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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Justice Sanjay Vijaykumar Gangapurwala was sworn-in as the Chief Justice of the Madras High Court by the Governor of Tamilnadu.
- ❖ WayCool Foods entered a strategic partnership with IIT Madras (IITM) to expand the offerings for farmers under IITM's RASA (Regenerative Agriculture Sustainable Architecture) tech stack.
 - WayCool is India's largest food & agri-tech platform.
- ❖ The Tamilnadu diary minister has launched the works for laying a glass bridge between Thiruvalluvar Statue and Vivekananda Rock in Kanyakumari.
- ❖ Niti Aayog 8th governing council meeting was held at New Delhi.
- ❖ Suman Sharma has been appointed UPSC Member recently.
- ❖ Tina turner, a Queen of rock 'n' roll', passed away recently at Zurich, Switzerland.
- ❖ The upcoming Census will consider only count Hindu, Muslim, Christian, Buddhist, Sikh and Jain as distinct religion options.

TAMIL NADU

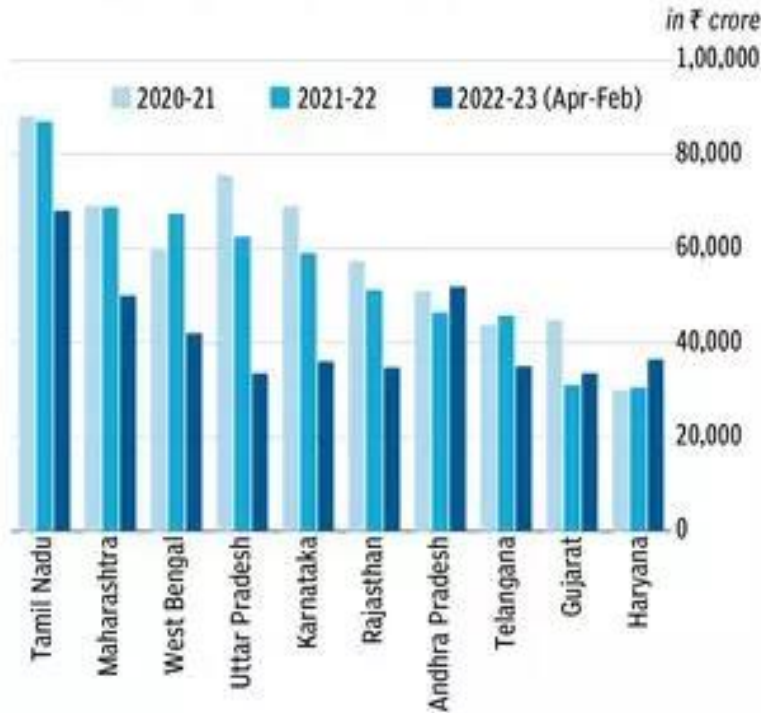
Tamil Nadu top borrower in Fiscal 2023

- ❖ As per the data from Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Tamil Nadu's gross market borrowings were at the same level as 2021-22.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu was the top borrowing State in terms of gross borrowings in 2022-23.
- ❖ It was followed by Maharashtra, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, and Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ The State's tax revenue increased nearly 18 per cent to ₹1,88,953.57 crore in 2022-23 from ₹1,60,324.66 crore in 2021-22.
- ❖ The State's total revenue receipts was ₹2,42,013.85 crore for 2022-23.
- ❖ Its total receipts stood at ₹2,43,133.76 crore in 2022-23.
- ❖ The total expenditure was ₹3,15,552.75 crore for 2022-23.
- ❖ The revenue expenditure has come in at ₹2,69,562.94 crore for 2022-23.
- ❖ The quality of deficit (ratio of revenue deficit and fiscal deficit) has seen a significant improvement.

- ❖ The ratio was 38.02% in 2022-23 and it was a six-year high when compared to 22.52% in fiscal 2017.

