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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Zomato-backed logistics technology platform Shiprocket became India's 106th unicorn after raising \$33.5 million.
- ❖ Meghalaya is all set to host the upcoming 2nd edition of the North East Olympics.
 - The first edition of the Games was held in Manipur in 2018.
- ❖ China will take part in the Vostok-2022 strategic command and staff exercise in Russia.
 - This exercise also includes the armies of India, Belarus, Tajikistan, and Mongolia.
- ❖ India's Eldhose Paul scripted history by winning the first-ever gold medal in Men's Triple Jump at the Commonwealth Games 2022.

NATIONAL

National Security Strategies Conference 2022

- ❖ "National Security Strategies Conference 2022" was inaugurated recently at New Delhi.
- ❖ It brings together the top leadership to address the national security challenges.
- ❖ Police officers, Security practitioners and experts from specialized fields also take part in the conference.



Safai Mitra Surakshit Shehar

- ❖ 500 cities across India have declared themselves as 'Safai Mitra Surakshit Shehar'.

- ❖ All these cities have achieved sufficiency in terms of institutional capacity, equipment norms and manpower as provided by Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs.
- ❖ All the cities are now providing safe working conditions for Safai Mitras.
- ❖ The “Safai Mitra Surakshit Shehar” declaration is in line with goal of promoting sustainable sanitation practices under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban.



Manthan Platform



- ❖ The Indian Government launched the “Manthan Platform”
- ❖ It aims to steer the collaboration between industry and research institutes in implementing technology-based social impact innovations and solutions in India.

- ❖ It is powered by NSEIT and is led by office of Principal Scientific Advisor.

National Automated Fingerprint Identification System

Automated Fingerprint Identification System

- The Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) is a biometric identification (ID) methodology that uses digital imaging technology to
- obtain,
- Store
- analyze fingerprint data.



- ❖ The National Automated Fingerprint Identification System (NAFIS) was also inaugurated recently.
- ❖ It has been developed by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB).
- ❖ This System will help in disposal of cases in easy and quick manner by using centralized fingerprint database.

NIDAAN database

A banner for the NIDAAN database. At the top, it features the 'Digital India' logo on the left and the 'NIC National Informatics Centre' logo on the right. The central text reads 'NIDAAN National Integrated Database on Arrested Narco Offenders'. Below this, there is a photograph of a group of officials seated at a long table during a conference. Underneath the photo, it says 'NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DRUG TRAFFICKING AND NATIONAL SECURITY'. A URL 'https://nidaan.nic.in' is prominently displayed in a rounded box. Below the URL, it says 'Developed by NIC'. There are two columns of bullet points describing the database's features and data sources. At the bottom, there are social media handles for NIC India and NIC Meity.

NIDAAN
National Integrated Database on Arrested Narco Offenders

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DRUG TRAFFICKING AND NATIONAL SECURITY

<https://nidaan.nic.in>
Developed by NIC

- Created in cooperation with ICJS by NCB on the directions of MHA.
- Access to be given to DLEAS.
- Integrated with NCORD portal.
- Details available: name, photo, fingerprint, judicial & criminal records etc.
- Data compiled from LEAs & Prisons.
- Also Includes Proclaimed Offenders data of NCB

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- ❖ The Narcotics Control Bureau has developed India's first database of arrested narcotics offenders.
- ❖ NIDAAN stands for National Integrated Database on Arrested Narco-offenders.



- ❖ It is now operational for use by various central and state prosecution agencies tasked to enforce anti-drug laws in the country.
- ❖ It is a part of the narcotics coordination mechanism (NCORD) portal.
- ❖ This platform sources its data from the ICJS (inter-operable criminal justice system) and the e-Prisons (a cloud-based application) repository.

Interest subvention on Agriculture Loan

ENHANCING CREDIT FLOW IN AGRICULTURE SECTOR

Benefits:



Will ensure sustainability of credit flow in the agriculture sector



Ensure financial health and viability of the lending institutions especially Regional Rural Banks & Cooperative Banks



Ensure adequate agriculture credit in rural economy

- ❖ The Union Cabinet approved to restore the interest subvention on short-term agricultural loans.
- ❖ An interest subvention of 1.5% was approved on short-term farm loans up to Rs 3 lakh.
- ❖ This amount will be given to lending institutions for FY 2022-23 to 2024-25.
- ❖ It aims to ensure adequate agriculture credit in rural economy.
- ❖ Interest Subvention Scheme was launched by government to ensure that farmers pay a minimum interest rate to the bank.
- ❖ This scheme has been rechristened as Modified Interest Subvention Scheme.

