

Tamil Nadu's 'Kanniyakumari Clove' gets GI Tag



- The unique clove spice grown in the hills of Kanyakumari district in Tamil Nadu has been awarded a geographical indication (GI) as 'Kanyakumari clove'.
- In India, the total production of cloves is 1,100 metric tons and of this, 1,000 metric tons is produced in Tamil Nadu every year while 750 metric tons of cloves are produced in the Kanyakumari district alone.
- Apart from this, the traditional dye-painted figurative and patterned cloth called Karuppur kalamkari paintings and the wood carvings of Kallakurichi from Tamil Nadu have also received GI tags.

UNDP Releases 2021 Multidimensional Poverty Index Report



- The 2021 Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) Report was jointly released by UNDP and the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI).
- The report provides estimates on multidimensional poverty across 109 developing countries (with data from surveys ranging 2009-2019/2020); These include 26 low-income countries, 80 middle-income countries and 3 high-income countries.
- The index measures each person's deprivations across 10 indicators divided into three equally weighted dimensions.
- The finding is based across 109 countries and 5.9 billion people. of this, 1.3 billion people are multidimensionally poor (or 21.7%)

- About half (644 million) are children under age 18.
- About 8.2 per cent (105 million) are age 60 or older.
- Nearly 85 per cent live in Sub-Saharan Africa (556 million) or South Asia (532 million).
- 84 per cent (1.1 billion) live in rural areas, and 16 per cent (about 209 million) live in urban areas.
- More than 67 per cent live in middle-income countries.
- In India, five out of six multidimensionally poor people were from lower tribes or castes.

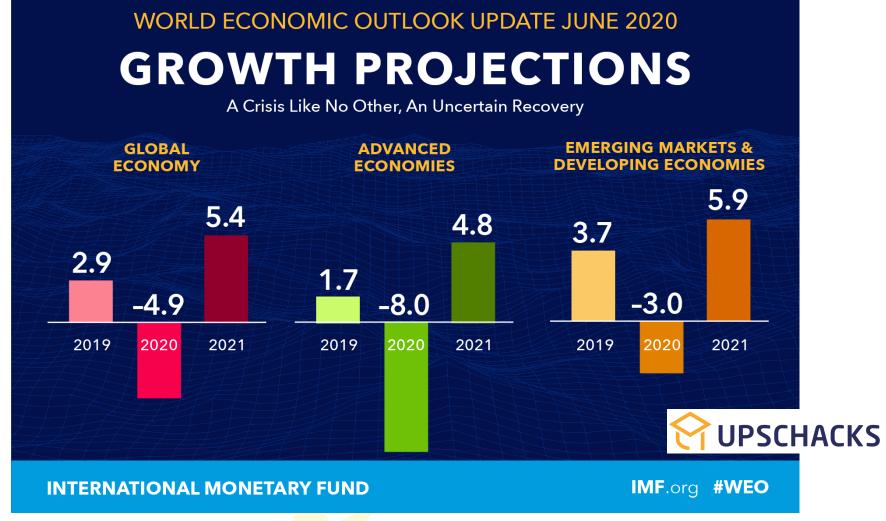


TATARSTAN



- An L-410 plane crashed near a city in Tatarstan region , killing 16 people and injuring seven.
- The Republic of Tatarstan, or simply Tatarstan, is a republic of Russia located in Eastern Europe.
- It is a part of the Volga Federal District; and its capital and largest city is Kazan, one of the most important cultural centres of Russia.
- It lies between the Volga River and the Kama River (a tributary of the Volga), and extends east to the Ural mountains.

What are region-wise economic growth projections released by IMF?



- According to latest region-wise economic growth projections released by the IMF on Tuesday, US is expected to grow by 6% and Latin America and the Caribbean is expected to grow by 6.3% in 2021.
- Euro Area will grow by 5%, Middle East and Central Asia by 4.1%, Sub-Saharan Africa by 3.7% and Emerging and Developing Asia by 7.2% in 2021.