

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JULY 13, 2025

TAMIL NADU

- **U-shaped Seating to be Adopted at Middle Schools on Pilot Basis**
- ✓ Taking a cue from a new initiative in Kerala, inspired by the film Sthanarthi Sree kuttan, the Tamil Nadu government on Saturday directed all middle schools in the State to switch from traditional row-based seating to a U-shaped arrangement.



- ✓ Sources in the School Education Department, however, said the new seating arrangement would be implemented after discussions regarding a few tweaks to the plan.
- ✓ The department has already been implementing a circular seating alignment in primary classrooms.

AWARDS

- **K. Chidambaram Memorial Prize**
- ✓ Dilip Kumar Jha, a scientist at the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), received the prestigious K. Chidambaram Memorial Prize for 2024 on Saturday.



- ✓ The award is presented annually by the Fisheries Technocrats Forum, Chennai, in recognition of outstanding contributions to the fields of fisheries, aquaculture, marine science, and allied sectors.
- ✓ Mr. Jha was recognized for his contributions in the areas of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), Geographical Information Systems (GIS), and Hydrological Studies.

