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<p><b>Tevaram</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The <b>Tevaram</b>, part of <b>Panniru Tirumaraigal</b> (12 holy scriptures of <b>Saivism</b>), and the <b>Nalayira Divya Prabandam</b> of <b>Vaishnavism</b> are crucial for the resurgence and sustenance of the country's culture, tradition, and practices, according to the <b>Madras High Court</b>.</li><li>• The HC stated that Hinduism, as defined by the British, is an assortment of different cults with a <b>polytheistic concept</b>.</li></ul> <p><b>About Tevaram:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tevaram refers to a <b>collection of Tamil hymns composed during the Saiva bhakti movement</b>, dedicated to the Hindu god <b>Shiva</b>.</li><li>• Tevaram comprises hymns composed by the <b>three prominent Tamil poet-saints</b> known as the <b>Nayanmars: Thirugnana Sambandar, Thirunavukkarasar (Appar), and Sundarar</b>.</li><li>• The hymns were composed between the <b>6th and 8th centuries CE</b>, during a period when <b>Tamil Nadu witnessed a strong Saiva (devotees of Shiva) movement</b>.</li><li>• The <b>preservation of Tevaram hymns was notably supported by the Chola dynasty</b>, which promoted their inclusion in temple rituals.</li><li>• Over the centuries, <b>these hymns have been preserved orally by "Othuvars"</b> who are dedicated to singing these hymns in Shiva temples.</li></ul>
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<p><b>Madhavaram Horticultural Park</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Madhavaram Horticultural Park suffers from lack of maintenance.</b></li></ul> <p><b>About Madhavaram Horticultural Park:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Madhavaram Horticultural Park, also known as Madhavaram Botanical Garden, is a significant green space located in Chennai.</b></li><li>• <b>The park was set up by the horticulture department of the Government of Tamil Nadu.</b></li><li>• <b>It is the second botanical garden in Chennai after the Semmoli Poonga and is the largest botanical garden in the city.</b></li><li>• <b>The foundation stone for the garden was laid on September 15, 2010.</b></li><li>• <b>The garden is located at the State horticulture farm in Madhavaram Milk Colony.</b></li></ul>
<p><b>Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board (TNUHDB)</b></p>	<p><b>Why in news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>The Tamil Nadu government has announced plans to construct 31,000 flats at an estimated cost of Rs 8,000 crore.</b></li><li>• <b>The development of infrastructural facilities under the Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board (TNUHDB) in Chennai and other cities have been finalised and are in progress.</b></li></ul> <p><b>About TNUHDB:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>TNUHDB, originally known as the Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board, was founded in 1970.</b></li><li>• <b>It was created to improve living conditions for slum dwellers through various housing, slum development, rehabilitation, and resettlement programs.</b></li><li>• <b>The Board operates under the Tamil Nadu Urban Areas (Improvement &amp; Habitat Development) Act of 1971.</b></li><li>• <b>This legislative framework guides its operations and projects aimed at urban habitat improvement.</b></li><li>• <b>The Board has been involved in significant initiatives like the JNNURM and the "Housing for All" program, which are aimed at achieving slum-free cities by providing sustainable housing solutions.</b></li></ul>



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**Tamil Nadu Leadership and Excellence to Nurture Talent (TALENT) scheme**

**Why in news?**

- The **Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT)** has **shifted to a digital selection process for athletes**.
- This new system ensures **accuracy in recording and ranking performances** and enhances transparency.

**Key points:**

- **Athletes can view their performance metrics** and results in **real-time online**.
- The system is used to select young athletes for the government-sponsored **Tamil Nadu Leadership and Excellence to Nurture Talent (TALENT) scheme**.

**About TALENT scheme:**

- The Tamil Nadu Leadership and Excellence to Nurture Talent (TALENT) scheme is an **initiative by the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT)** designed to **identify and cultivate sports talent within the state**.
- The TALENT scheme **focuses on young student-athletes**, especially those in **school, from standard VI to college**.
- Potential candidates are **admitted to sports hostels and centers of excellence** through **state-level selection trials and counseling**.

**Nursing Excellence Award 2024**

**Why in news?**

- **TwinTech Healthcare Academy in Chennai** recently awarded 20 nurses with the '**Nursing Excellence Award 2024**'.
- The awards were given on the occasion of **International Nurses Day** to **highlight the crucial role nurses play in society's well-being**.
- **International Nurses Day** is observed on **May 12**.