

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – DECEMBER 31, 2023

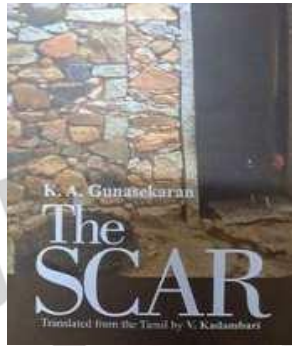
STATE

- **Tamil Nadu CM announces Rs.1,000 – Crore.**
- ✓ Chief Minister M.K.Stalin on Saturday announced Rs.1,000-Crore relief package for the flood –hit districts. It includes assistance for re-construction and repairs to houses, loans to help business and compensation for crop damage.



- ✓ **4 lakh** each to be provided to rebuild destroyed houses and **Rs.2 lakh** each to repairs partially damaged ones.
- ✓ **Rs. 250 crore** for damage to crops spread over 2,64,000 hectares in eight flood-hit districts.
- ✓ About 17,000 cattle and over one lakh chicken had died in the floods. Compensation of up to 737,500 per cow and buffalo, 74,000 per goat and 7100 per chicken will be provided.
- ✓ An assistance of **₹15 crore** to repair 4,928 fishing boats and machinery in Thoothukudi and Tirunelveli districts
- ✓ For salt workers registered with the Salt Labour Welfare Board, an additional assistance of **₹3,000** will be provided

- ✓ For women SHGs, loans and interest repayments will be restructured and measures in this regard will be taken up immediately in consultation with the State-Level Bankers Committee
- Translation of 12 Tamil Dalit literary works into English to bridge cultural divide
- ✓ As part of its plan to expand its horizon and collaboration with other State government departments, the Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation (TTESC) has launched a project to translate 12 Tamil Dalit literary works into English.
- ✓ Some of the books have already been published and will be available at the Corporation's stall at the Chennai Book Fair in January. The ₹25-lakh project was announced by Adi Dravidar Welfare Minister N.Kayalvizhi Selvaraj in the Assembly.



- ✓ The new works are *Engg Kathe* (My Story) by Sahitya Akademi winner Imayam; Iyothee Thass selections; New writers upcoming, *An anthology of writings/speeches of Dalit leaders of the 19th and early 20th Century* (Pundit Iyoth-ee Thass, Rettaimalai Srinivasan, M.C. Raja, Swami Sagajananda, Gurusamy, Veeraiyan, Meenambal, N.Shivaraj, Masilamani and Periyasami Pulavan); a collection of writings by Stalin Rajangam translated into English; and an anthology of autobiographical excerpts.
- ✓ The Scar, the English translation of the *Vadu* by K.A. Gunasekaran, is considered the first modern Dalit autobiography in Tamil. Former IAS officer P. Sivakami has translated her novel *Pazhayana Kazhithalum*, the first Tamil novel by a Dalit woman, and says that she read the book as a third person and found that it was a process of understanding the dynamics of caste and the woman who was inextricably involved in the process.

NATIONAL

- PM visits 10th crore beneficiary of Ujjwala LPG scheme in Ayodhya
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a surprise visit on Saturday to the Ayodhya home of Meera Manjhi, the 10th-crore beneficiary of the PM Ujjwala Yojana, and had tea at her residence during his one-day tour of the temple town.



- ✓ The Prime Minister was in the town to unveil an air-port, a revamped train station and multiple projects.
- ✓ As Mr. Modi arrived for his cup of tea and 10-minute chat with Ms. Manjhi's family, the entire area resonated with enthusiastic chants of 'Modi-Modi'.

