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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar while presenting the state budget, has announced a 'Sushma Swaraj Award' for women.
  - The award is given for their significant achievements or contribution to different walks of life in the international and national spheres.
- ❖ The Bolivian soldier Mario Terán Salazar died at the age of 80 in Santa Cruz de la Sierra in eastern Bolivia.
  - He was who claimed to have killed the Argentine-Cuban guerrilla Ernesto "Che" Guevara in 1967.
- ❖ Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw will inaugurate the 3rd edition of the NIC Tech Conclave 2022.
- ❖ The Kerala government has put aside Rs 1 million to construct a memorial to MS Viswanathan.

## TAMIL NADU

### Property registrations in Tamil Nadu

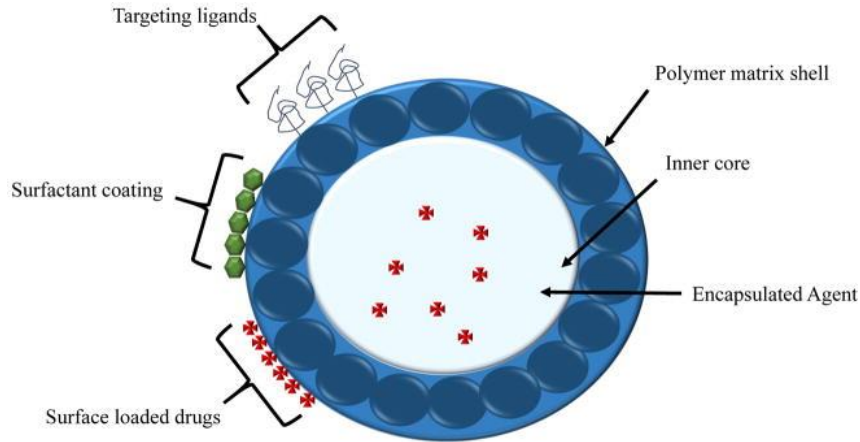
- ❖ The Revenue from property registrations touched a new high, with 12,700 crore revenue generated till the second week of March this fiscal.
- ❖ This is a leap with respect to revenues of 1,672 crores and 2,057 crores in 2019-20 and 2020-21.
- ❖ Chennai and Coimbatore zones have together contributed around 60% of the total income.
- ❖ The Chennai zone comprising the city, Chengalpet, Kancheepuram, and Tiruvallur districts contributed about 45% of the total income.

## NATIONAL

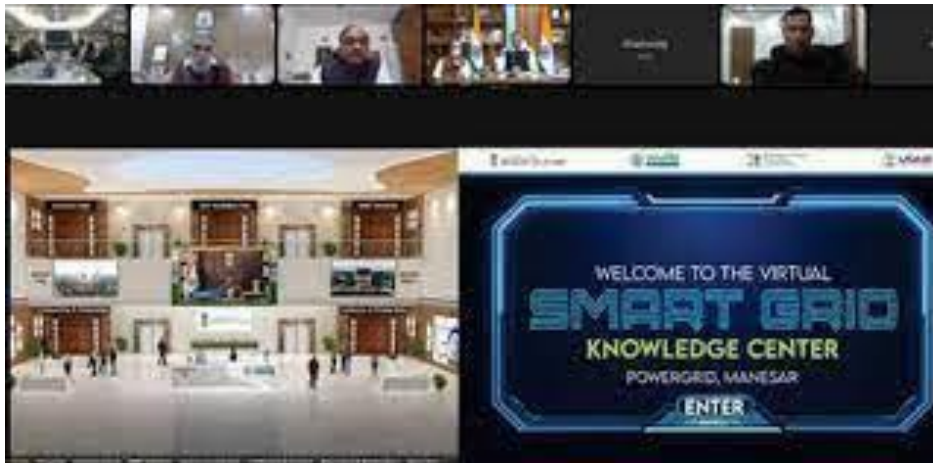
### Biodegradable nanoparticles

- ❖ Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur have created a biodegradable nanoparticle.
- ❖ It can be used as an alternative to chemical-based insecticides to protect crops from bacterial and fungal illnesses.

- ❖ Nanoparticles would reduce the risk of crop infection while also increasing agricultural productivity.



### **Virtual Smart Grid Knowledge Center and Innovation Park**



- ❖ The Union Minister for Power R.K. Singh launched the Virtual Smart Grid Knowledge Center and Innovation Park.
- ❖ This was launched as part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav Program.
- ❖ The POWERGRID established the Smart Grid Knowledge Center (SGKC) to demonstrate and advance cutting-edge smart grid technologies.

### **National Youth Parliament Festival**

- ❖ The 3rd edition of the National Youth Parliament Festival (NYPF) has been organized jointly by the Lok Sabha Secretariat and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.



- ❖ The objective of the NYPF is to hear the voice of the youth, between 18 and less than 25 years of age, who will join various careers in the coming years.
- ❖ The top three National level youth winners will get an opportunity to speak before the Lok Sabha Speaker during the valedictory function.



### **Sahityotsav Literature Festival**



- ❖ Sahitya Akademi's Festival of Letters known as Sahityotsav is India's most inclusive literature festival.
- ❖ This festival will be a part of the commemoration of India's 75th anniversary of Independence.
- ❖ The events are themed on independence or the independence movement.
- ❖ The exhibition will highlight Akademi's achievements as well as important events from the previous year.

