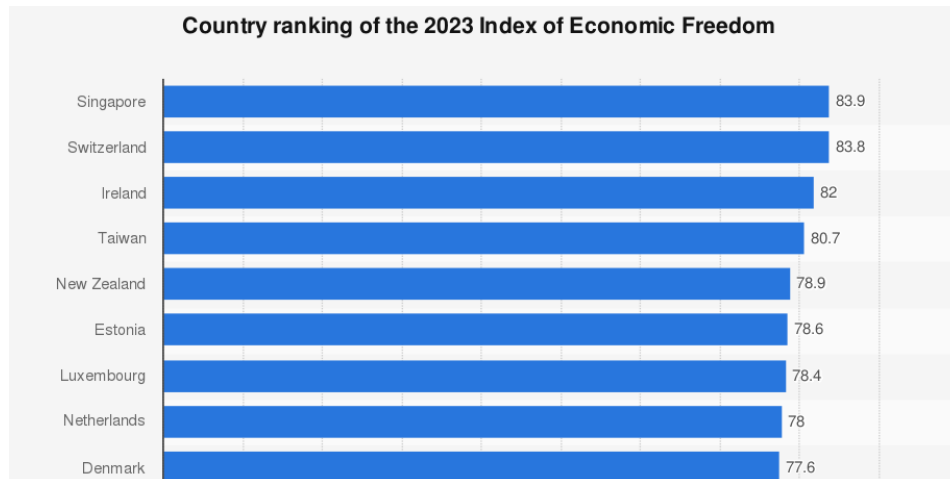
- ❖ Japanese health ministry panel approved a pill to terminate early-stage pregnancy.
- ❖ The abortion pill will be available in the country for the first time and will provide an alternative to a surgical procedure.
- ❖ In Japan, Abortion is authorised only in the presence of certain conditions as per the Eugenic Protection Law-1948.

- ❖ Artificial abortion is a penal offence.
- ❖ It is legal for up to 22 weeks but consent is usually required from a spouse or partner.
- ❖ And until now a surgical procedure had been the only option.

REPORTS AND INDICES

Index of Economic Freedom

- ❖ The index is published by The Heritage Foundation, a think tank based in Washington D.C.
- ❖ The rule of law, government size, regulatory efficiency, and open markets are the four main pillars of index.
- ❖ Singapore topped in the list and followed by New Zealand, Australia, Switzerland and Ireland.
- ❖ India and Bangladesh shared a rank 121 and Bhutan performed well and got 109th rank.
- ❖ Other neighbour countries ranked below India is Sri Lanka (131), Afghanistan (146), Pakistan (152), China (154), Nepal (157).



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Former Punjab Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal

- ❖ Former Punjab Chief Minister and veteran Akali Dal leader Parkash Singh Badal (age 95) passed away.

- ❖ He served as Punjab's Chief Minister five times: 1970-71; 1977-80; 1997-2002 and from 2007 to 2017 (two consecutive terms).
- ❖ The Government of India awarded him the second highest civilian award, the Padma Vibhushan, in 2015.
- ❖ In 1970, he became the youngest Chief Minister of an Indian State at the time.
- ❖ He was first elected to the Punjab State Assembly in 1957.
- ❖ He has been elected an MLA nine times since then.



1959 Ramon Magsaysay Award



- ❖ The Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama was presented with the 1959 Ramon Magsaysay Award after 64 years.
- ❖ The Dalai Lama fled Tibet in 1959 and has lived in India in exile since then.
- ❖ The Ramon Magsaysay Award is often called the "Nobel Prize of Asia".



- ❖ It is an annual award established to perpetuate former Philippine President Ramon Magsaysay.
- ❖ The prize was established in April 1957.

