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## 1. According to RBI , Tamil Nadu tops the market borrowing for the third year in a row



Tamil Nadu has emerged as the top market borrowing state for the third consecutive year, according to Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data. Tamil Nadu's gross borrowing through State Development Loans (SDLs) during the April-February period of FY 2023 Market borrowings stood at Rs 68,000 crore. Tamil Nadu, plans to raise a debt of ₹1,43,197.93 crore during 2023-24 and also proposes to repay ₹51,331.79 crore, taking the net debt to ₹91,866.14 crore. The fiscal deficit is estimated at 3.25% of GSDP as per the budget estimates for 2023-24. Before the pandemic, the average Gross Fiscal Deficit to Gross Domestic Product (GFD-GDP) ratio of states was modest at 2.5% during 2011-12 to 2019-20, well below the Fiscal Responsibility Legislation (FRL) cap of 3%.

## 2. Santiago Peña of the right-wing Colorado party wins Paraguay's presidential election



44-year-old conservative leader Santiago Peña has won the presidential election in Paraguay. Santiago is an economist. With Peña's victory, it has been decided that the right-wing Colorado party will once again form a government in Paraguay. Santiago Peña won 43 percent of the total 99 percent of the vote in Paraguay. During the election campaign, Peña made big promises such as creating jobs, reducing energy prices and ending the

drug trade. That Paraguay's relations with America could be bad. In fact, Peña is close to former Paraguayan President Horacio Cartes. Cartes is the president of Paraguay's ruling Colorado Party. Paraguay has been under the dictatorship of General Alfredo Stroessner, but since then Paraguay's power has been held by the Colorado Party.

## 3. Debdutt Chand became the new Managing Director of Bank of Baroda



Debdutt Chand has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of Bank of Baroda (BoB). Chand is currently serving as the Executive Director of the bank. The appointment comes after the tenure extension of previous MD Sanjiv Chadha was extended by the government for an additional five months till June 30, 2021. The appointment notification was issued after approval from the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. In January this year, the Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB), which is responsible for recruiting directors for state-owned banks and financial institutions, awarded him a B.Tech degree from the Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology and Indian Social Welfare and Business Management. He has done MBA in Finance from the institute.

## 4. Ding Liren becomes China's first world chess champion



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Ding Liren has become the 17th World Chess Champion by defeating Ian Nepomniachtchi of Russia. Ding defeated Nepo in the last of four rapid tiebreaks. Ding replaced Magnus Carlsen of Norway as the winner of the World Chess Championship after he and Nepomniachtchi finished with seven points each after 14 games in the first leg played in the Kazakhstan capital Astana. Each had three wins, while the other eight ended in draws. For the tie-break phase of the match, in Astana itself, the contenders had only 25 minutes to make their moves, with an additional 10 seconds for each move. The 30-year-old took advantage of his opponent's mistakes to win the rapid chess playoff by 2.5 points to 1.5.

## 5. Uttar Pradesh honored with 'HUDCO Award' for 'Swachh Virasat Abhiyan'



Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) Uttar Pradesh has been awarded the country's prestigious HUDCO Award (2022-2023). This national level award was given by the Central Housing and Urban Development Corporation Limited. Manoj Joshi, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India presented the award to Neha Sharma, State Mission Director. UP has been given this award for cleanliness in the Best Practices to Improve the Living Environment 2022-23 category. An amount of one lakh rupees was also given in this. A team also inspected several places including Imambara, Residency in Lucknow on 3rd April. After this the award was given.

## 6. King Charles III honored British Sanskrit scholar Dr. M.N. Britain's Honorary MBE conferred on Nandakumar



Renowned Sanskrit scholar and Executive Director of the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Center in London, Dr MN Nandakumar has been awarded an Honorary MBE by King Charles III for his contribution to Indian classical arts in the UK. The UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) has confirmed the award. He has hosted Prince Charles on several occasions at the centre, which promotes Indian culture. Recently, the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office confirmed that he will be awarded an Honorary MBE by King Charles III for his contribution to the promotion of Indian classical arts in the UK. He joined the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) in London as a Sanskrit teacher while completing his PhD, and has been its executive director since 1995.

## 7. Book titled 'Collective Spirit, Concrete Action' authored by former Prasar Bharati CEO Shashi Shekhar Vempati launched



In the 100th episode of 'Mann Ki Baat', a book titled 'Collective Spirit, Concrete Action' written by Shashi Shekhar Vempati, former CEO of Prasar Bharati (2017-2022) was released. According to the author, 'Mann Ki Baat' is a combination of the power of radio and the vision of a nation's leader. Over the course of 15 chapters, this book also presents perspectives from grassroots change leaders and brilliant personalities. 'Collective Spirit, Concrete Action' is a literary journey

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that not only documents one of the most popular radio programs 'Mann Ki Baat' but also depicts a dynamic discourse that runs through India's present, lessons from its past and shapes its future. Literary piece demonstrates potential for community-driven social change

## 8. Japanese table tennis star Kasumi Ishikawa announces her retirement



Japanese table tennis star Kasumi Ishikawa announced her retirement. Ishikawa won women's team medals at three consecutive Olympic Games for three years, while she has also won five national women's singles championships. She then went on to help Japan win the women's bronze medal at Rio 2016 and again at Tokyo 2020. Helped her win the silver medal when she was just three years old and started her professional career at the age of 15. Ishikawa is considered one of the best women's table tennis players in the world. He has won many international titles, including the World Table Tennis Championships and the gold medal at the Asian Games. He expressed great gratitude to his Chinese coaches and fans, I have met many Chinese coaches since high school. I also learned Chinese culture and language from him.

