

## **EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MARCH 28, 2024**

### **TAMIL NADU**

#### ➤ **House Sparrow Numbers on Rise**

- ✓ With the house sparrow population dwindling in the city over the years, various voluntary organisations and avian enthusiasts have been on a crusade to bring the winged wonders back to the cityscape.



- ✓ Courtesy of their efforts, households in various parts of the city are now spotting sparrows in their backyards or on balconies.
- ✓ On World Sparrow Day (March 20), various organisations stressed the need for sparrow conservation programmes.

#### ➤ **Over 100 Megalithic Burials Found on Jawadhu Hills**

- ✓ Tamil Nadu State Archaeology Department officials found over 100 megalithic burials in Pattarakadu reserve forest on Jawadhu Hills in Tiruvannamalai recently.
- ✓ Archaeologists said that it was the first time they conducted a spatial survey on the hills.
- ✓ The archaeology team found a large number of megalithic burials and neolithic tools, including small hand axes.

- ✓ The burial sites were found in remotely inhabited tribal villages, namely Keel Cheppili and Mel Cheppili near Jamunamarathur.
- **‘Mudhalvarin Grama Salaigal Membattu Thittam’ (MGSMT)**



- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government has recently accorded administrative sanction for 1,000 crore to improve roads in village panchayats and panchayat unions under the **‘Mudhalvarin Grama Salaigal Membattu Thittam’ (MGSMT)** during 2024-25.
- ✓ The order is in line with the Finance Minister’s announcement in his Budget speech for 2024-25 to improve about 2,000 km of roads in rural areas.

## ECONOMY

- **Morgan Stanley Raises India GDP Growth Forecast to 6.8%**
- ✓ Morgan Stanley has increased its GDP growth forecast for India for the financial year 2024-25 (FY25) to 6.8%, up from the previous estimate of 6.5%.



- ✓ This revision reflects a positive outlook on India’s economic trajectory, emphasizing its strength and stability in the current cycle.

- ✓ The firm also revised its growth forecast for the ongoing financial year, FY24, to 7.9%.

## SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **ISRO's START 2024 Program to Inspire Youth in Space Science**
- ✓ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will conduct the Space Science and Technology Awareness Training (START) 2024 program during April and May.



- ✓ ISRO is inviting Expression of Interest (EOI) from educational institutes, universities, and colleges within India offering UG and PG courses in physical sciences and technology to host START-2024.
- **'Pushpak' Reusable Landing Vehicle**
- ✓ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully conducted the Pushpak Reusable Landing Vehicle (RLV) LEX 02 landing experiment at the Aeronautical Test Range in Chitradurga on Friday.



- ✓ The RLV LEX 02 landing experiment is the second of the series of experiments conducted by the space agency.
- ✓ The test was conducted at 7.10 a.m. on Friday. ISRO said that after the first RLV-LEX-01 mission, which was accomplished last year, the RLV-LEX-02 demonstrated the autonomous landing capability of RLV off-nominal initial conditions at the release from a Chinook helicopter.

➤ **IIT-M Develops Electric Standing Wheelchair**

- ✓ Ramya, who has not been able to use her legs because of an injury, stood up for the first time on Wednesday to sing the national anthem.



- ✓ A motorised wheelchair helped her stand. The B.Com graduate is a mother who is now looking for a job.
- ✓ Like Ramya, Rajesh Kumar, who sustained an injury when he was 13, is now working in the Indian Spinal Injury Centre in Delhi.
- ✓ Ms. Ramya and Mr. Kumar displayed the use of a new device developed by the R2D2 Centre of the Indian Institute of Technology-Madras (IIT-M).