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TAMIL NADU

- Tamil Nadu's gross state domestic product (GSDP) - grew at 8.19% for the year 2022-23 as against India's GDP growth rate of 7.24% during the same period.
- ✓ This was announced by State minister for finance and human resources management Thangam Thennarasu on August 28.

TN ECONOMY AT A GLANCE

➤ The growth rate of TN GSDP was 7.92% and 8.19% in 2021-22 and 2022-23

➤ The growth rate of Indian GDP during the two years was 9.05% and 7.24%

➤ Indian economy had a negative growth during Covid-19 and registered higher growth post-Covid in 2021-22, while TN

remained positive, but had a de-growth

➤ Inflation index values for Tamil Nadu were 7.92 and 5.97, while all-India values were 9.31 and 8.82 during 2021-22 and 2022-23
Per capita income of TN in 2021-22 and 2022-23 was ₹1.55 lakh and ₹1.67 lakh, while for India it was ₹92,583 and ₹98,374

- ✓ However, India's GDP growth rate was higher at 9.05% in the year 2021-22 during Covid-19 pandemic as against Tamil Nadu's GSDP growth of 7.92% during the same period.
- ✓ The growth rates of Tamil Nadu economy in real terms were fluctuating in the pre-Covid years since 2011-12 with the average growth of Tamil Nadu 5.80%, which has increased to 8% in the post-Covid years
- ✓ According to the Minister, Tamil Nadu's GSDP stood at Rs. 20.71 lakh crore in 2021-22, and it increased to Rs. 23.65 lakh crore in 2022-23 at current prices, while it is Rs. 13.43 lakh crore and Rs. 14.53 lakh crore in 2021-22 and 2022-23 respectively at constant prices.
- ✓ The proportion of GSDP of Tamil Nadu to GDP of India in 2021-22 and 2022-23 are 8.82% and 8.68% at current prices and 9.00% and 9.08% at constant prices.

- ✓ Tamil Nadu ranked 2nd in terms of GSDP at current prices and 3rd in terms of GSDP at constant prices in 2021-22.
 - ✓ In 2022-23 relative ranks could not be estimated as GSDP of most other states have not been released.
- ✓ In Tamil Nadu, the inflation index values for 2021-22 and 2022-23 are respectively at 7.92 and 5.97, while the corresponding inflation index values for all India during these two years are 9.31 and 8.82.
- ✓ Meanwhile, the per capita income of Tamil Nadu in 2021-22 was Rs. 1.55 lakh per annum and it increased to Rs. 1.67 lakh per annum.
 - ✓ This was 1.67 times and 1.69 times when compared to per capita income of India at Rs. 92,583 in 2021-22 and was Rs. 98,374 in 2022-23 at constant prices.
- ✓ While the primary sector contributed 12.18% and 11.73% to the GSDP in 2021-22 and 2022-23 respectively, the secondary sector contributed 36.88% and 37.36% respectively to the GSDP in those two years.
- **Chief minister M K Stalin - has announced a financial aid of Rs 3 crore to the State Official Language (Legislative) Commission (SOLLC) to translate the Madras high court verdicts in Tamil.**
 - ✓ According to the Chief Minister, making Tamil as the court language was the dream of former chief minister M Karunanidhi.
 - ✓ To realise his dreams on the occasion of his birth centenary and also to take the high court verdicts to all sections of people, the state government decided to translate the Madras high court's judgments in Tamil, said the CM.
 - ✓ According to the CM, the move is aimed at benefiting not just the public but also the lawyers, is a step toward making Tamil as the court language.
 - ✓ Tamil Nadu, which has been following the two-language policy since 1968, has been encouraging Tamil in all departments.
 - ✓ SOLLC, along with the Tamil wing of the legal department, is already involved in translating the Union laws, ordinances, rules and announcements in Tamil.
- **Global logistics giant UPS (United Parcel Service) - inaugurated its first global technology centre in Chennai.**
 - ✓ Chief minister M K Stalin inaugurated UPS's first technology centre at RMZ One Paramount in Porur
 - ✓ State industries minister TRB Rajaa and officials from UPS and state industries department took part in the event
 - ✓ UPS announced earlier it is investing around \$15-\$20 million in India to strengthen its existing technology teams and the new Chennai centre is a part of this investment.
 - ✓ The new facility is spread over 51,000 sq ft in RMZ One Paramount at Porur



