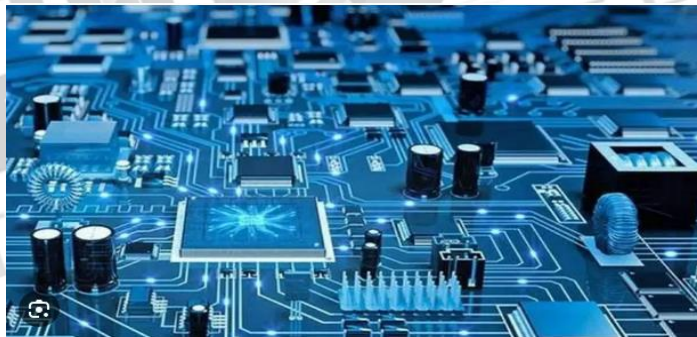


EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MARCH 02, 2024

TAMIL NADU

- **T.N.'s Export of Electronic Goods Touches \$7.37 billion**
- ✓ Tamil Nadu's electronic goods exports touched \$7.37 billion and it accounted for 32.52% of India's total export of electronics system design and manufacturing (ESDM) goods of \$22.65 billion for the period from April 2023 to January 2024.



- ✓ The State's electronic goods exports stood at \$5.37 billion in the financial year 2022-23.
- ✓ The export of electronic goods is expected to reach the \$9-billion mark by the end of current financial year 2023-24. "This achievement underscores the State's pivotal role in the national economy."

NATIONAL

- **75,000-crore 'Free Electricity' Solar Scheme**
- ✓ The Union Cabinet approved a 75,021-crore package for the 'PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana' (PM Free Electricity scheme) to promote rooftop solar (RTS) installations in India.



- ✓ The scheme envisages providing 300 units of “free electricity” every month to one crore households.
- ✓ However, it was not immediately clear how the scheme officially unveiled on Thursday would result in free electricity to one crore households.
- ✓ The Centre will fund, an accompanying press statement from the Union Power Ministry says, 60% of the cost for installing 2 kW (kilowatt) systems and 40% of the cost for systems of 2-3 kW capacity.

DEFENCE

➤ Exercise Samudra Laksamana

- ✓ Exercise Samudra Laksamana, a significant bilateral maritime exercise between India and Malaysia, is currently underway from February 28 to March 2, 2024, off the coast of Visakhapatnam.



- ✓ This exercise marks the third edition of the collaboration, featuring the Indian Naval Ship Kiltan and the Royal Malaysian Ship KD Lekir.
- ✓ The primary aim of Exercise Samudra Laksamana is to bolster the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the two naval forces.

ECONOMY

➤ India's GST Collection – February 2024

- ✓ India's Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection witnessed a significant surge of 12.5% year-on-year, reaching Rs 1.68 lakh crore in February, as stated by the government.



- ✓ February's GST collection rose by 12.5% compared to the same month in the previous year, showcasing robust growth in tax revenues.
- ✓ The finance ministry highlighted that the average monthly gross collection for the fiscal year 2023/24 stands at Rs 1.67 lakh crore, surpassing the corresponding period of the previous year.

IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ World Wildlife Day: March 03

- ✓ World Wildlife Day, celebrated annually on March 3, serves as a poignant reminder of the urgent need to protect and preserve the world's fauna and flora.



- ✓ In 2024, this day draws particular attention to the role of digital innovation in wildlife conservation, underlining the theme “Connecting People and Planet: Exploring Digital Innovation in Wildlife Conservation.”
- ✓ The inception of World Wildlife Day traces back to a proposal made by Thailand to the United Nations General Assembly in 2013.

