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The Hindu: Economy (GS3) (Page 1)

Direct tax kitty crosses 80% of 2023-24 target

Net collections touched ₹14.7 lakh crore by January 10, a growth of 19.4% over the corresponding period of 2022-23; provisional direct tax collections continue to register a 'steady growth'

- India's net direct tax collections touched ₹14.7 lakh crore by January 10, meeting over four-fifths of this year's target and reflecting a growth of 19.4% over the corresponding period of 2022-23.
- Direct tax is a type of tax where the incidence and impact of taxation fall on the same entity.
- In the case of direct tax, the burden can't be shifted by the taxpayer to someone else. These are largely taxes on income or wealth. Income tax, corporation tax, property tax, etc are examples of direct tax.

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- 'Gangireddu melam' is performed in Andhra Pradesh
- Bulls are colourfully decorated with flowers and garments during this tradition held as part of the Sankranthi festival.

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Mamata asks PM to officially list Bengali as 'classical language'

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West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee in a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday asked the Central government to officially list Bengali as a "classical language".

What are 'Classical' languages in India, and how are they classified?

- Currently, six languages enjoy the 'Classical' status:
 - Tamil, Sanskrit, Kannada , Telugu , Malayalam , and Odia .

declaration of a language as a Classical language is as under:-

- (i) High antiquity of its early texts/recorded history over a period of 1500-2000 years;
- (ii) A body of ancient literature/texts, which is considered a valuable heritage by generations of speakers;
- (iii) The literary tradition be original and not borrowed from another speech community;
- (iv) The classical language and literature being distinct from modern, there may also be a discontinuity between the classical language and its later forms or its offshoots.

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HC directive to Cochin Devaswom Board to ensure plastic-free Pooram celebration



- Celebrated in the Malayalam month of Medam (April-May), Thrissur Pooram signifies the symbolic meeting of 10 temples.
- The festival is confined to the temples of Devis and Sasthas.
- entire range of decorative items used to make-up the elephants taking part in the festival.

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Ranking cleanliness

The tables list the cleanest cities with more than 1 lakh population and the best-performing States, according to the Swachh Survekshan Awards. Indore bagged the tag of India's cleanest city for the seventh consecutive time

Cleanest cities with >1 lakh population		States ranking	
Rank	City	Rank	State
1	Indore	1	Maharashtra
1	Surat	2	M.P.
3	Navi Mumbai	3	Chhattisgarh
4	Greater Visakhapatnam	4	Odisha
5	Bhopal	5	Telangana



- Surat in Gujarat and Indore in Madhya Pradesh were on Thursday jointly declared the cleanest cities of India at the annual clean city awards for 2023 of the Union Urban Affairs Ministry. The next best is Navi Mumbai.
- The Swachh Survekshan awards were given away by President Droupadi Murmu here.
 - The list of top 10 cleanest cities with a population of more than one lakh includes Greater Visakhapatnam, Bhopal, Vijayawada, New Delhi, Tirupati, Greater Hyderabad and Pune.
 - The theme of the cleanliness survey 2023 was “Waste to wealth”, while for 2024, it is “Reduce, reuse and recycle”.

Swachh Survekshan, conducted by MoHUA since 2016, is the world's largest urban sanitation and cleanliness survey. It has been instrumental in fostering a spirit of healthy competition among towns and cities to improve their service delivery to citizens and towards creating cleaner cities.

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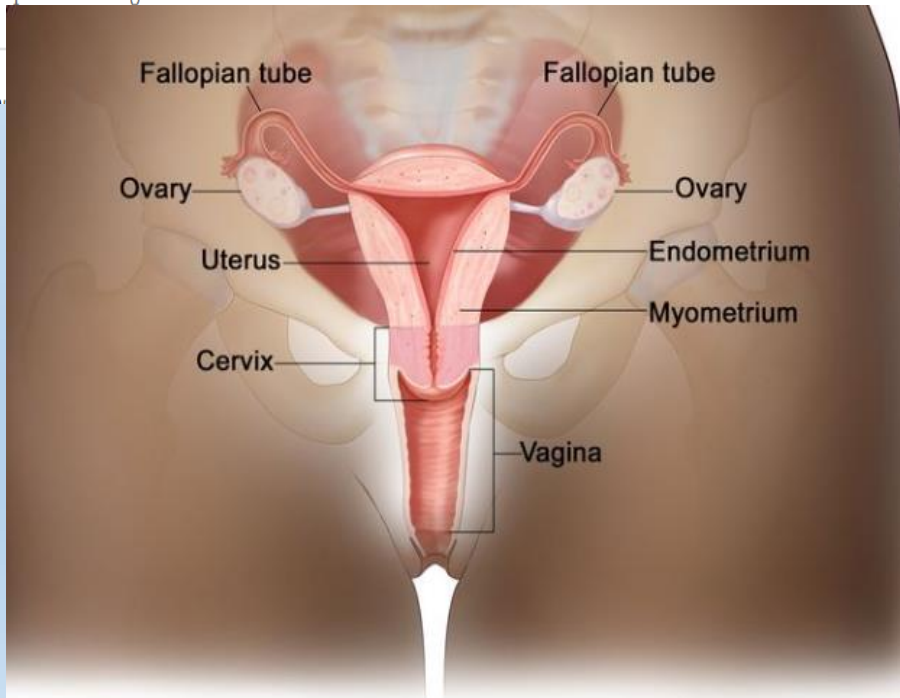
- Orienspace's Gravity-1, which is the most powerful rocket developed by a Chinese private company, takes off from a ship off the coast of Haiyang near Shandong province .
- The rocket can send a payload of up to 6,500 kg into the low earth orbit.

