

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JANUARY 13, 2024

TAMIL NADU

➤ World Tamil Diaspora Day

- ✓ World Tamil Diaspora Day celebrated on 12 January in Chennai.
- ✓ On the occasion, Chief Minister M.K.Stalin said that a special department has been created for the welfare of Tamils living abroad and a minister has been appointed.

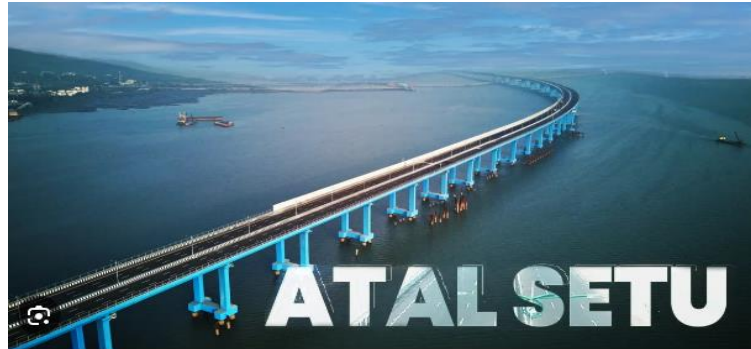


- ✓ The Chief Minister distributed medals to 13 important Tamil achievers who have excelled in various fields, including education, art, literature, and culture. In this event, Tamils living in fifty countries participated.
- ✓ Enathu Gramam, My Village, a unique scheme for the development of villages was launched.
- ✓ Under this scheme, any person can adopt his native village and ensure its overall development.

STATE

➤ **India's Longest Sea Bridge**

- ✓ The Mumbai Trans Harbour Link (MTHL) or Atal Setu, longest sea bridge in India is set to be inaugurated by the prime minister Narendra Modi.

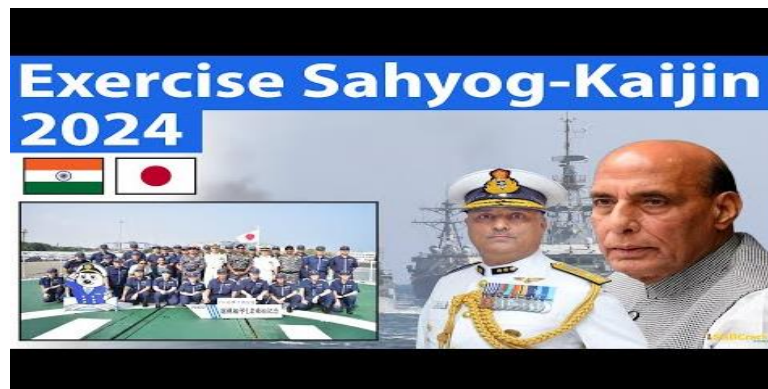


- ✓ The bridge has been named after former prime minister and late BJP veteran Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- ✓ 21.8 km in length and having six lanes, the bridge has been constructed at a whopping cost of 18,000 crore.
- ✓ The bridge originates from Sewri in Mumbai and ends at Nhava Sheva in Uran taluka in Raigad.
- ✓ It is expected to boost economic development in Navi Mumbai and other nearby areas.
- ✓ It has shortened the distance between Mumbai and Navi Mumbai to just 20 minutes which earlier took 2 hours.

DEFENCE

➤ **Joint Exercise 'Sahyog Kaijin'**

- ✓ The Indian and Japanese Coast Guards have recently conducted a successful joint exercise named 'Sahyog Kaijin' off the coast of Chennai.



- ✓ This exercise is a part of the ongoing collaboration between the two countries under the Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) signed in 2006.
- ✓ The joint exercise, which commenced on January 8, focused on enhancing interoperability and sharing best practices in maritime law enforcement, search and rescue operations, and pollution response at sea.
- ✓ The exercise underscores the strong maritime cooperation between India and Japan and aids in further strengthening their ties and mutual understanding.