- ✓ The centre commences operations with a team of around 100, who will work with UPS' technology teams in the US and Europe to work on new-age technologies powering the operations of UPS.
- ✓ The company intends to scale this Chennai team and plans to hire around 300 by the end of this year, and up to 1,000 people by 2025.
- ✓ UPS has also partnered with the TN government on its 'Naan Mudhalvan' skilling program and handed over internship letters to five students as part of the tie-up, during the event.
- ✓ Globally, UPS has over 9,300 technology employees.

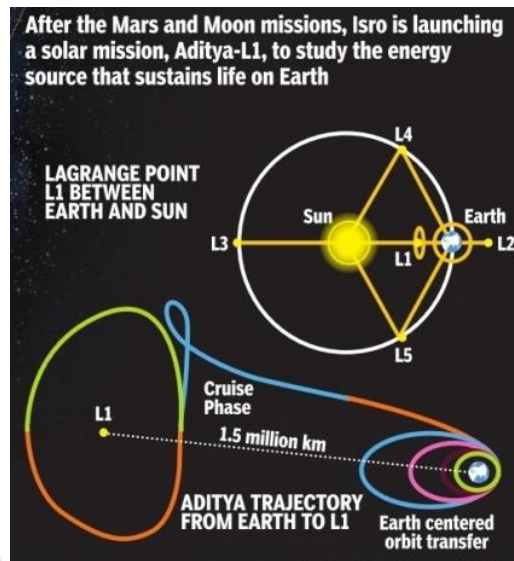
STATES

- **Haryana - will reserve 20% of all promotions in groups A and B across state government departments for Scheduled Caste employees**
- ✓ This was announced by chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar in the assembly on August 28
- ✓ The decision is part of a strategy aimed at enhancing promotion opportunities for all reserved categories in the higher echelons of government.
- ✓ The government will create a roster to implement the new reservation policy in promotions after notifying it within a week.
- ✓ Reservation in promotions had been previously limited to posts in groups C and D.

NATIONAL

- **The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) - is set to launch its first-ever space-based solar observatory, Aditya-L1, on September 2.**
- ✓ The spacecraft will lift off at 11:50 Hrs. IST from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota.
- ✓ Aditya-L1 spacecraft is designed for providing remote observations of the solar corona and in-situ observations of the solar wind at L1 (Sun-Earth Lagrangian point), which is about 1.5 million kilometres from the Earth.

- ✓ The spacecraft will be placed in a halo orbit around the Lagrange point 1 (L1) of the Sun-Earth system, thereby allowing continuous observation of the Sun without any eclipses or occultations.
 - ✓ A Lagrange Point is a spot in space where the force of gravity of the nearest celestial entities cancel each other out, helping an object remain in equilibrium.
 - ✓ There are five Lagrange points which are denoted as L1, L2, L3, L4 and L5



- ✓ This distance is nearly four times that travelled by the Chandrayaan missions, but just 1% of the 150 million km between the Earth and the Sun.
- ✓ The Aditya-L1 mission will see the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) C-57 rocket carry the 1,475-kg spacecraft to an elliptical orbit around the Earth.
- ✓ The spacecraft, which will carry seven scientific payloads, is more than two times lighter than the one to the Moon.
 - ✓ These seven payloads would observe the photosphere, chromosphere and the outermost layers of the Sun, the corona, in different wavebands.
 - ✓ Four of these payloads will directly view the Sun, while the remaining three will carry out in-situ studies of particles and fields at the L1 point.
 - ✓ Visible Emission Line Coronagraph (VELC), Solar Ultraviolet Imaging Telescope (SUIT), Solar Low Energy X-ray Spectrometer (SoLEXS), High Energy L1 Orbiting X-ray Spectrometer (HEL1OS) are the remote sensing payloads
 - ✓ Aditya Solar wind Particle Experiment (ASPEX), Plasma Analyser Package For Aditya (PAPA), Advanced Tri-axial High Resolution Digital Magnetometers are in-situ payloads
 - ✓ These payloads would study coronal heating and solar wind acceleration, initiation of coronal mass ejection, flares and near-earth space weather, coupling and dynamics of the solar atmosphere, solar wind distribution and temperature anisotropy

