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## TNPSC BITS

- ❖ United Arab Emirates' Aayan Afzal Khan created history as he became the youngest player to feature in an ICC T20 World Cup match at 16 years and 335 days.

## TAMIL NADU

### CAA and Sri Lankan Hindu Tamils



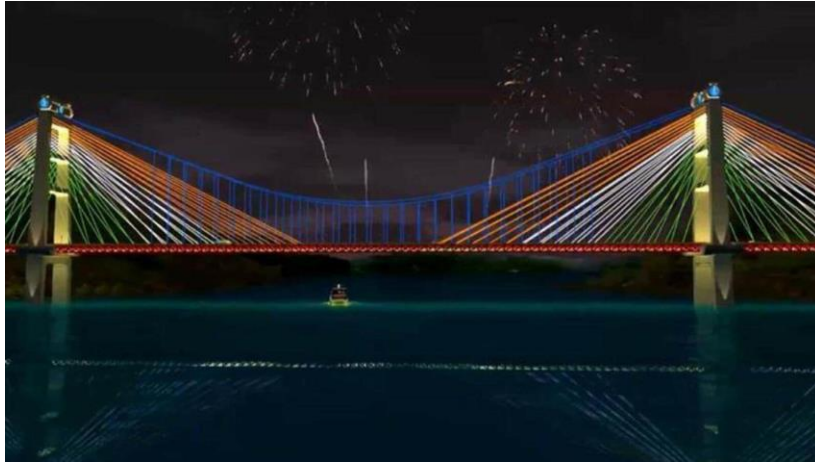
- ❖ Madras High Court observed that the principles of the recent amendment to the Citizenship Act (CAA) of 2019 was equally applicable to Sri Lankan Hindu Tamils.
- ❖ The persecuted minorities from the immediate neighbouring countries, such as Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh, now have an opportunity to get Indian citizenship.
- ❖ Though Sri Lanka does not fall within the said amendment, the very same principle is equally applicable.

## NATIONAL

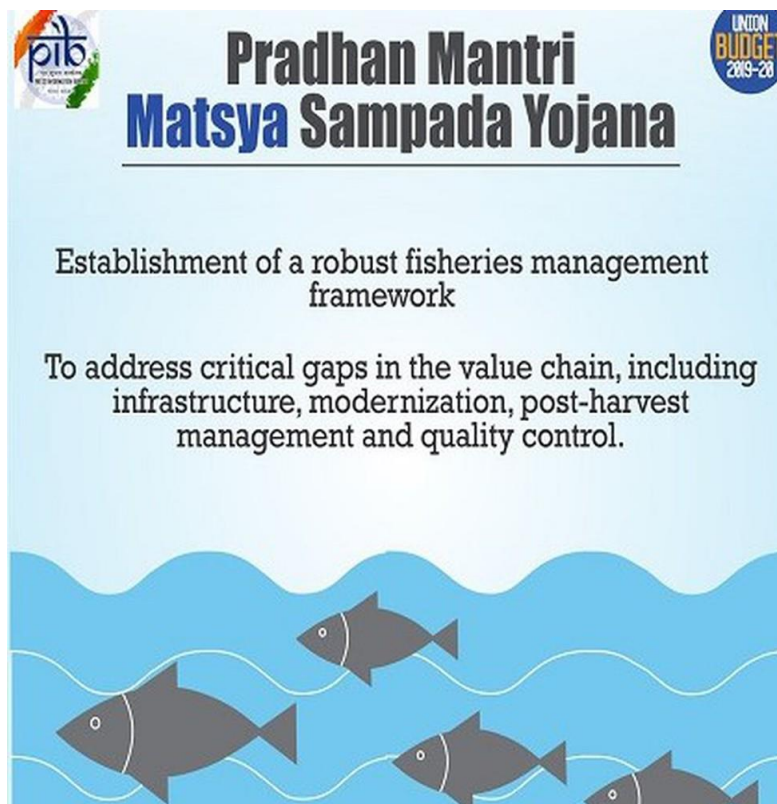
### Suspension bridge across Krishna

- ❖ The central government has approved the construction of an iconic cable stayed-cum-suspension bridge across the Krishna River.

- ❖ This will be connecting Telangana and Andhra Pradesh and passing through the Nallamala forest range.
- ❖ This will have several unique features like the longest glass pedestrian walkway across a river, gopuram-like pylons, signature lighting and a large navigational span.



### **3<sup>rd</sup> top Fish Producer**



**Pradhan Mantri  
Matsya Sampada Yojana**

Establishment of a robust fisheries management framework

To address critical gaps in the value chain, including infrastructure, modernization, post-harvest management and quality control.

- ❖ India stands third in the world in terms of fish production.

