

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JANUARY 08, 2024

TAMIL NADU

➤ **Global Investors Meet - GIM2024**

- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government, led by Chief Minister MK Stalin, revealed its ambitious vision for the state to achieve a \$1 trillion economy by 2030 during the Global Investors Meet in Chennai on January 7.



- ✓ It strategically aims for \$3.8-4.3 trillion in investments to attract FDI and boost local expansion. The goal is holistic growth, ensuring prosperity across all regions with a focus on climate consciousness and sustainability in all initiatives.
- ✓ Priorities include human capital growth, innovation through industry-academia partnerships, fostering an industry-friendly climate, advocating transparent governance, and developing sustainable infrastructure.

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

➤ **International Purple Fest 2024**

- ✓ The International Purple Fest – Goa 2024, India's inaugural inclusive festival for persons with disabilities, kicked off today and is set to captivate audiences until January 13.



- ✓ The festival, organized by the Office of the State Commissioner of Persons with Disabilities, Government of Goa, and supported by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, showcases unity and diversity in a spectacular display.
- ✓ The Opening Ceremony boasts engaging music, dance, and entertainment performances by Persons with Disabilities, symbolizing their remarkable talents.
- ✓ With an expected global turnout of over 8,000 delegates, the International Purple Fest promises to be a global celebration of diversity, inclusivity, and empowerment.

AWARDS

- **Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar' 2023**
- ✓ The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has recently unveiled the recipients of the prestigious 'Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar' for the year 2023.

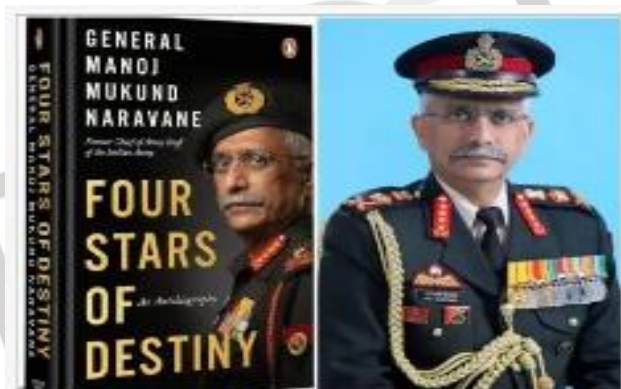


- ✓ These awards are a testament to the commendable contributions made by corporate entities, Sports Control Boards, NGOs, and sports bodies at the State and National levels towards the promotion and development of sports in India.
- ✓ Recognizing the commendable efforts of **Jain Deemed to be University** in identifying and nurturing young talent.
- ✓ **Odisha Mining Corporate Limited** has been acknowledged for its outstanding contribution to sports through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

BOOKS & AUTHORS

➤ **Four Stars Of Destiny**

- ✓ General Manoj Mukund Naravane, the former Chief of Army Staff (CoAS) of the Indian Army, has penned his autobiography titled “Four Stars of Destiny: An Autobiography.”



- ✓ Scheduled to be published in January 2024 by Penguin Veer, an imprint of Penguin Random House India, the book delves into the diverse experiences that have shaped Gen MM Naravane’s character, spanning from his childhood to his illustrious years in the armed services.
- ✓ Gen MM Naravane served as the 28th Chief of Army Staff, leading the Indian Army with distinction from December 2019 to April 2022.
- ✓ His tenure at the helm was marked by strategic decisions and a commitment to the nation’s defense.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

➤ **‘E-Soil’ That Accelerates Plant Growth**

- ✓ Scientists from laboratories of Linköping University in Sweden have unveiled an electrically conductive “soil” engineered to foster exceptional growth in crops,

particularly barley seedlings, marking a potential 50 per cent surge in growth within a mere 15-day period.



- ✓ This innovative soilless cultivation method, termed hydroponics, harnesses a sophisticated root system activated through a novel cultivation substrate. With hydroponics, the prospect of cultivating food in urban landscapes under meticulously controlled conditions becomes a tangible reality.
- ✓ Their groundbreaking research highlights the remarkable acceleration in barley seedling growth by up to 50 per cent within a fortnight when their roots were electrically stimulated.

REPORT

- **Chennai Tops As Best City For Indian Women**
- ✓ Chennai emerged as the top Indian city for women in 2023 in terms of inclusivity and conduciveness to working women, as per findings from diversity, equity, and inclusivity consultant Avtar Group's Top Cities for Women in India (TCWI) 2023.



- ✓ Tamil Nadu cities topped both categories that the study covered – 49 cities in the million-plus population category and 64 cities in the less than a million-population category.
- ✓ National capital Delhi, notorious for crimes against women, made its debut in the top 10 by positioning itself on the 8th rank. Delhi held a CIS rank of 14 last year.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **Earth's Rotation Day – January 08**
- ✓ Every year, Earth's Rotation Day is celebrated on January 8, and this year, the special day falls on a Monday. It's a day dedicated to recognizing the pivotal discovery of Earth's rotation on its axis.



- ✓ Earth's Rotation Day serves as an educational opportunity, especially for children, to learn about and be inspired by our planet's dynamics. It encourages curiosity and a deeper understanding of the phenomenon of Earth's rotation.
- ✓ Earth's Rotation Day is celebrated to honor Léon Foucault's groundbreaking experiment.