INTERNATIONAL

TEXCON

- ❖ The Union Minister of Commerce & Industry Piyush Goyal inaugurated the 10th edition of the Asian Textile Conference.

- ❖ The conference was organised by Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI).
- ❖ Theme of the event is 'Reimagining the Textile and Apparel Industry for the next Decade'.



Water Levels in Rhine River



- ❖ The water levels in the Rhine River have lowered down.
- ❖ Low water level is making it difficult for vessels to navigate through critical European shipping route when fully loaded.
- ❖ It is a major route from products like grains to chemicals and coals.
- ❖ The river flows from Swiss Alps to North Sea through the German industrial heartlands.

- ❖ It acts as a significant link between industrial producers and global export terminals in North Sea ports including Rotterdam and Amsterdam.

UN internet panel



- ❖ India's Electronics and Information Technology Secretary, Alkesh Kumar Sharma has been added to a UN panel of eminent experts on internet governance.
- ❖ Internet pioneer Vint Cerf and Nobel Prize-winning journalist Maria Reesa were also appointed to the 10-member Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Leadership Panel.
- ❖ They will serve for a two-year term during the 2022–23 IGF cycles.

ECONOMY

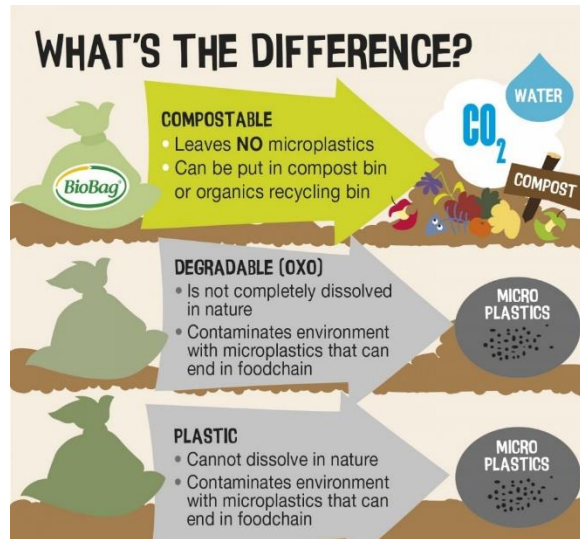
Emergency Credit Guarantee Scheme

- ❖ Union Cabinet gave its nod to increase the “Emergency Credit Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS)”.
- ❖ With this, the limit will increase to Rs. 5 trillion.
- ❖ Additional amount is being reserved for entities in hospitality and other related sectors.
- ❖ The Emergency Credit Guarantee Scheme was launched in 2020 as a part of Atmanirbhar Bharat Package.
- ❖ Scheme was launched to help businesses in meeting their operational liabilities and resume after covid-19 pandemic.
- ❖ Under the scheme, 100% guarantee is provided to banks against any losses incurred to them due to non-repayment of loans by borrowers.

- ❖ As of August 5 in 2022, loans of around Rs 3.67 trillion have been sanctioned under it.
- ❖ This Scheme has been extended till March 2023.



Loan for Compostable Plastic



- ❖ The Start-up loan of Rs 1.15 crores was approved recently to commercialise “compostable” plastic.
- ❖ This move also seeks to eliminate the usage of Single Use Plastics.
- ❖ Start-Up has brought alternative solution to Single Use Plastic in form of “prototype of a compostable plastic material”.
- ❖ This material breaks into a compost in soil and does not affect the environment.
- ❖ This composite is a unique mix of Thermoplastic-Starch-glycerine and some chemical modifications.

- ❖ It provides high strength to the material.
- ❖ Manufacturing, importing, stocking, sale, distribution, and use of listed single use plastic items was banned from July 1, 2022 in India.

STATES

First fully functional literate district

- ❖ Mandla district of Madhya Pradesh has become the first completely “functionally literate” district of India.
- ❖ During 2011 survey, literacy rate in Mandla district was 68%.
- ❖ Another report of 2020 highlights that, more than 2.25 lakh people in this district were not literate, most of them were tribals from forest areas.
- ❖ The district collector claiming that all the people were able to write their names, count and read.
- ❖ A person can be called functionally literate when he or she is able to write his or her own name, to count and read and write in a language.

