

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

TAMIL NADU

- **Tamil Nadu Sanctions 500 Crore For Irrigation Tank Rejuvenation**
- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government has approved 500 crore to rejuvenate 5,000 minor irrigation tanks in rural areas.



- ✓ This project is aimed at improving water storage and managing local water resources, especially for agriculture.
 - ✓ The project will receive 250 crore from the State Budget and an additional 250 crore as a grant from the State Finance Commission.
 - ✓ Tamil Nadu has around 22,051 minor irrigation tanks and 69,777 ponds or ooranis (traditional water storage systems).
- **Tamil Nadu Pumped Storage Projects Policy 2024**
 - ✓ Following the policies for wind and small hydel power projects, the state government has introduced the 'Tamil Nadu Pumped Storage Projects Policy 2024' on Saturday.



- ✓ As part of its objectives, the policy states it aims to create an attractive investment environment for both public and private sector entities, including clear regulatory frameworks, financial incentives and streamlined approval processes to reduce the risks and uncertainties associated with investments.
- ✓ Pumped Storage Projects (PSPs) are seen as key to the energy transition due to their ability to store excess renewable energy during low demand periods and supply it during peak times.

SCHEMES

- **Partnerships for Accelerated Innovation and Research (PAIR) Programme**
- ✓ To boost research in higher institutes, the PAIR programme launched.



- ✓ The central government will launch the Partnerships for Accelerated Innovation and Research (PAIR) programme designed to elevate research capabilities in higher education institutions (HEIs) by linking top-tier research institutions with those where research capability is limited, creating a collaborative mentorship environment.

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **2nd Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Civil Aviation**

- ✓ India's aviation sector has experienced significant growth, evolving into one of the largest and most dynamic markets in the world.



- ✓ With the 2nd Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Civil Aviation scheduled from September 11-12, 2024, in New Delhi, India is set to reinforce its leadership in aviation.
- ✓ The conference, co-hosted by ICAO and the Ministry of Civil Aviation, will focus on exploring new opportunities for growth, infrastructure, and collaboration, especially in regional connectivity.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **World Suicide Prevention Day: September 10**
- ✓ Every year on 10 September, World Suicide Prevention Day is celebrated.



- ✓ The main focus of this day is to create awareness about ways and measures to prevent suicide and mental health.
- ✓ The theme of World Suicide Prevention Day 2024-2026 is "Changing the narrative on suicide".

- **National Forest Martyrs Day - September 11**

- ✓ **National Forest Martyrs Day** is celebrated **every year on September 11** in India to pay tribute to those who died for the protection of the forest and wildlife of the country.



- ✓ The day honours protective environmentalists and personnel of the forest who have experienced certain risks in the process of conservation of natural resources.
- ✓ Theme 2024 – **Honoring the Guardians of Our Forest.**

