



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – DECEMBER 21, 2024

AWARDS

➤ Sahitya Akademi Award

- ✓ Historian AR Venkatachalapathy has bagged the Sahitya Akademi Award for the year 2024 in the research category for his Tamil book Tirunelveli Ezhuchiyum Vaa Vuu Ciyum 1908 (Tirunelveli uprising and VO Chidambaram Pillai 1908).



- ✓ Venkatachalapathy, a professor at the Madras Institute of Development Studies told TNIE that he is delighted to be recognised for his two-decade-long research work on VOC, a great and selfless leader.
- ✓ It gives me immense pleasure that my work on an event that assumed a significant place in history has been chosen for the award.
- ✓ The book covers the uprising that happened in Tirunelveli and Thoothukudi on March 13, 1908, following the arrest of VOC by the British. It was ruthlessly crushed by the police.

SPORTS

➤ Para Athletics World Championships

- ✓ The Para Athletics World Championships will be hosted in Delhi in 2025, marking a historic first for India.



- ✓ The announcement was made by the global governing body WPA on December 19, 2024.
- ✓ The competition will be held from September 26 to October 5 at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, where the World Para Athletics Grand Prix will also be held from March 11-13.
- ✓ The Para Athletics World Championships will be the 12th edition of the event and the fourth time it will be held in Asia.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **First-Ever World Meditation Day – December 21**

World Meditation Day
21 December



- ✓ On 21st December 2024, the world will celebrate the first-ever World Meditation Day, marking a significant moment in the global acknowledgment of the transformative power of meditation.
- ✓ This annual celebration has been established following a resolution passed by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on 29th November 2024.
- ✓ The event's theme, "Meditation for Global Peace and Harmony."