- ❖ India is the 3rd largest fish producing and 2nd largest aquaculture nation in the world after China.
- ❖ Indian fisheries have witnessed a shift from marine dominated fisheries to inland fisheries.
- ❖ It is emerging as a major contributor of fish production from 36% in the mid-1980 to 70% in the recent past.
- ❖ Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) aims to bring about Blue Revolution through sustainable and responsible development of fisheries sector.
- ❖ The main motto of PMMSY is 'Reform, Perform and Transform' in the fisheries sector.

### **Flex-Fuel Car in India**

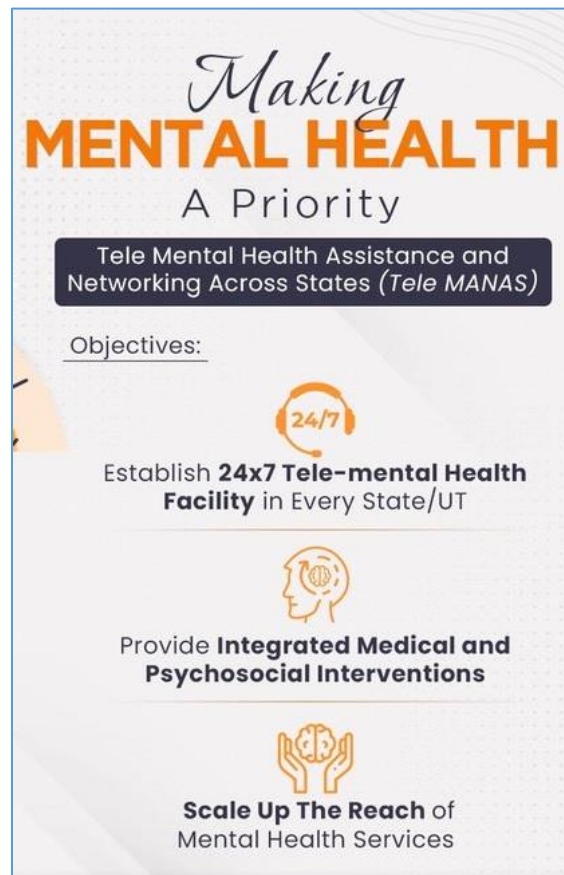


- ❖ Union Minister for Road, Transport & Highways Nitin Gadkari has unveiled Toyota Corolla Altis Flex-fuel car.
- ❖ It has been touted as first of its kind of pilot project on Flexi-Fuel Strong Hybrid Electric Vehicles (FFV-SHEV) in India.
- ❖ This project intends to examine whether ethanol-powered flex fuel vehicles can be viable in Indian conditions.
- ❖ Flex fuel cars can run on flexible fuels including ethanol, petrol, or blend of petrol and ethanol.
- ❖ These vehicles provide flexibility to switch engine fuel from petrol to ethanol.

- ❖ The vehicles can also power the engine from the battery and help in reducing the carbon emissions from the engine.

### **Tele-MANAS initiative**

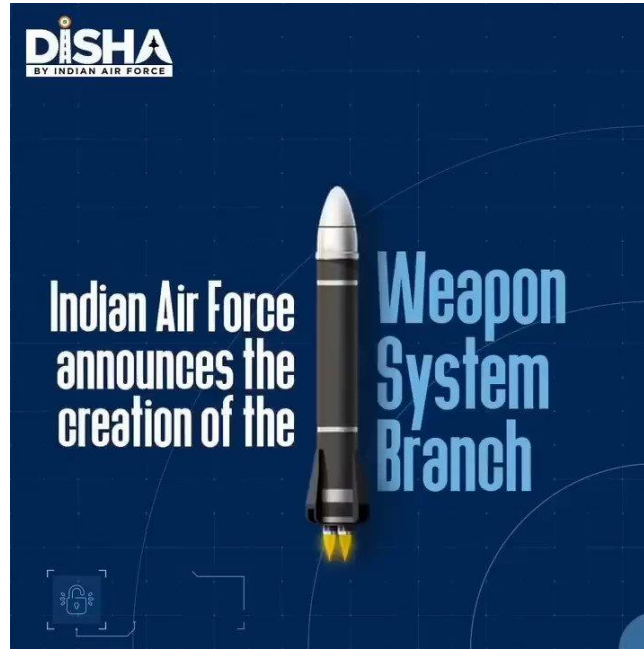
- ❖ Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched Tele Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across States (Tele-MANAS).
- ❖ This is launched on the occasion of World Mental Health Day.
- ❖ Tele-MANAS aims to provide free Tele-mental health services all over the country round the clock.
- ❖ It aims to particularly cater to people in remote or under-served areas.
- ❖ A toll-free number has been set up across the country allowing the callers to select the language of choice for availing services.