State of borrowings

Gross market borrowings of State governments

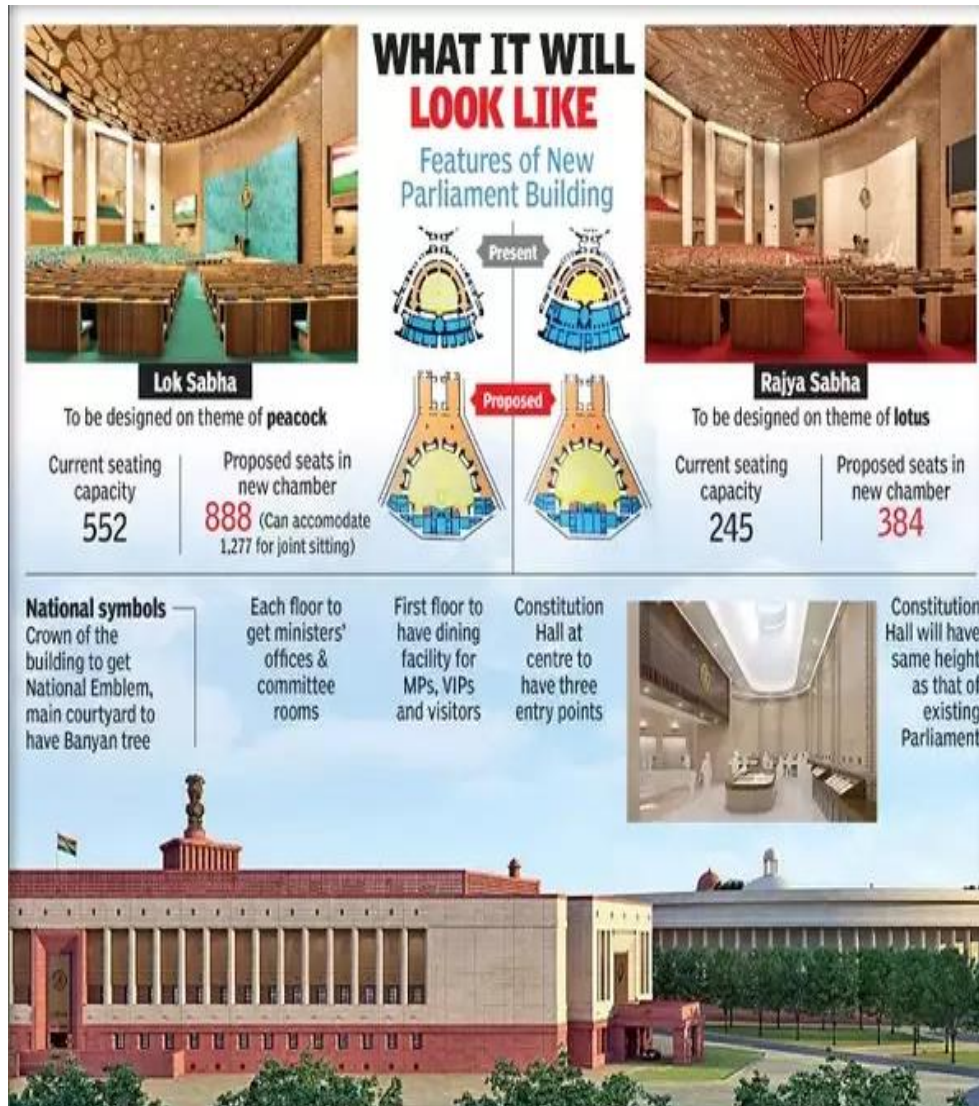


NATIONAL

India's new Parliament

- ❖ Prime Minister inaugurated India's new Parliament building, part of the revamped Central Vista project at New Delhi.
- ❖ The new Parliament building has three storeys and a built-up area of 64,500 sqm.
- ❖ The Lok Sabha chamber will have 888 seats, up from the existing 543, with the option of expanded seating up to 1,272.
- ❖ The Gandhi statue, which was installed at the main entrance of the Parliament in 1993, was shifted during construction.
- ❖ The building is replete with national symbols, including the national emblem — the Lion Capital of Ashoka — that weighs 9,500 kg and is 6.5 metres in height, and is visible from a distance.

