

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JANUARY 12, 2024

TAMIL NADU

➤ **Technology Education and Learning Support (TEALS)**

- ✓ In an effort to bridge the digital divide, the School Education Department has partnered with Microsoft to expand the Technology Education and Learning Support (TEALS) programme to more schools on Thursday.



- ✓ The project was started on a pilot-basis in 14 schools of three districts — 10 government schools, two government-aided schools and two private schools.
 - ✓ Now, the project is in the process of being expanded to 100 schools.
 - ✓ The teachers have been trained to teach the students HTML, C++, Python, game development and artificial intelligence (AI).
- #### ➤ **Nalam Naadi App**
- ✓ Minister for School Education Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi unveiled the *Nalam Naadi* app on Tuesday for special educators to track students with learning disabilities in Chennai.



- ✓ The students undergo health screening which is undertaken by the teachers at the school.
 - ✓ This data is then fed into the health app under the Education Management Information System (EMIS) which is run by the School Education department.
 - ✓ Hence, to be able to cater to the children's needs and to tailor a curriculum that would be beneficial for them, this app was launched".
- **T.N. has the highest number of operational SEZs**
- ✓ Tamil Nadu has the highest concentration of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in the country, with 54 in operation in the State, which account for a third of its exports, Alex Paul Menon, Development Commissioner, MEPZ (Madras Export Processing Zone) SEZ, said at the Global Investors Meet on Monday.

NATIONAL

- **National Youth Festival**
- ✓ Prime Minister will inaugurate the 27th National Youth Festival at Nashik in Maharashtra tomorrow.



- ✓ He will also address the youth of the nation.
- ✓ National Youth Day is celebrated every year to honour the ideals and thoughts of Swami Vivekananda.

- ✓ The theme of the National Youth Festival this year is MYBharat-ViksitBharat@2047- By the Youth, For the Youth.
- ✓ During the celebration, various states will showcase cultural programmes of their diverse cultural heritage.

SCHEMES

➤ **Mulya Pravah 2.0**

- ✓ In a significant move to promote ethical practices in higher education, the University Grants Commission (UGC) of India has introduced Mulya Pravah 2.0.



- ✓ This new guideline comes as a response to surveys that highlighted unethical practices such as favouritism, sexual harassment, and gender discrimination within various educational organizations.
- ✓ Mulya Pravah 2.0 is an updated version of the original Mulya Pravah guideline, which the UGC introduced in 2019.
- ✓ The main objective of this revised guideline is to instill human values and professional ethics in higher education institutions across India.

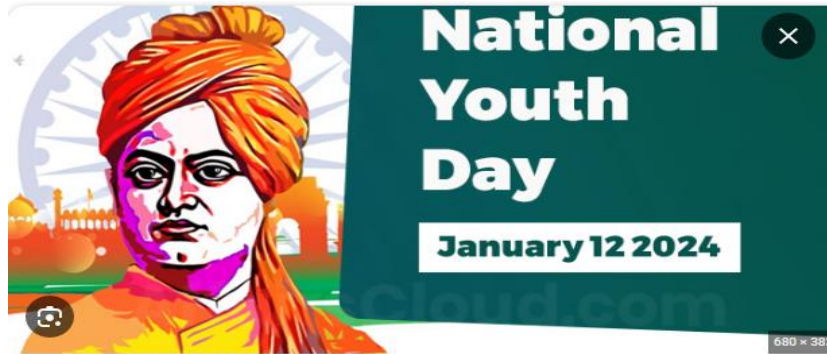
➤ **ANUBHAV Awards Scheme, 2024**

- ✓ The ANUBHAV Awards Scheme, initiated by the Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare (DoPPW), is an innovative platform for recognizing the contributions made by retired officials to nation-building during their tenure in government service.
- ✓ Launched in 2015, the scheme is a step towards documenting India's administrative history through written narratives by retired Central Government employees.
- ✓ The scheme offers 05 ANUBHAV Awards and 10 Jury Certificates annually.

IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ **National Youth Day – January 12**

- ✓ National Youth Day observed every year on January 12th in India, commemorates the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda and recognizes his significant contributions to Indian society and the world.



- ✓ The Government of India, in 1984, declared January 12 as National Youth Day to honour Swami Vivekananda's birthday.
- ✓ The theme for National Youth Day 2024 is "Viksit Yuva-Viksit Bharat." This theme reflects a focus on youth empowerment and nation-building.
- ✓ It underscores the critical role of the youth in shaping a developed India.