

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MAY 18, 2025

NATIONAL

➤ National Manuscripts Mission

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will on June 9 launch the revamped National Manuscripts Mission, announced in the Union Budget for 2025-26.



- ✓ The Gyan Bharatam Mission, which is expected to cover more than one crore manuscripts, will be responsible for the survey, documentation and conservation of India's manuscript heritage lying with academic institutions, museums, libraries, and private collectors.
- ✓ To accommodate this new initiative, the Union Budget had hiked the budgetary allocation for the existing National Manuscripts Mission (NMM) from ₹3.5 crore to ₹60 crore.

ECONOMY

➤ Tamil Nadu's Own Tax Revenue Grew by 7.6% in 2024-25

- ✓ The State's Own Tax Revenue contributes 75.3% of Tamil Nadu's total revenue receipts.



- ✓ Tamil Nadu's own tax revenue stood at ₹1,80,225.53 crore in fiscal 2024-25, up about 7.6% from ₹1,67,105.18 crore in fiscal 2023-24, as per the preliminary unaudited provisional figures from the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG).
- ✓ In 2024-25, State's Own Tax Revenue (SOTR) was estimated at ₹1,92,752.43 crore in Revised Estimates, when compared to the projection of ₹1,95,173 crore made in the Budget Estimates, as per the State Budget for 2025-26.
- ✓ Among its components, the State Goods and Services Tax (SGST) increased by 14.4% from ₹61,960.29 crore in 2023-24 to ₹70,886.65 crore in 2024-25.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **World Hypertension Day: May 17**
- ✓ World Hypertension Day is celebrated every year on 17 May.



- ✓ This day is celebrated to increase awareness about high blood pressure among the population across the globe.
- ✓ This year, the theme of World Hypertension Day is "Measure Your Blood Pressure Accurately, Control It, Live Longer!" World Hypertension Day was launched by the World Hypertension League in 2005.

