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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Officially named Dr BR Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat complex was inaugurated recently.
  - The building has unique architecture that appears to be in the Indo-Saracenic style, blending Indo-Islamic architectural features generally with domes.
- ❖ A 12-foot statue of Maratha king Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj was unveiled in Mauritius's Maharashtra Bhavan to mark the strong bond between the two nations.
- ❖ The Indian Army recently conducted a divisional-level integrated training exercise, codenamed Exercise Buland Bharat, in Arunachal Pradesh.
- ❖ India's first international Multi-Modal Logistic Park is to be developed under the Bharatmala Project at Jogighopa in Assam.
- ❖ National Thermal Power Corporation has marked its first overseas capacity addition, beginning with Bangladesh.
  - The new addition takes the Installed Capacity of NTPC to 72304 MW.
- ❖ The World Bank confirmed that Ajay Banga will be its next president, and will take over the role from June 2, 2023, for a period of five years.
- ❖ World Laughter Day is an annual event celebrated on the first Sunday of May to raise awareness about laughter and its many healing benefits.

## TAMIL NADU

### Model town panchayat for solid waste management



- ❖ The Karunguzhi Town Panchayat of Chengalpattu district has earned the recognition as a model town panchayat for solid waste management.



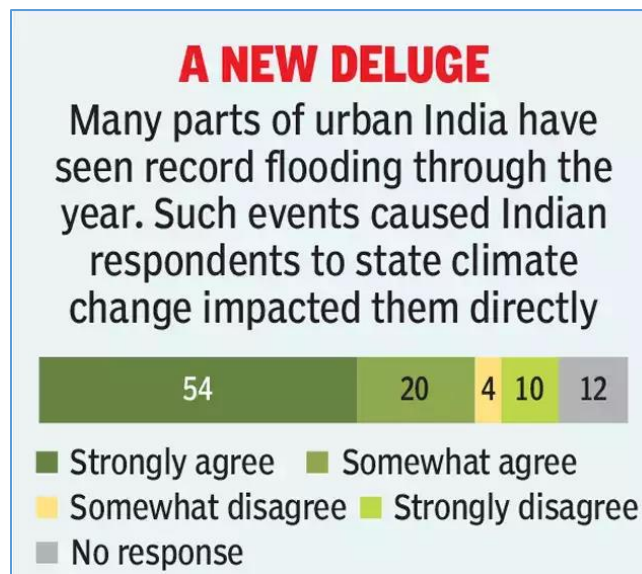
- ❖ The town panchayat has been chosen for the best practice in solid waste management leading to improvement of the lifestyle of citizens.
- ❖ The town panchayat has been able to generate 4,000 to 5,000 kg of manure every month from various organic waste.
- ❖ The recycled grey water would be used for avenue trees, Miyawaki forest and other plants maintained by the panchayat.

### **Tamil Nadu's peak power demand**

- ❖ Tamil Nadu's peak power demand is expected to be nearly 23,000 MW by 2027-28.
- ❖ It is expected to grow at a compounded annual rate of 5.8% from 17,306 MW in 2022-23.
- ❖ The Southern Region's peak demand for 2027-28 is expected to increase from 61 gigawatt (GW) to about 87 GW.
- ❖ Its installed capacity is expected to increase to about 228 GW from 122 GW.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu will have the highest peak power demand among the southern States.
- ❖ Andhra Pradesh will see the maximum annual growth of 7.7%.

