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Samudra Shakti

- It is a bilateral naval exercise between India and Indonesia.
- It is being held in Visakhapatnam.
- INS Kamorta, an Anti-Submarine Warfare Corvette participates in the exercise from Indian Side.
- The joint exercises include manoeuvres, Surface Warfare exercises, Air Defence exercises, Weapon firing drills, Helicopter Operations and Boarding Operations.

Financial Stability and Development Council

- The 21st Meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) was held recently.
- FSDC was established in 2010 with Union Finance Minister as its Chairman.
- Its members include
 - i. The heads of financial sector regulators (RBI, SEBI, PFRDA, and IRDA)
 - ii. Finance Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs
 - iii. Secretary, Department of Financial Services
 - iv. Chief Economic Adviser
 - v. Chairman of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board
- FSDC has two core functions:
 - i. to perform as an apex level forum to strengthen and institutionalize the mechanism for maintaining financial stability
 - ii. to enhance inter-regulatory coordination and promote financial sector development in the country
- It focusses on financial literacy and financial inclusion.
- It monitors macro-prudential supervision of the economy and also assess the functioning of the large financial conglomerates.
- FSDC sub-committee is chaired by the Governor of RBI.

India Justice Report 2019

- The report was recently released by Tata Trusts.
- It is based on the four pillars of justice delivery such as police, judiciary,

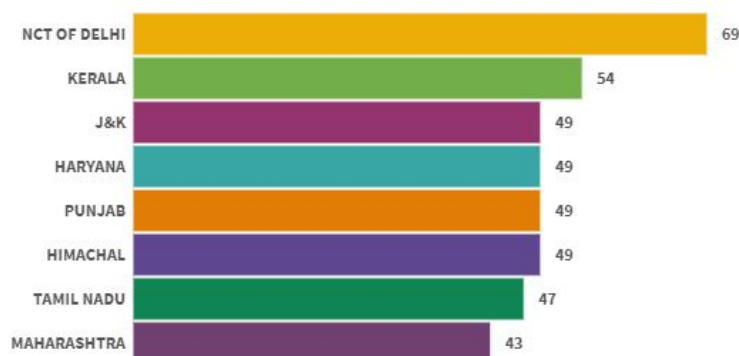
prisons and legal aid.

- It collects data from publicly available data of different government entities.
- It covered the themes like infrastructure, human resources, diversity (gender, SC/ST/OBC), budgets, workload and trends over the last 5 years.
- Centre for Social Justice, Common Cause, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, DAKSH, TISS- Prayas and Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy are other partners.
- **Key findings** - The country has about 18,200 judges with about 23% sanctioned posts vacant.
- Maharashtra has topped the list of states in delivering justice to people followed by Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Punjab and Haryana.
- Among the small states, Goa has topped the list followed by Sikkim and Himachal Pradesh.
- Smaller States are the ones where population is less than 1 crore each.

India Internet 2019

- Internet And Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) released the report “India Internet 2019”.
- Internet penetration is defined as number of individuals aged above 12 per 100 population who accessed the Internet during a particular period.
- According to the report, Internet penetration rate is highest in Delhi NCR (69%) followed by Kerala (54%).
- The lowest penetration rate was in Odisha (25), Jharkhand (26) and Bihar (28).
- It also notes that Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Delhi have the highest proportion of female Internet users.

Internet penetration, 2019



- In terms of Internet subscriptions per 100 population, Delhi, Punjab and Himachal Pradesh and Kerala topped the list.
- The lowest subscriptions are from Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.
- Kerala is among States with a huge gap between the number of rural and

urban Internet connections. This is also the case in Delhi and Himachal Pradesh.

TABLE 1: GVA growth by sectors under the Base case scenario

GVA growth by sectors under the Base case scenario	Year on year Growth in 2019-20 (in %)	Year on year Growth in 2020-21 (in %)
Agriculture	2	2
Industry	1	-27
Services	6	-8
Total	4	-13

Source: NCAER and NIPFP

Feni River

- River Feni is a transboundary river, originated in the State of Tripura and passes through sabroom town and finally enters South Eastern border of Bangladesh.
- Muhuri is the tributary of Feni, which originates from Tripura and combines with Feni near to the region of Bay of Bengal in Bangladesh.
- Muhuri is also called as Little Feni.
- Union Cabinet has recently given ex-post facto approval for the MoU between India and Bangladesh regarding Feni River.
- It allows for withdrawal of 1.82 cusec of water from Feni River by India for drinking water supply scheme for Sabroom town Tripura.

Source: PIB, The Hindu