- ❖ 24 Indian languages recognized by Akademi will be represented by 26 young writers who will be participating in 'The Rise of Young India' event.

### **Jan Aushadhi Bal Mitra Programme**

- ❖ Jan Aushadhi Bal Mitra programme was held across the country at 75 locations on the 3rd Day of Jan Aushadhi Diwas week-long celebrations.
- ❖ This programme was organized to engage children as Bal Mitras with the Jan Aushadhi scheme.
- ❖ This is to educate them about the benefits of the Pariyojana, savings, Jan Aushadhi Seva Bhi Rozgar Bhi, the price difference between the Jan Aushadhi medicines and branded medicines, etc.

### **South India's longest bowstring bridge**

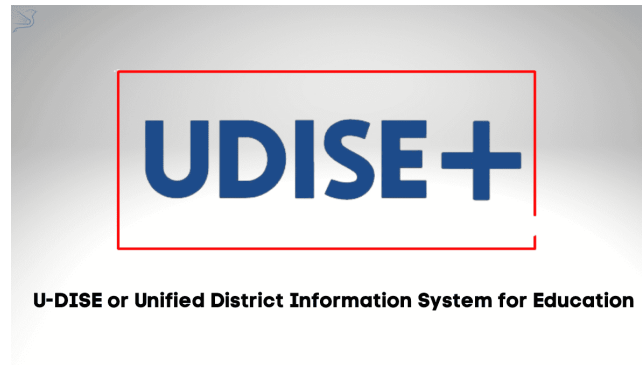
- ❖ The longest bowstring bridge in south India, connecting Alappuzha and Kollam, will be inaugurated at Valiyazheekkal.
- ❖ The bridge will reduce the distance between Alappad panchayat in Kollam and Valiyazheekkal in Alappuzha by 28km.
- ❖ The bridge is 1.23-km-long.



### **Unified District Information System for Education Plus**

- ❖ Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) report 2020-21 on school education of India was recently released.
- ❖ It was initiated in 2012-13.
- ❖ It is one of the largest Management Information Systems on School Education.
- ❖ UDISE+ is an updated version of UDISE.
- ❖ Here the data from the schools is collected online and in real-time.

- ❖ It is to overcome the issues present in the UDISE system such as errors in data and delays.



### **Rashtriya Raksha University**

- ❖ PM Modi has dedicated the building of Rashtriya Raksha University to the nation.
- ❖ He delivered his first convocation address at Ahmedabad for the university.
- ❖ Rashtriya Raksha University provides students with different academic courses related to policing and internal security.



## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Saudi Arabia - Mass execution**

- ❖ Saudi Arabia executed 81 people convicted of crimes ranging from killings to belonging to militant groups.
- ❖ This is the largest known mass execution carried out in the kingdom in its modern history.

- ❖ The number of executed surpassed even the toll of a January 1980 mass execution for the 63 militants convicted of seizing the Grand Mosque in Mecca in 1979.



## SPORTS

### German Open Super 300



- ❖ Indian shuttler Lakshya Sen beat the reigning world no.1 Viktor Axelsen, to enter the final of the German Open Super 300.
- ❖ It happened at the Westenergie Sporthalle.
- ❖ This was Lakshya Sen's first-ever victory against Viktor Axelsen.

- ❖ The two players have faced each other five times.

### **Duplantis sets world record**

- ❖ Sweden's Olympic pole vault champion Armand Gustav "Mondo" Duplantis cleared 6.19m to smash his own world record by one centimeter.
- ❖ It was conducted at the World Indoor Tour Silver meeting in Belgrade.
- ❖ Duplantis set the record of 6.18 in February 2020 indoors in Glasgow.



### **ISSF World Cup 2022**



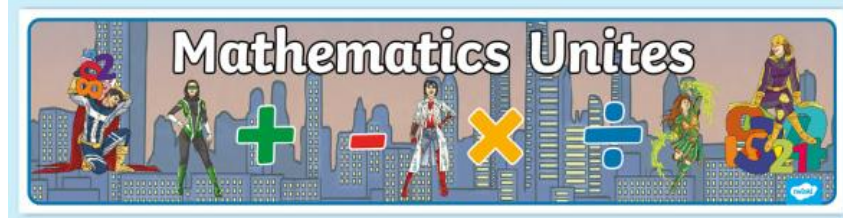
- ❖ India has taken first place in the medal standings at the ISSF World Cup 2022 in Cairo.
- ❖ It was organized by the International Shooting Sport Federation.
- ❖ By winning a total of seven medals, the Indian team took first place in the medals tally, with four gold, two silver, and one bronze. Norway took second place.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### **International Day of Mathematics - March 14**

- ❖ It is also known as the Pi Day because the mathematical constant  $\pi$  (pi) can be rounded down to 3.14.

- ❖ It aims to educate people about the essential role of mathematics in science and technology, improve quality of life, empower women and girls, and contribute to sustainable development.
- ❖ The theme for 2022 IDM is “Mathematics Unites!”.



### **International Day of Action for Rivers - March 14**

- ❖ It highlights the importance of rivers in our lives.
- ❖ The day also aims to raise awareness about equitable access to clean and flowing water.
- ❖ This year marks the 25th edition of the International Day of Action for Rivers.
- ❖ This year, the day will be marked by celebrating “the importance of rivers to biodiversity.”