### ONE LINER

Which minister has launched ' Bajra Experience Center ' at Dilli Haat ? - **Narendra Singh Tomar**

Who has been appointed as the Managing Director and CEO of Bank of India ? - **Rajneesh Karnataka**

Who has been elected as the new President of Paraguay - **Santiago Peña**

NPCI International Payments has signed an MoU with - **PPRO**

Which ministry has recently canceled the Foreign Contribution Registration Act ( FCRA ) license - **Ministry of Home Affairs**

Which country has become the largest supplier of refined fuel in Europe leaving behind Saudi Arabia - **India**

Which airways has recently introduced the world 's first robotic check in assistance - **Emirates Airways**

The Indian Army has tied up with which university to impart Chinese language training to military personnel ? - **Tezpur University**

Who became the Indian who recently completed the prestigious ' Golden Globe Race ' - **Abhilash Tommy**

### QUIZ

1. Who has won the Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2023 ?

- (A) Valtteri Bottas
- (B) Lewis Hamilton
- (C) Max Verstappen
- (D) Sergio Perez

EXPLANATION -: Sergio Perez of Red Bull won the Azerbaijan Grand Prix in the fourth round of the 2023 Formula 1 World Championship in Baku . Sergio Pérez fortunately took advantage of a timely safety car to beat teammate Max Verstappen to win the Azerbaijan Grand Prix . Verstappen started second behind Ferrari's Charles Leclerc, but overtook him on the start straight at the end of lap 3,

2. Which state has topped the list of states with highest market borrowings for the third year in a row as per RBI data?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Punjab
- (d) Kerala

EXPLANATION - : Tamil Nadu tops market borrowing for third consecutive year , RBI data reveals Tamil Nadu has emerged as the top market borrowing state for the third consecutive year , according to Reserve Bank of India ( RBI ) data .

3. Who has been elected as the new Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission and Secretary of the Department of Atomic Energy ?

- (a) Ajit Kumar Mohanty
- (b) Ratan Tata
- (c) General Manoj Pandey
- (d) N. Chandrasekaran

EXPLANATION - : Ajit Kumar Mohanty , who is a renowned physicist and also serves as the director of

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the Bhabha Atomic Research Center ( BARC ) , has been selected as the new chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission and secretary of the Department of Atomic Energy . .

**4. Rajneesh Karnataka has been appointed Managing Director ( MD ) of which bank ?**

- (a) State Bank of India ( SBI )
- (b) Bank of India (BOI)
- (c) HDFC Bank
- (d) ICICI Bank

**EXPLANATION -:** Rajneesh Karnataka appointed as Managing Director and Executive Director ( CEO ) of Bank of India Rajneesh Karnataka has been selected by the country 's government as the Managing Director ( MD ) of Bank of India ( BOI ) . He is the MD of Bank of India and Will serve for a period of three years from the day he assumes charge as CEO or until further instructions .

**5. Which company has overtaken IT major Infosys to become the sixth most valuable company on the stock exchanges in India ?**

- (a) TCS
- (b) ITC
- (c) Infosys
- (d) Wipro

**EXPLANATION -:** ITC, one of India's largest FMCG conglomerates, has overtaken IT major Infosys to become the country's sixth most valuable company on the stock exchanges. With a market capitalization of Rs 5.11 lakh crore, ITC overtook Infosys after overtaking HDFC Ltd.

**6. Which country proposed the International Millet Year 2023 ?**

- (a) United States of America
- (b) India
- (c) China
- (d) Brazil

**EXPLANATION -:** India proposed to the United Nations to declare 2023 as the International Year . India 's proposal received the support of 72 countries and the United Nations General Assembly ( UNGA ) declared 2023 as the International Year of Millet .

**7. Who won the 2023 Paraguay presidential election ?**

- (a) Efrain Alegre
- (b) Santiago Pena
- (c) Horacio Cartes

(d) Mario Abdo Benitez

**EXPLANATION - :** Paraguay 's ruling candidate Santiago Peña won a landslide victory in the country 's presidential election on ( local time ) , consolidating the political hold of the conservative Colorado party in the country and allaying fears about the end of diplomatic ties with Taiwan . Did.

**8. Recently, what has been discovered by the scientists of 'NASA' space agency from moon dust?**

- (A) Nitrogen
- (B) carbon dioxide
- (C) Oxygen
- (D) methane

**EXPLANATION -:** The American space agency NASA is preparing to send astronauts to the moon through its Artemis mission. Through this mission, the real objective of NASA is to maintain its long-term presence on the surface of the Moon. To keep this objective a reality, the most important thing is the creation of oxygen .