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TAMIL NADU

Umaru Pulavar birth anniversary celebrated

- ❖ The birth anniversary of Tamil poet Umaru Pulavar was celebrated as a government function for the first time at Ettayapuram in the Tuticorin district.
- ❖ Tamil poet Umaru Pulavar was well known for his literary work 'Seerapuranam.' His magnum opus, depicting the history of Prophet Mohammed in 5,027 verses, was considered to be one among the greatest works of Tamil poetry.

NATIONAL

Shri Dineshwar Sharma as representative of J&K talks

- ❖ The Union Government has appointed former Intelligence Bureau (IB) Chief Dineshwar Sharma as its Representative to initiate and carry forward sustained dialogue on Jammu and Kashmir with all stakeholders including separatists.
- ❖ He will hold the position of a Cabinet Secretary and on talks with separatists, the interlocutor will be free to decide on whom to talk.
- ❖ The sustained political dialogue will help in Confidence-Building Measures (CBM) between government, civil society and dissidents in Kashmir.
- ❖ Sharma has worked as the interlocutor for peace talks with Assam's insurgent groups, including the United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA) and worked as director of IB include from 2014 to 2016.

'No Need to Stand at Cinema to Prove Patriotism': Supreme Court

- ❖ 'No Need to Stand at Cinema to Prove Patriotism' says Supreme Court.
- ❖ The court said that "People do not need to stand up at a cinema hall to be perceived as patriotic," and added that it "cannot be assumed that if a person does not stand up for national anthem, then the person is less patriotic".
- ❖ "What is stopping you from amending the Flag Code? You can amend it and say where to play national anthem and where it can't be done" said Justice DY Chandrachud.



- ❖ The Fundamental Duties of citizens were added to the Constitution by the 42nd Amendment in 1976, upon the recommendations of the Swaran Singh Committee that was constituted by the government which says

“It shall be the duty of every citizen of India to abide by the Constitution and respect its ideals and institutions, the National Flag and the National Anthem”

- ❖ The playing of the national anthem fostered national unity in a vast and diverse country like India, and referred to the fundamental duties enshrined in the constitution. The attorney general also opposed recalling of the order by the top court.

INTERNATIONAL

Japan’s ruling coalition retains a supermajority in snap election

- ❖ Prime Minister Shinzo Abe secured a crucial victory in Japan’s parliamentary elections with his ruling bloc maintaining a supermajority that could allow it to push for a revision of the nation’s pacifist constitution.
- ❖ Abe and his allies have retained the two-thirds majorities in both houses of parliament that are required to call for constitutional amendments.
- ❖ Abe has long sought to revise Article 9, which renounces war, and remove the ambiguity surrounding Japan’s military, known as the Self-Defense - Forces.
- ❖ If Abe serves out a complete four-year term, he will remain at the helm during the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games and become Japan’s longest-serving prime minister.

