

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – DECEMBER 27, 2023

TAMIL NADU

- **State-Level Monitoring Committee (SLMC)**
- ✓ The School Education Department has decided to set up a State-level monitoring committee (SLMC) to address the infrastructure needs of schools. According to a government order, the School Management Committee (SMC) had submitted a report in which it had sought to know the requirements of each school.



- ✓ The SLMC was set up to address these needs, with the Chief Secretary as its chairman.
- ✓ In the G.O. issued on December 22, the State government had directed the establishment of the SLMC to systematically address the requirements of SMCs.
- ✓ The SMCs, which were revived in July 2022, are considered a flagship initiative of the Education Department “aiming to bring together schools and communities, fostering mutual accountability and ownership”.

STATE

- **Mission Investigation@75 Days**

- ✓ In a significant move, the Bihar Police has announced the implementation of 'Mission Investigation@75 Days,' aiming to streamline and expedite the criminal justice process in the state.



- ✓ Starting from January 1 next year, investigators will be mandated to complete the investigation of cases within 75 days of the registration of First Information Reports (FIRs).
- ✓ The initiative aims to ensure that investigations, including the filing of chargesheets, are concluded within 75 days of the registration of FIRs.

INDIA & OTHER COUNTRIES

➤ Lithium Blocks In Argentina

- ✓ In a significant development, India is poised to secure exploration and development rights for five lithium blocks in Argentina, marking its second international foray into critical minerals after a partnership with Australia in 2022.

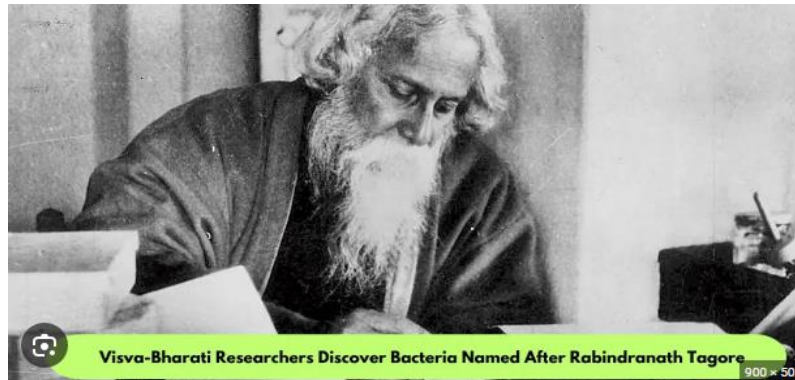


- ✓ The deal is on the verge of finalization between Khanij Bidesh India Ltd. (KABIL) and Catamarca Minera Y Energética Sociedad Del Estado (CAMYEN), an Argentine state-owned mining and energy company.
- ✓ This acquisition aligns with India's pursuit of self-sufficiency in meeting clean energy demands, especially for electric vehicles.
- ✓ The exploration and development agreement is a crucial step towards achieving India's goal of becoming a manufacturing hub for electric vehicles by 2070.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

➤ **Pantoea Tagorei**

- ✓ A team of researchers from Visva-Bharati University's botany department have identified a new bacteria strain capable of boosting plant growth and named it 'Pantoea Tagorei' in honor of Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore.



- ✓ Pantoea Tagorei has the potential to significantly reduce the need for commercial fertilizers.
- ✓ Tagore was a vocal advocate for sustainable farming practices and believed in the importance of promoting self-sufficiency in food production.

➤ **MedTech Mitra**

- ✓ Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya virtually launched MedTech Mitra – a strategic initiative to empower MedTech innovators and advance healthcare solutions.



- ✓ He said, it will be a **game-changer for Indian MedTech industry** and facilitate indigenous development of affordable, quality MedTech devices and diagnostics.
- ✓ Dr. Mandaviya stated that the **medical devices sector** is an integral constituent of India's healthcare sector.

- ✓ India is taking a **holistic approach** to health with a vision to transform the health landscape in the country by 2047.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **International Day Of Epidemic Preparedness – December 27**
- ✓ Every year on December 27th, the world unites to observe the International Day of Epidemic Preparedness.



- ✓ The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) established the International Day of Epidemic Preparedness in December 2020, acknowledging the long-term harm caused by major infectious diseases and epidemics, particularly COVID-19.
- ✓ This vital day serves as a stark reminder of the ever-present threat of infectious diseases and the critical need for proactive measures to combat them.