## **NATIONAL**

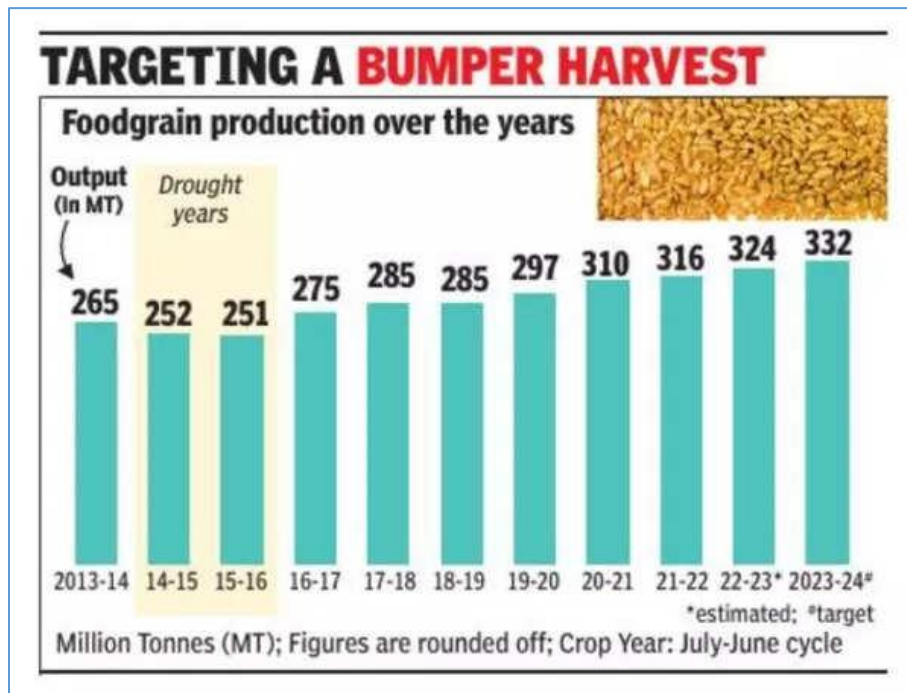
### **Climate Change in Indian Mind – 2022**



- ❖ This survey was conducted by the Yale Program on the Climate Change Communication.

- ❖ By the category, 'The Alarmed', was consisting of 54 per cent, 'The Concerned', was consisting of 20 per cent, 'The Cautious', was consisting of 11 per cent, and 'The Disengaged', was consisting of just 7 per cent.
- ❖ About 81% of people in India are worried about global warming.
- ❖ 64% of Indians think that the government should do more to address global warming.
- ❖ At least 84% of people in India think that global warming is happening.
- ❖ 74% say they have experienced its effects.
- ❖ 57% of people think that the Earth is heating up mostly due to human activities.
- ❖ More respondents think that climate change will harm plant and animal species (80%), people in India (77%), future generations of people (77%), people in their own community (72%), and themselves and their own family (69%).

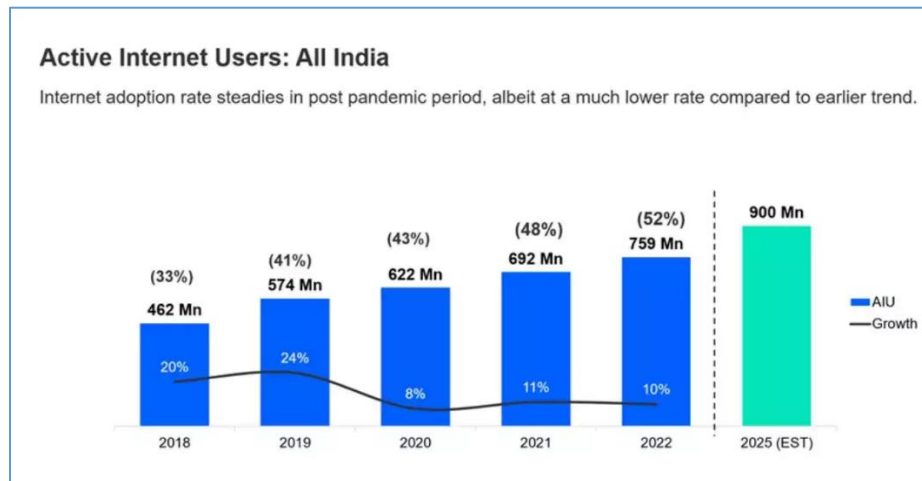
### Foodgrain production target



- ❖ The Union agriculture ministry has set a target of a record 3,320 lakh tonnes (332 million tonnes) production of foodgrains for the year 2023-24.
- ❖ As per the latest estimate, 3,235 lakh tonnes produced in the previous year.
- ❖ Target for the production of pulses has been fixed at 292.5 lakh tonnes compared to 278.1 lakh tonnes this year.

- ❖ Oilseeds production will be increased from 400 lakh tonnes to 440 lakh tonnes in 2023-24.
- ❖ The target for millet production for 2023-24 has been set at 170 lakh tonnes from 159.1 lakh tonnes in 2022-23.

## Internet in India Report 2022



- ❖ As per the report, 52% of the Indian population or 759 million people are accessing the internet at least once a month in 2022.
- ❖ Out of that, 399 million are from rural India, while 360 million are from urban India.
- ❖ Approximately 71% internet penetration witnessed only 6% growth (in 2022).
- ❖ Bihar (32%) having less than half the level of internet penetration than the leading state Goa (70%).
- ❖ The active Internet users comprised of 54% male users.
- ❖ While 57% of all new users in 2022 were females.
- ❖ It is estimated that by 2025, 65% of all new users will be women.
- ❖ Digital payments in 2022 grew 13% over 2021 to reach an estimated 338 million users.

