

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – OCTOBER 18, 2023

TAMIL NADU

- **First AI-based Early Warning System - Elephant**
- ✓ Tamil Nadu is close to completing its first artificial intelligence (AI)-based early warning system designed to protect wild elephants from train collisions along the Ettimadai–Walayar railway section.



- ✓ This initiative involves the installation of 12 e-surveillance towers equipped with thermal imaging cameras to monitor elephant movements.
- ✓ Speeding trains had hit elephants in the Madukkarai forest range in Walayar leading to the death of several wild tuskers.

STATE

- **Jharkhand 1st State To Ensure Minimum Wages**
- ✓ Jharkhand is making history by becoming the first state in India to take steps towards including gig workers, such as Swiggy, Zomato, Ola, Uber, and Rapido employees, under the ambit of minimum wages.



- ✓ This step marks a significant stride towards ensuring **equitable remuneration** for individuals operating within the gig economy.
- ✓ Jharkhand's pioneering move not only extends to the **consideration of minimum wages for gig workers** but also involves a review of the minimum wage standards for workers in various other sectors, underscoring the state's commitment to local employment and social equity.
- ✓ To address this crucial matter, the **Jharkhand State Minimum Wage Advisory Council**, operating under the state's labor department, has established a committee.

COURT VERDICT

- **Supreme Court Declines - Same-Sex Marriages**
- ✓ A five-judge Constitution Bench, led by Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud, issued a unanimous verdict declining to recognize same-sex marriages and civil unions for non-heterosexual couples.



- ✓ All five judges on the Bench, including the CJI, agreed that there is no fundamental right to marry under the Indian Constitution.
- ✓ Interpretation of the Special Marriage Act, 1954 to allow same-sex marriage using gender-neutral language was deemed unfeasible.

IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ **World Trauma Day – October 17**

- ✓ World Trauma Day, observed every year on 17 October, is dedicated to raising awareness about trauma, its causes, symptoms, and prevention.



- ✓ While the theme for World Trauma Day 2023 has not been announced yet, it typically revolves around the central idea of preventing trauma and providing support to victims.
- ✓ The primary goal of this day is to educate people about the causes and consequences of trauma and to promote strategies for trauma care and prevention.