- ✓ The Aditya-L1 mission will be the first dedicated Indian space mission for observations of the Sun.
- ✓ The mission to study the Sun will be the country's fifth biggest mission after the Mangalyaan programme and the three Chandrayaan missions (1,2 and 3).
- **President Draupadi Murmu - released a commemorative coin of Rs.100 denomination to mark the birth centenary of legendary actor and former chief minister of Andhra Pradesh, N T Ramarao**



- ✓ In an event held at the Rashtrapati Bhavan on August 28, President Murmu unveiled the special coin in the presence of NTR's family members.
- ✓ Former CM of Andhra Pradesh, N Chandrababu Naidu, thanked the Union government for the commemorative coin on NTR.
- ✓ The commemorative coin, minted at the government mint in Hyderabad, has been made with an amalgamation of 50% of aluminium, 40% copper, 5% nickel, and 5% zinc.
- ✓ It has a diameter of 44mm with NTR's picture, and the wording, Nandamuri Taraka Ramarao Satajayanti, engraved in Hindi on one side, and the lions emblem with Ashoka Chakra on the other side.

SUPREME COURT VERDICT

- **On August 28, the Supreme Court - said lawyers can solemnise 'suyamariyathai' (self-respect) marriages between two consenting Hindu adults and then issue marriage certificates under the amended Hindu Marriage Act in Tamil Nadu**
- ✓ The apex court order was delivered by a bench of Justices S Ravindra Bhat and Aravind Kumar
- ✓ It sets aside a recent Madras high court order which had held that the advocates cannot preside over such marriages in their offices
- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government, in 1968, had amended one of the provisions of the Act to legalise 'suyamariyathai' marriages

- ✓ These marriages radically simplify weddings by avoiding brahmin priests, holy fire and saptapadi (seven steps) and only declaring marriage in the presence of friends or relatives of the couple or other persons.
- ✓ The amendment was made with a view to avoid the need for the uppercaste priests and elaborate rituals to complete wedding ceremonies.
- ✓ These marriages too, however, needed to be registered as per law.

SPORTS

- **The Indian men's 4x400m relay team - finished fifth in their respective finals at the World Athletics Championships 2023 in Budapest, Hungary on August 27.**



- ✓ The team of Muhammed Anas Yahiya, Amob Jacob, Muhammed Ajmal and Rajesh Ramesh completed the race with the timing of 2:59.92.
 - ✓ USA (Quincy Hall, Vernon Norwood, Justin Robinson, and Rai Benjaminwon), won the gold medal in 2:57:31 seconds, while France (2:58.45) and Great Britain (2:58.71) won silver and bronze respectively.
 - ✓ A day earlier the Indian team had shattered the Asian record in the qualifying round, taking 2:59.05 seconds to complete the race.
 - ✓ The previous record was held by Japan, which was 2:59.51 seconds.
 - ✓ They also become the first Indian team to reach World Championship finals.
- **An Se Young and Kunlavut Vitidsarn - became the first women's and men's singles winners from South Korea and Thailand at the badminton world championships on August 27.**
 - ✓ World number one An Se-young beat former champion Carolina Marin in two straight sets in Copenhagen, Denmark
 - ✓ This was her eighth title from 11 finals in 12 tournaments this year.
 - ✓ Spain's Marin, the 2016 Olympic champion who is on the comeback trail after an anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) injury, was aiming to win her fourth world title
 - ✓ Kunlavut won the men's final by defeating Kodai Naraoka of Japan, a year after he lost in the 2022 final.



- ✓ In the semifinals, he defeated HS Prannoy, who knocked out No. 1 and defending champion Viktor Axelsen in the quarterfinals
- ✓ Earlier, Kunlavut became the first man to win three world junior titles in 2017, 2018 and 2019