## Cargo ship at Sittwe Port

- ❖ Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways has received the first Indian cargo ship at Sittwe Port in Myanmar.
- ❖ This was inaugurated the regular transit of cargo ships between Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port in Kolkata, India to Sittwe Port in Rakhine state of Myanmar.

- ❖ Sittwe port development is part of the Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport Project (KMTTP).



## ECONOMY

### RBI Report on Currency and Finance

#### RBI RELEASES REPORT ON CURRENCY & FINANCE (RCF) FOR 2022-23

- Theme of RBI's FY23 RCF is 'Towards A Greener Cleaner India'
- Report covers scale & pace of climate change; its macroeconomic effects
- Report covers implications for financial stability; & policy options to mitigate climate risks

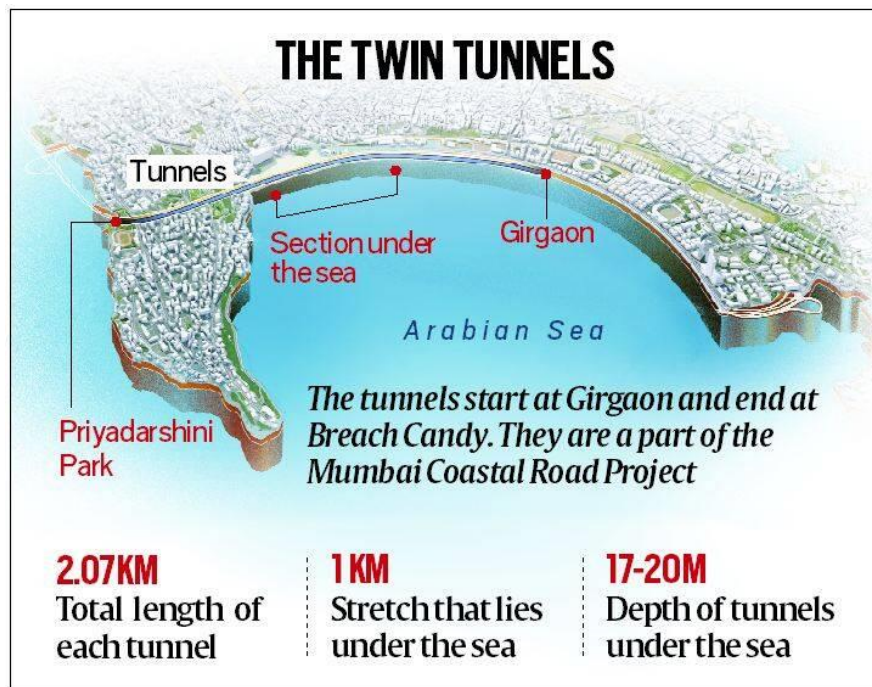
- ❖ The theme of the report is 'Towards a Greener Cleaner India'.
- ❖ The report covers four major dimensions of climate change to assess future challenges to sustainable high growth in India
  - The unprecedented scale and pace of climate change;
  - Its macroeconomic effects;

- Implications for financial stability and
- Policy options to mitigate climate risks.
- ❖ India's green financing requirement is estimated to be at least 2.5 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) annually till 2030.

## STATES

### India's first-ever twin undersea tunnels

- ❖ Undersea twin tunnels in South Mumbai will open by November 2023.
- ❖ This will mark India's first undersea tunnel.
- ❖ The tunnels have a diameter of 12.19 meters and stretch 17-20 meters below sea level.
- ❖ It will feature six crosswalks, four for pedestrians and two for motorists.
- ❖ Each tunnel will have three 3.2-meter-wide channels.
- ❖ The tunnels reached their deepest point at 72 metres near Malabar Hill.



## IMPORTANT DAYS

### International No Diet Day - May 06

- ❖ This day was first started by Mary Evans in 1992.

- ❖ The purpose of the day was to help men and women around the world to appreciate their own.
- ❖ The day aims to tackle tough issues regarding diet and body awareness.



### **World Athletics Day - May 07**

- ❖ The first World Athletics Day was held on May 15, 1996
- ❖ This day aims to promote the importance of athletics as a sport and encourage young and school children to take up athletics.
- ❖ The theme for 2023 is 'Athletics for All – A New Beginning'.

