

## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – DECEMBER 18, 2023

### TAMIL NADU

- **Makkaludan Mudhalvar**
- ✓ Chief Minister MK Stalin launched the Makkaludan Mudhalvar scheme and laid the foundation stone for the Semmozhi Poonga project at Gandhipuram on Monday.



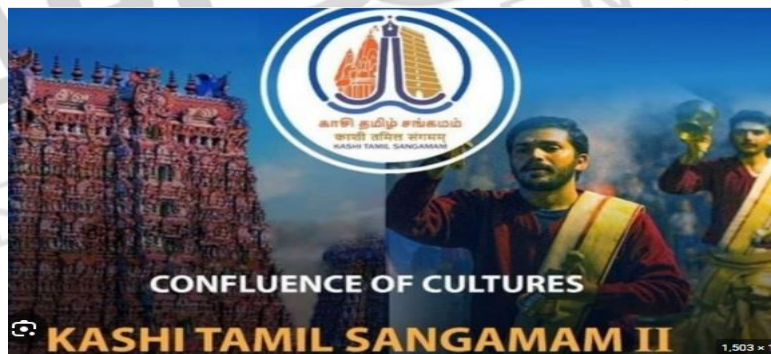
- ✓ Under the scheme, special camps will be held in urban and rural local bodies to redress grievances relating to 13 key departments.
- ✓ In the first phase (between December 18, 2023, and January 6, 2024) as many as 1,745 special camps will be organised in all districts.
- ✓ Officers from the 13 departments will receive and register petitions of people in the special camps.
- ✓ All the petitions would be duly considered by the respective departments and appropriate action would be taken within 30 days.

### NATIONAL

- **58 Airports covered under “Krishi Udan” Scheme**
- ✓ The Government has said that 58 Airports in the country have been covered under the Krishi Udan Scheme.



- ✓ The Scheme was launched in 2020 on international and national routes to assist farmers in transporting agricultural products to help improve their value realization.
- ✓ Krishi Udan Scheme 2.0 was also announced in 2021 focusing on transporting perishable food products from the hilly areas, North Eastern States, and tribal areas.
- ✓ The scheme currently covers 25 airports focusing on North Eastern, Hilly and Tribal region besides 33 airports in other regions/areas.
- **PM inaugurated Kashi Tamil Sangamam 2023**
- ✓ PM Modi inaugurated Kashi Tamil Sangamam 2023 in Varanasi, launching multi-lingual and braille translations of classic Tamil literature.



- ✓ The event celebrated the age-old connection between Tamil Nadu and Kashi, with PM highlighting the shared cultural heritage.
- ✓ The Tamil Sangamam is aimed to help continue empowering India's heritage, and strengthening the spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat

## AWARDS

- **Golden Owl**
- ✓ Indian Armed Forces officers awarded 'Golden Owl' for outstanding performance at DSCSC Sri Lanka.



- ✓ All three Indian Armed Forces officers undergoing the Command and Staff Course at Defence Services Command and Staff College (DSCSC) in Sri Lanka have been awarded the 'Golden Owl' for their outstanding performance.
- ✓ The DSCSC course is a program designed to prepare senior officers for leadership roles in joint operations and higher command.

## SPORTS

- **67th National School Games**
- ✓ Delhi Education Minister Atishi has inaugurated the 67th National School Games at Chhatrasal Stadium in New Delhi.



- ✓ At the inauguration of the National School Games, Atishi stressed the need for integrating sports with education for nation-building.
- ✓ Students from 44 units, including states, union territories and other boards, are participating to showcase their sporting skills and talent.
- ✓ The Directorate of Education is hosting the games this year.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **International Migrants Day – December 18**



- ✓ **International Migrants Day** is observed on **December 18** to recognize the contributions of migrants and highlight the challenges they face.



- ✓ The day sheds light on the socio-economic realities of migrants around the world.
- ✓ Theme 2023 – **Act Today for a Better Tomorrow for All: Improving the Health of migrants to Unleash the Power of Migration**
- **Minorities Rights Day – December 18**
- ✓ **Minorities Rights Day** is observed every year on **18 December**.



- ✓ It serves as a poignant reminder of the dedication to safeguarding the rights of religious, ethnic, racial, and linguistic minorities within the nation.
- ✓ Theme for 2023 – **Celebrating Diversity and Inclusion**.
- ✓ This day is celebrated by the National Commission for Minorities.