- ❖ The Prime Minister also released a commemorative postage stamp and a special ₹75 coin on the inauguration of the new Parliament.



WHAT IT WILL LOOK LIKE
Features of New Parliament Building

Lok Sabha
To be designed on theme of **peacock**

Current seating capacity: **552**
Proposed seats in new chamber: **888** (Can accommodate 1,277 for joint sitting)

Rajya Sabha
To be designed on theme of **lotus**

Current seating capacity: **245**
Proposed seats in new chamber: **384**

National symbols
Crown of the building to get National Emblem, main courtyard to have Banyan tree

Each floor to get ministers' offices & committee rooms

First floor to have dining facility for MPs, VIPs and visitors

Constitution Hall at centre to have three entry points

Constitution Hall will have same height as that of existing Parliament

Farmer Producer Organisations

- ❖ In 2021, the agriculture ministry is implemented a central sector scheme to Formation and promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organisations.
- ❖ Under the scheme, a target of establishing 1,100 additional FPOs has been allocated to the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC).
- ❖ A financial assistance of Rs 33 lakh is provided to each FPO under the scheme.
- ❖ Further, financial assistance of Rs. 25 lakhs per FPO is provided to the Cluster Based Business Organizations (CBBO).

- ❖ This initiative will ensure remunerative prices to farmers for their produce by providing them necessary market linkages.



SAMARTH campaign



- ❖ The Union Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj has launched the 'Campaign on Promoting Digital Transactions in 50000 Gram Panchayats' in Lucknow.



- ❖ The Ministry Government of India is running a “Campaign on Promoting Digital Transactions in 50000 Gram Panchayats.
- ❖ It was started from 1st February 2023 and will continue till 15 August 2023.
- ❖ This campaign aims to promote Digital Transactions in rural areas, particularly among women.

INTERNATIONAL

World Energy Investment

- ❖ The report titled World Energy Investment was released by the International Energy Agency (IEA).
- ❖ It is about \$2.8 trillion is set to be invested globally in energy in 2023.
- ❖ The annual clean energy investment is expected to rise by 24 per cent between 2021 and 2023.
- ❖ But only 15 per cent is expected to rise in fossil fuel investment over the same period.

World Energy
Investment 2023



REPORTS AND INDICES

Making Cities Climate-Ready

- ❖ The World Bank released a report titled Making Cities Climate-Ready.
- ❖ The number of people living in cities increased from 1.19 billion to 4.46 billion between 1970 and 2021.
- ❖ They were responsible for approximately 70 per cent of global greenhouse gas emissions.

- ❖ The North American cities are the largest per capita emitters.
- ❖ The cities in Sub-Saharan Africa remain the lowest per capita emitters on average.
- ❖ Cities in lower-income countries account for only 14 per cent of global urban CO2 emissions.



PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS

Dag Hammarskjöld Medal



- ❖ The three Indian peacekeepers will be honoured with the Dag Hammarskjöld Medal at a solemn ceremony at UN headquarters.

