

## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – FEBRUARY 02, 2024

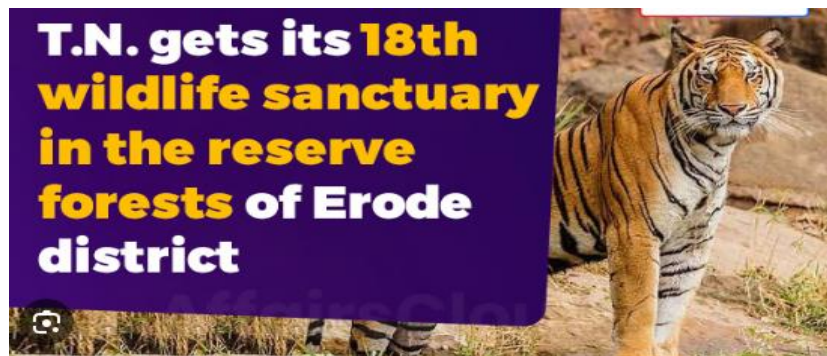
### TAMIL NADU

#### ➤ **'Kalaingar Sports Kit' Initiative**

- ✓ Tamil Nadu Youth Welfare and Sports Development Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin recently announced a pioneering scheme aimed at nurturing sports talent at the grassroots level.



- ✓ Named after the late Kalaingar Karunanidhi, the 'Kalaingar Sports Kit' initiative is set to provide sporting kits to 12,000 village panchayats across the state.
  - ✓ The inaugural distribution of the sports kits under the Kalaingar Sports Kit scheme is scheduled to take place on February 7 in Trichy.
  - ✓ This event marks the beginning of a concerted effort to equip village-level athletes with the necessary resources to pursue their sporting aspirations.
- #### ➤ **Tamil Nadu gets its 18th Wildlife Sanctuary**
- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government has declared 80,114.80 hectares of the reserve forests in Bargur Hills in Erode district as the Thanthai Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary.



- ✓ This stretch of the protected forests links the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve with the Cauvery South Wildlife Sanctuary, and has been notified as the 18th wildlife sanctuary in the State.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **World Wetlands Day: February 02**
- ✓ On February 2, 2024, the world comes together to celebrate World Wetlands Day, emphasizing the undeniable importance of wetlands to both the environment and human wellbeing.



- ✓ The theme for World Wetlands Day 2024, “Wetlands and Human Wellbeing,” highlights the intricate connection between wetland ecosystems and the health, safety, and prosperity of human communities.
- ✓ World Wetlands Day is observed annually on February 2, marking the anniversary of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, signed in 1971 in Ramsar, Iran.

