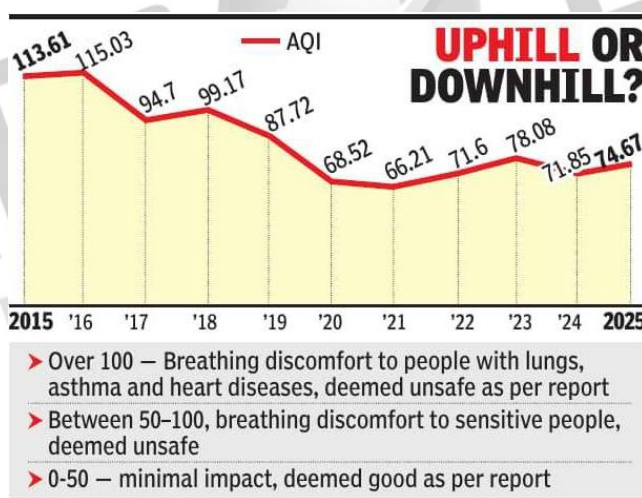




EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – DECEMBER 02, 2025

TAMILNADU

- **Air quality index (AQI)**
- ✓ Chennai's air pollution level is gradually dipping, with the city clocking a 34% drop in air quality index (AQI) over the past decade.



- ✓ Emission reduction measures post-2020 helped curb pollution, barring festive days such as Diwali. "Traditional furnace oils in several industries have largely been replaced with high-purity super kerosene oils.
- ✓ There has also been an increase in LPG and CNG automobiles in the city. Road dust, another major contributor to pollution, is being cleared by local bodies through mechanical dust rem overs consistently. They have collectively helped improve AQI.
- ✓ As per the report, the city fared much better when compared to Delhi, Vizag and Ahmedabad, which logged AQI in three digits in 2025.

NATIONAL


➤ Sanchar Saathi App

- ✓ The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) ordered smart-phone manufacturers to pre-install the Sanchar Saathi app on new devices sold from March 2026, and to make sure functionalities are not disabled or restricted.
- ✓ Sanchar Saathi app will be used to “verify authenticity of IMEIs used in mobile devices.

Secure system

The Government has issued a directive to mobile phone manufacturers as part of a crackdown on telecom scams

- The DoT order requires pre-installation of Sanchar Saathi app on all new phones
- Govt. says 50,000 lost phones are recovered per month due to the app
- For devices that are in the market, the app must be installed as part of an OS software update
- The move may face resistance from premium smartphone maker Apple, which has resisted similar moves by TRAI in the past
- The app is used for blocking stolen phones, ensuring IMEI on device is genuine, reporting scam calls
- The order comes after the DoT directed messaging platforms to perform 'SIM binding'



- ✓ Sanchar Saathi helped recover 50,000 lost or stolen devices in October 2025.

➤ Bronze statue of Lord Rama

- ✓ A 77-foot-tall bronze statue of Lord Rama has been unveiled by PM Modi at the Shree Samsthan Gokarn Partagali Jeevottam Math in Canacona, Goa.
- ✓ This event marked the beginning of the Math's 550th-year celebrations, Sardha Panchashatamanotsava.
- ✓ The Ramayana Theme Park developed by the Math has also been inaugurated by PM Modi.



- ✓ He also released a special postal stamp and a commemorative coin.

DEFENCE

➤ Joint Military Exercise - ECUVERIN

- ✓ The 14th edition of the Joint Military Exercise, ECUVERIN, between the Indian Army and the Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF) commenced in Thiruvananthapuram.
- ✓ Scheduled from December 2 to 15, brings together a 45-member Indian Army contingent from a Garhwal Rifles battalion and an equal-strength MNDF contingent.
- ✓ ECUVERIN means “Friends” Derived from the Dhivehi word, symbolises the longstanding bonds of trust, friendship, and military cooperation between India and the Maldives.

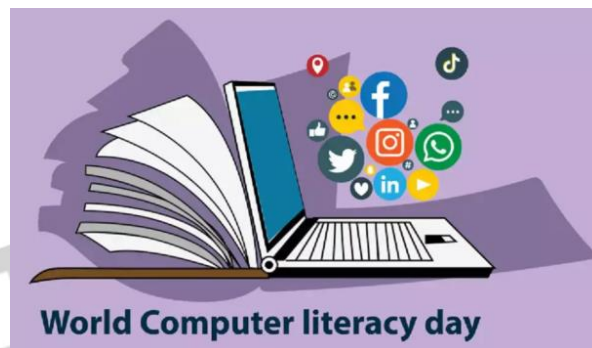


- ✓ The exercise, held alternately in both countries since 2009, remains a cornerstone of India's neighbourhood first policy and underlines New Delhi's commitment to strengthening defence partnerships in the Indian Ocean Region.

IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ **World Computer Literacy Day - December 02**

- ✓ World Computer Literacy Day is observed every year on December 2 to promote digital education, technological awareness and equal access to computer skills.
- ✓ World Computer Literacy Day was first introduced in 2001 by NIIT Limited, an Indian multinational organisation specialising in learning and skill development.
- ✓ The initiative originally focused on educating women and children, offering them computer training and expanding access to technology.



- ✓ The theme for World Computer Literacy Day 2025 - **“Digital Skills for an Inclusive Future”** - emphasizes the importance of building a digital environment where no one is left behind, especially women, children, and marginalized groups.
- ### ➤ **National Pollution Control Day - December 02**
- ✓ National Pollution Control Day is observed annually on December 2nd to honour the memory of those who perished in the Bhopal Gas Tragedy of 1984.
 - ✓ This observance seeks to raise awareness about the severe consequences of pollution affecting air, water, and soil while emphasizing the need for preventive measures to avoid industrial disasters like the one in Bhopal.
 - ✓ The theme for 2025 is “Sustainable Living for a Greener Future.”
 - ✓ It encourages, reducing single-use plastic, saving electricity and avoiding unnecessary energy use, choosing greener transport options, supporting environmentally responsible brands and promoting community efforts towards environmental protection.



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