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Indian Express: Health (GSII)-Page 1

Centre set to roll out vaccine drive to fight cervical cancer

Besides cervical cancer, the vaccine also offers protection against the HPV strains that cause cancer of the anus, vagina and oropharynx. Additionally, it also protects against the HPV strains that are responsible for genital warts.



- Cervical cancer develops in a woman's cervix (the entrance to the uterus from the vagina).
- Cervical cancer is the fourth most common cancer in women
- The highest rates of cervical cancer incidence and mortality are in low- and middle-income countries. Cervical cancer is caused by persistent infection with the human papillomavirus (HPV). Women living with HIV are 6 times more likely to develop cervical cancer compared to women without HIV.
- INDIA ACCOUNTS for about a fifth of the world's cervical cancer cases. With about 1.25 lakh new cases and 75,000 deaths each year, cervical cancer is the second most common cancer among women in India, after breast cancer.

PM NARENDRA MODI TO INAUGURATE ATAL SETU THAT LINKS MUMBAI AND NAVI MUMBAI

India's longest sea bridge opens today

SWEETY ADIMULAM
MUMBAI, JANUARY 11

MORE THAN seven years after laying its foundation, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the 22-km Mumbai Trans Harbour Link (MTHL), the country's longest sea bridge, during his day-long visit to Maharashtra on Friday.

Formally named 'Atal Bihari Vajpayee Sewari-Nhava Sheva Atal Setu', the bridge connects Sewri in Mumbai to Chirle in the state's mainland district of Raigad at Navi Mumbai and is expected to cut travel time by around 45 minutes. Modi's cavalcade is set to take this route to reach Panvel where he is scheduled to address a rally.

The two-carriageway, six-lane bridge – comprising a 16.5-km long sea link and 5.5 km land viaducts on the approach at both ends – was constructed at a cost of over Rs 21,200 crore, including a loan of Rs 15,100 crore from



The Mumbai Trans Harbour Link, or Atal Setu, ahead of the opening. Amit Chakravarty

17 Eiffel Towers.

Commuters using the bridge will have to pay Rs 250 toll per car, imposed by the Maharashtra government, for a one-way trip.

The Atal Setu aims to improve connectivity in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region, which comprises districts such as Mumbai

access to both Mumbai International Airport and Navi Mumbai International Airport, besides enhancing connectivity between Mumbai Port and Jawaharlal Nehru Port. Furthermore, it is also expected to substantially reduce travel time from Mumbai to Alibaba

Procurement Contract (EPC) basis. While PM Modi laid the foundation stone of the project in December 2016, work commenced in 2018.

The most arduous part of the project was the construction of the segments that lie in the marine portion, where engineers

close to sensitive establishments like ONGC, JNPT and BARC made the construction of these segments more difficult, with engineers having to take care they do not damage any underwater installations such as pipelines or communication cables.

While MMRDA and the project's contractors sourced engineers and experts from across the globe, most of the labourers hired were from states such as Bihar, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Maharashtra.

On an average, 5,403 individuals worked daily on the four packages of the project. According to reports submitted by the MMRDA, seven labourers were killed in six accidents during the project.

Meanwhile, during his visit to Mumbai, PM Modi will also be undertaking the Bhoomipujan (ground breaking ceremony) of projects like the Orange Gate-Marine Drive underground tunnel. He will also flag off the second phase of the

- Atal Setu has been constructed at a total cost of more than Rs 17,840 crore.
- It is about 21.8 km long 6-lane bridge having about 16.5 km length over sea and about 5.5 km on the land. It is the longest bridge in India and also the longest sea bridge in India.
- It will provide faster connectivity to Mumbai International Airport and Navi Mumbai International Airport and will also reduce the travel time from Mumbai to Pune, Goa and South India.
- It will also improve connectivity between Mumbai Port & Jawaharlal Nehru Port.

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Department of Space



ISRO presented with "Indian of the Year Award" for the year 2023 in the category 'Outstanding Achievement'

The award recognised the remarkable contribution made by ISRO in pushing the boundaries of space exploration

When PM Modi talks of Amritkaal and India's ascent to that pedestal, that ascent has already begun via Space technology: Dr Jitendra Singh

"Three successive success stories, which I would say is a trilogy of ISRO's success, they are first of their kind in one way or the other": Dr Jitendra Singh

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- The award, instituted by a national TV channel, was received by ISRO Chairman S. Somnath and Project Director of Chandrayaan 3, Dr P.Veeramuthuvel, at a glittering ceremony in New Delhi.
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Ministry of Communications



India Post Payments Bank enter into MoU with Hindustan Zinc to offer financial inclusion services to its CSR beneficiaries

- India Post Payments Bank & Hindustan Zinc sign an MoU to foster economic growth and bring financial inclusion in the lives of rural community beneficiaries under CSR program.
- The collaboration will bridge the gap and ensure financial assistance for 3.5 Lakhs + beneficiaries covering SHG women, farmers, & youth thus ensuring easy access to opening bank accounts, access to pension products, long-term savings, and investment schemes, etc.

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About India Post Payments Bank

- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has been established under the Department of Posts, Ministry of Communication with 100% equity owned by Government of India.
- The IPPB was launched on September 1, 2018.
- The bank has been set up with the vision to build the most accessible, affordable and trusted bank for the common man in India.
- The fundamental mandate of India Post Payments Bank is to remove barriers for the unbanked & underbanked and reach the last mile leveraging the Postal network comprising ~1,65,000 Post Offices (~140,000 in rural areas) and ~3,00,000 Postal employees.