

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – DECEMBER 28, 2023

TAMIL NADU

➤ **Makkal Medai**

- ✓ Makkal Medai, a citizen platform, looks to empower residents to handle disasters.



- ✓ Eight years after its conception and first discussion on steps to mitigate floods in the city, *Makkal Medai* aka Citizen Platform has once again gained prominence, and this time, it aims to empower people to find solutions to the issues they face.
- ✓ The platform took shape after local welfare associations and activists pushed for an urgent need to address disaster reduction in the city.

INTERNATIONAL

➤ **Eurasian Economic Union (EaEU)**

- ✓ Free trade agreement (FTA) talks between India and the five-member Eurasian Economic Union (EaEU), headed by Russia, are expected to commence soon.



- ✓ Exports of engineering items, electronics, and agricultural products from India would be prioritized under this proposed agreement's efforts to increase trade with the EaEU nations.
- ✓ States mainly situated in Northern Eurasia make up the Eurasian Economic Union (EEU), an economic union.
- ✓ **Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, and Armenia are the original members of the Eurasian Economic Union (EEU).**

AWARDS

- **ISAE Fellow for 2023**
- ✓ The renowned title of ISAE Fellow 2023 has been bestowed upon Dr. P. Indira Devi, a prominent agricultural economist hailing from Kerala, by the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics (ISAE).



- ✓ Her ground-breaking work in agricultural research, policymaking, and education over the past three decades has been recognized with this honour.
- ✓ Currently, Dr Indira Devi serves as the Director of Kerala State Farmers' Welfare Board and is an ICAR Emeritus Professor at the Kerala Agricultural University.

OBITUARY

- **Actor-turned-politician Vijayakanth passed away**

- ✓ Tamil Nadu mourns the passing of beloved actor and politician Vijayakanth, fondly called “Captain,” who breathed his last today at the age of 71.



- ✓ He was a successful actor earning the 'Captain' title after his 100th film 'Captain Prabhakaran' became a hit.
- ✓ Transitioning to politics, he successfully led DMDK, allying with AIADMK in 2011, and secured the position of Leader of the Opposition.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **Veer Bal Diwas – December 26**
- ✓ Veer Bal Diwas is a solemn occasion to pay tribute to the immense sacrifices made by **Sahibzada Zorawar Singh and Sahibzada Fateh Singh**.



- ✓ These young sons of Guru Gobind Singh Ji played a crucial role in shaping the legacy of courage and resilience in the face of adversity.
- ✓ On this fateful day, Sahibzada Zorawar Singh, aged 6, and Sahibzada Fateh Singh, aged 9, were tragically martyred by the Mughal forces in Sirhind, Punjab.

