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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.

- 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.

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.

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