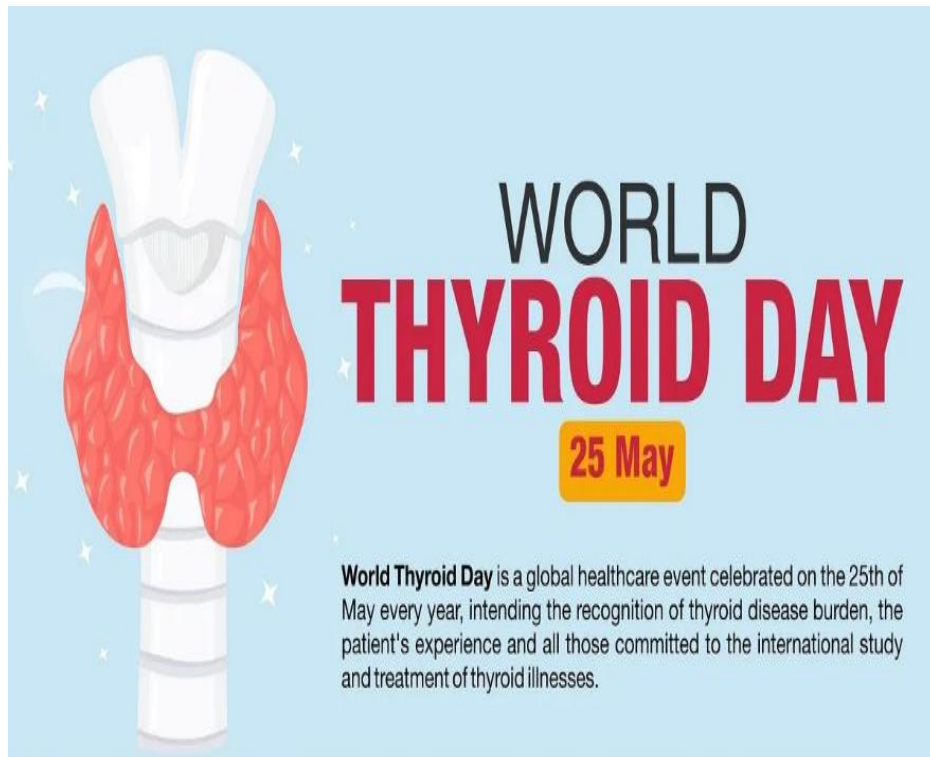


- ❖ They, who lost their lives serving under the UN flag last year, are among the 103 military, police, and civilian peacekeepers.
- ❖ The three Indians include Border Security Force personnel Head Constables Shishupal Singh and Sanwala Ram Vishnoi (congo), Shaber Taher Ali (Iraq).

IMPORTANT DAYS

World Thyroid Awareness Day 2023 - May 25

- ❖ It aims to educate people about the importance of maintaining a healthy thyroid gland and the impact of thyroid disorders on overall well-being.
- ❖ It was officially adopted during the Annual General Meeting preceding the European Thyroid Association (ETA) congress in September 2007.
- ❖ This date marks the anniversary of the ETA's foundation in 1965.



Menstrual Hygiene Day 2023 - May 28

- ❖ This day is emphasized on significance of excellent menstrual hygiene management.
- ❖ It was started by Germany-based NGO WASH United in 2013.

- ❖ It was observed for the first time on May 28, 2014.
- ❖ The theme of this year is 'Making menstruation a normal fact of life' by 2030.



World Hunger Day - May 28



- ❖ It aims to create awareness among the general public regarding hunger-related issues.

- ❖ The Hunger Project launches World Hunger Day as an initiative to end global hunger in 2011.
- ❖ The theme of this year is Celebrating sustainable solutions to Hunger and Poverty.

International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers - May 29

- ❖ This year marks the 75th Anniversary of the UN Peacekeepers Day.
- ❖ It was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2002.
- ❖ It aims to pay tribute to the men and women who serve in UN peacekeeping operations and to honour those who have lost their lives in the cause of peace.
- ❖ The theme of this year is 'Peace begins with me'.



MISCELLANEOUS

Tipu Sultan's Sword Auction

- ❖ Tipu Sultan's sword, the 18th century ruler of Mysuru, has been sold for 14 million pounds (\$17.4 million or ₹ 140 crore) at an auction in London.
- ❖ Tipu Sultan won fame in wars of the late 18th century.
- ❖ He fought against the Marathas on several occasions between 1775 and 1779.
- ❖ The sword was found in the private quarters of Tipu Sultan's palace.

- ❖ Tipu Sultan was given the nickname "Tiger of Mysore" for the ferocity with which he defended his kingdom.

MYSORE RULER'S TRUSTED SWORD

- Tipu's sword **sells for a record ₹143 cr at Bonhams**
- **The sword and a pair of pistols** were always within reach of Tipu while he slept
- **Hilt is inlaid in exquisitely executed gold calligraphy** with the qualities of God; on the blade is **inscribed The Sword of the Ruler**



“ The sword has an extraordinary history, an astonishing provenance and unrivalled craftsmanship. It was no surprise it was so hotly contested between two phone bidders and a bidder in the room

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