

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – FEBRUARY 21, 2024

TAMIL NADU

➤ **Maghizhchi**

- ✓ Tamil Nadu State Police is the only police force in the country to allocate funds for providing mental and psychological treatment for police personnel, said Director General of Police Shankar Jiwai in Madurai on Sunday.



- ✓ Inaugurating Maghizhchi, a mental well-being programme for police personnel and their families in southern districts and Madurai and Tirunelveli city police in association with M.S. Chellamuthu Trust and Research Foundation.
- ✓ Mr. Jiwai said that reimbursement claims for treatment of deaddiction were allowed by the police department as per the Government Order.
- ✓ “No other State police department has such a programme.”

AWARDS

➤ **58th Jnanpith Award**

- ✓ Celebrated Urdu poet Gulzar and Sanskrit scholar Jagadguru Rambhadracharya have been selected for the 58th Jnanpith Award, considered by many to be the country’s highest literary honour.



- ✓ Sampooran Singh Kalra, popularly known as Gulzar, is considered one of the finest Urdu poets of his generation.
- ✓ Rambhadracharya is a renowned Hindu spiritual leader, educator and writer of more than 240 books and texts, including four epics.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

➤ INSAT-3DS Weather Satellite

- ✓ The GSLV-F14 carrying INSAT-3DS meteorological satellite was successfully launched on Saturday from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota.



- ✓ About 18 minutes after the lift-off from the spaceport's launchpad, the GSLV-F14 deployed the INSAT-3DS into the intended geosynchronous transfer orbit.
- ✓ The INSAT-3DS satellite is a follow-on mission of the third generation meteorological satellite from geostationary orbit.
- ✓ The satellite is an exclusive mission designed for enhanced meteorological observations, monitoring of land and ocean surfaces for weather forecasting, and disaster warning.

➤ New Drug to Treat Chronic Kidney Disease



- ✓ The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), has approved Jardiance (empagliflozin) 10mg tablets to reduce the risk of sustained decline in patients with end-stage kidney disease, cardiovascular death, and hospitalisation in adults with chronic kidney disease (CKD) at risk of progression.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **International Mother Language Day: February 21**
- ✓ Annually commemorated on February 21, International Mother Language Day in 2024 falls on a Wednesday, marking a special day of recognition and celebration of linguistic diversity worldwide.



- ✓ The genesis of International Mother Language Day traces back not to India, but to Bangladesh, highlighting a pivotal movement in the history of linguistic rights.
- ✓ This year, the theme for International Mother Language Day is “Multilingual education – a pillar of learning and intergenerational learning.”