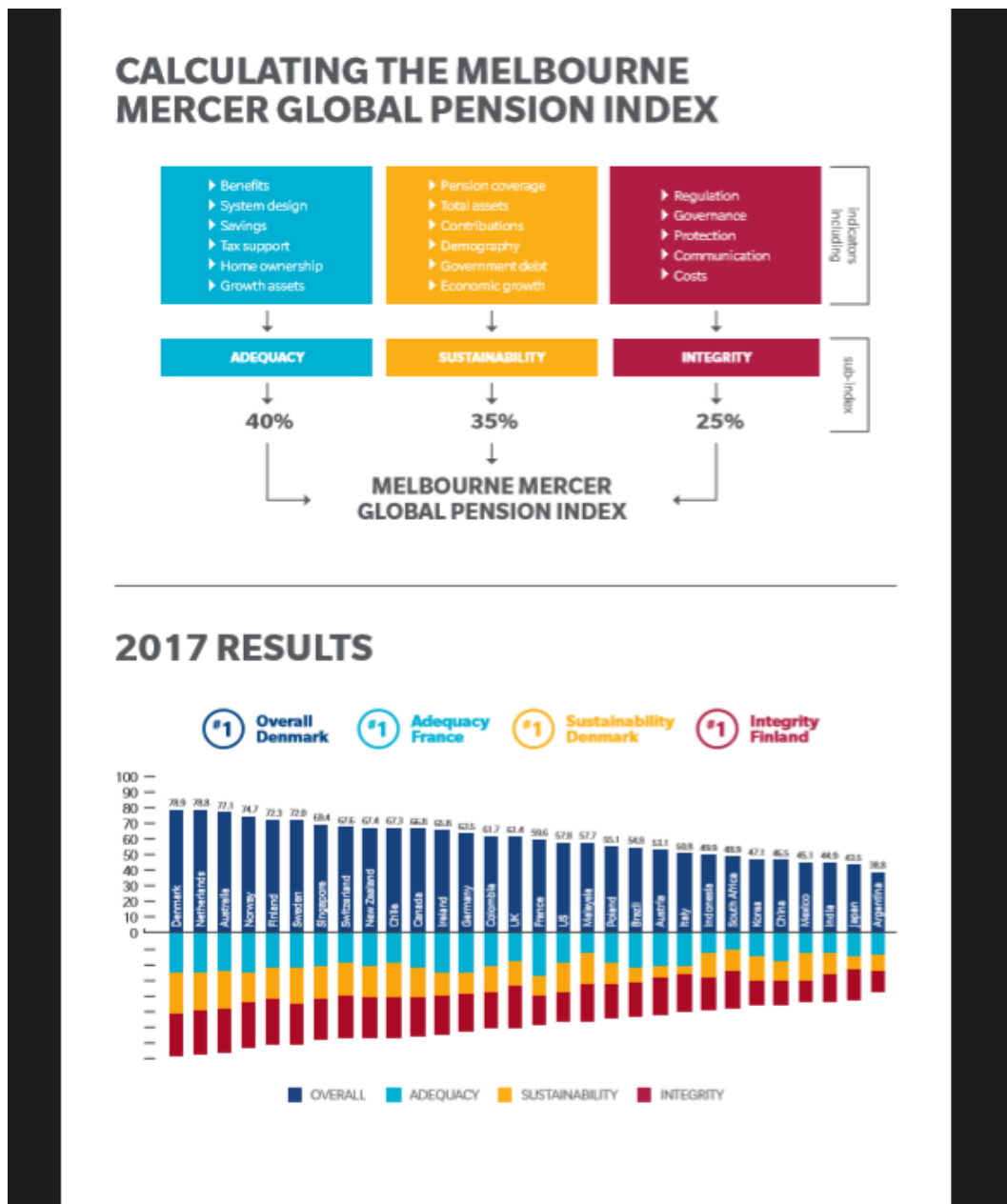
WHO cancels Robert Mugabe goodwill ambassador role

- ❖ The World Health Organization has revoked the appointment of Zimbabwe's Robert Mugabe as a goodwill ambassador.
- ❖ Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, the Chief of World Health Organization (WHO), had announced the appointment earlier this week during a speech in Uruguay.
- ❖ Public health experts and key WHO donors like Britain, Canada and the United States swiftly denounced any prospective role for Mugabe, saying Zimbabwe's healthcare system has collapsed under his 37 years of authoritarian rule.

ECONOMY

Melbourne Mercer Global Pension Index 2017

- ❖ India has been ranked 28 out of the 30 countries under review in the Melbourne Mercer Global Pension Index 2017, which was topped by Denmark for the sixth straight year.
- ❖ India's overall index value increased from 43.4 in 2016 to 44.9 in 2017 and its pension system is found more sustainable than Poland, Germany, France, Japan, Italy, Austria, Brazil, China and Argentina.



- ❖ The Melbourne Mercer Global Pension Index (MMGPI) compares retirement income systems around the world based on their,



- ✓ Adequacy
 - ✓ Sustainability
 - ✓ Integrity
- ❖ The Index objectively assesses the retirement income systems of 27 countries across the Americas, Europe and Asia-Pacific Includes Colombia, New Zealand and Norway as 2017 additions.

SPORTS

Denmark Open Super Series Premier 2017

- ❖ Indian Badminton Player Kidambi Srikanth, won Denmark Open Super Series Premier 2017 by defeating South Korea's Lee Hyun II. This is his third super series title for the year. He had previously won Singapore Super Series 2017(Second Place) and Indonesia Super Series 2017(Premier).

IMPORTANT DAYS

United Nations Day

- ❖ The United Nations is an international organization founded in 1945 after the World War II.
- ❖ Its charter was signed in San Francisco on June 26, 1945 and came into existence on October 24, 1945 after 51 countries have signed the charter.
- ❖ With the ratification of the founding document by the majority of its signatories, including the five permanent members of the Security Council, the United Nations officially came into being.
- ❖ UN Day marks the anniversary of the entry into force in 1945 of the UN Charter.
- ❖ Since 1948, 24th October has been celebrated as United Nations Day.
- ❖ It is headquartered in New York.
- ❖ It has 193 members and latest member joined was South Sudan.
- ❖ The Official Languages are Arabic, English, French, Chinese, Spanish, and Russian.
- ❖ The organs of UN are General Assembly, Security Council, Economic and Social Council, International court of Justice and Secretariat.