### **Creation of a weapon system branch**

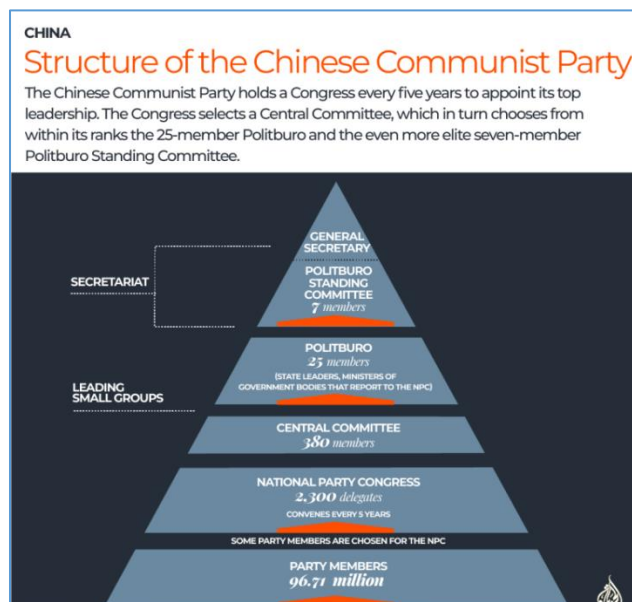
- ❖ On the occasion of the 90th anniversary of the Indian Air Force, the Centre has approved the creation of a weapon system branch for IAF officers.

- ❖ This is the first time since independence that a new operational branch has been created.
- ❖ This will essentially be for manning of four specialised streams of Surface-to-Surface missiles, Surface to Air Missiles, Remotely Piloted Aircraft and Weapon System Operators in twin and multi-crew aircraft.



## INTERNATIONAL

### 20<sup>th</sup> National Congress of Communist Party of China



- ❖ The 20th National Congress of Communist Party of China amend its constitution and approve the country's policy directions for the next five years.
- ❖ This year's congress is the 20th since the party's founding in 1921.
- ❖ Chinese President Xi Jinping is expected to clinch an unprecedented third term as the party's leader and further cement his power.
- ❖ This includes, the appointments to the organisation's top-decision making bodies, the Politburo and the elite Politburo Standing Committee (PSC).

### **Exercise "Steadfast Noon"**



- ❖ The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), announced had started its annual nuclear exercise code-named "Steadfast Noon".
- ❖ Steadfast Noon involves training flights with dual-capable fighter jets, as well as conventional jets, backed by surveillance and refuelling aircraft.
- ❖ No live weapons are used.
- ❖ This exercise helps to ensure that NATO's nuclear deterrent remains safe, secure and effective.

### **UN World Geospatial International Congress**

- ❖ The second edition of the UN World Geospatial International Congress is being organized in Hyderabad.
- ❖ It is being hosted by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and convened by the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM).
- ❖ It is organized by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

- ❖ The theme of the event is “Geo-Enabling the Global Village: No one should be left behind”.
- ❖ The inaugural edition of this event was held in 2018 at China’s Deqing, Zhejiang.



## STATES

### Best-governed state



- ❖ The 7th edition of Public Affairs Index, 2022, prepared by Bengaluru-based not-for-profit think tank Public Affairs Center.
- ❖ Haryana has emerged as the best-governed state among 18 big states in India.
- ❖ Sikkim has retained its position as the best-governed small state in India
- ❖ Haryana has emerged at the forefront in social justice, economic justice and political justice themes.
- ❖ Also, Haryana has topped among states such as Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Chhattisgarh, Punjab and Karnataka among others.
- ❖ The economic justice was measured on indicators such as Labour Productivity Assurance of standard of living to wage workers, public expenditure on development, Coverage of social safety Net, and Employment Opportunities

## **PERSONALITIES, AWARDS, AND EVENTS**

### **UAE award for alternative medicine**



- ❖ Prof Wazahat Husain, from the Aligarh Muslim University has won an international award for Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicine.
- ❖ He received the Second Sheikh Zayed International Award of Zayed Charitable and Humanitarian Foundation recently.
- ❖ Earlier, Husain has been conferred Lifetime Achievement Awards twice.



- ❖ Once it was jointly by the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the AYUSH ministry and then by the Wildlife Institute of India and Department of Wildlife Sciences.

## SPORTS

### 700th club goal

- ❖ Cristiano Ronaldo broke yet another record when he netted the 700th club goal of his career.
- ❖ He becomes the first and only player in this present generation to score seven times a hundred goals in football history.
- ❖ His 700th club goal extends his tally over Lionel Messi with Argentina forward scoring 691 goals.

