



## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – OCTOBER 14, 2024

### TAMIL NADU

- **First to earn Tag of 'Govt. Scientific Expert' in Wildlife Forensics**
- ✓ The Advanced Institute of Wildlife Conservation (AIWC) in Vandalur, an institution set up by the Tamil Nadu Forest Department, has become the first institution from southern India to be officially recognised as a government scientific expert.



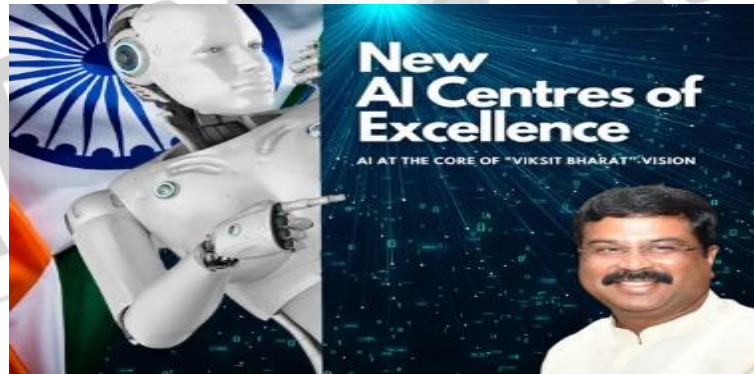
- ✓ With this tag, the institute can support the Tamil Nadu Forest Department and assist the forest and wildlife departments of neighbouring States with forensic analysis, enhancing wildlife law enforcement in the region.

### NATIONAL

- **Govt. Approves Continuation of Free Fortified Rice Supply**
- ✓ The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved the continuation of supply of free fortified rice under various welfare programmes from July 2024 to December 2028.



- ✓ The move is aimed at addressing anaemia and micronutrient deficiency.
- ✓ Fortified rice will be provided free under programmes such as the Targeted Public Distribution System, Integrated Child Development Service, and PM POSHAN, in all the States and UTs.
- **Centre sets up Three AI Research Hubs on Health, Agri and Cities**
- ✓ The Centre on Tuesday announced setting up of three centres of excellence (CoE) in artificial intelligence (AI) in healthcare, agriculture and sustainable cities.



- ✓ While the CoE in healthcare will be led by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in Delhi, the IIT in Ropar, Punjab will lead the one on agriculture.
- ✓ The IIT-Kanpur has been given the charge of developing a CoE in sustainable cities.
- ✓ The CoEs will function with industries and start-ups.

## CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **ASEAN Summit: Enhancing Regional Ties and Connectivity**
- ✓ The recently concluded 44th and 45th ASEAN Summits in Vientiane, Laos (October 8-11) brought together leaders from ASEAN countries and partners, emphasizing resilience and connectivity across key areas.



- ✓ With nearly 90 documents adopted, the summits focused on strengthening ASEAN's role in the Indo-Pacific, addressing supply chain connectivity, sustainable agriculture, and climate change.
- **India Digital Agri Conference 2024**
- ✓ The India Digital Agri Conference 2024, co-organized by the Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture (ICFA) and IIT Ropar TIF – AWaDH in New Delhi, marked a significant milestone in revolutionizing Indian agriculture.



- ✓ The event focused on leveraging digital technologies like AI, IoT, drones, and data analytics to address challenges such as climate change, food security, and sustainable resource management.

