

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – DECEMBER 04, 2025

TAMILNADU

➤ Rameswaram airport

- ✓ The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has begun the pre-feasibility study for the proposed Rameswaram airport.
- ✓ Tamil Nadu government announced its decision to build an airport in Rameswaram to boost infrastructure and tourism.
- ✓ The government had shortlisted two sites – one near Uchipulli, and another near Keelakarai.



- ✓ Apart from Sri Ramanathaswamy Temple, there are few famous temples located in the region, including Adi Jagannatha Perumal Temple (one of the 108 *Divya Desam* temples), Mangalanatha Swamy Temple (Uthirakosamangai village), and Kodhandaramar Temple.
- ✓ Hence, having air connectivity to Rameswaram would be beneficial to a lot of tourists.

➤ **TN to get high-res satellite imagery of Land Records**

- ✓ The directorate of survey and settlement (DOSS) will procure high-resolution satellite imagery to modernize and digitize land records across the state.
- ✓ The DOSS has issued a request for proposal (RFP) to create a comprehensive high resolution satellite imagery (HRSI) database covering an area of 1,30,000 sq km.
- ✓ According to the tender, the project falls under a broader effort to develop a modern, transparent land records management system, supporting governance, infrastructure planning, and welfare programme delivery.
- ✓ The satellite data will feed into the TN geographical information system (TNGIS), supporting large-scale mapping, land surveying, and governance applications.

➤ **TAHDCO's New Initiative**

- ✓ TN's Adi Dravidar Housing and Development Corporation (TAHDCO) has teamed up with startup Rewin Health to set up 150 physiotherapy clinics across the state.
- ✓ The centres will also be run by people from scheduled caste and scheduled tribe communities.
- ✓ It will boost local employment. As the focus is on SC and ST entrepreneurs.
- ✓ The project cost is Rs. 6 lakhs, the entrepreneur's contribution is only 5% (Rs.30,000).
- ✓ TAHDCO provides a 35% subsidy of Rs. 2.1 lakh to SC and ST applicants. A bank loan of Rs. 3.6 lakh will be facilitated by Rewin Health and Tahdco for the entrepreneur.
- ✓ This will give them the capital and opportunity to build their own businesses and directly serve their communities.

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➤ **New Labour codes**

- ✓ The New four labour codes are likely to be fully operational from April 1, 2026. These codes aim to simplify labour laws and improve worker welfare.
- ✓ Code on Wages, 2019, Industrial Relations Code, 2020, Code on Social Security, 2020, Occupational Safety & Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020 rules under the notified laws are being framed.

New laws usher in key changes HT

Gratuity after a year
Gratuity payments for all fixed-term employees after one year of continuous service, instead of five years earlier.

Mandated minimum wage
A national minimum wage will cover all workers, instead of a few scheduled industries.

Health focus
Free annual medical checkups for workers aged above 40.

New lay-off threshold
Companies with up to 300 workers allowed to fire workers

or shut plants without prior govt approval. The previous threshold was 100 workers.

Relief for fixed-term staff
Fixed-term employees will get the same benefits as permanent staff, including leave, regulated working hours and medical benefits.

Enhancing female labour force participation
Women allowed to work night shifts and enter industries, sectors under the "hazardous" category, such as mining

Laws define gig, platform work
"A person who participates in a work arrangement and earns from such activities outside of a traditional employer-employee relationship"



✓ Likely implementation date: April 1, 2026

➤ **India's first blind Army officer**

✓ President Droupadi Murmu presented the National Award for Persons with Disabilities to 36-year-old Lt Col C Dwarakesh for recognising an Army career that even disability couldn't cut short, and one that now includes a world record in para shooting.



✓ He met an accident in a basketball match at a military station and lost his eye sight.

✓ Lt Col Dwarakesh is the first officer of the Indian armed forces to continue in active service de-spite total blindness.

IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ Indian Navy Day - December 04

- ✓ Indian Navy Day is celebrated on December 4th every year to honor the efforts & role of the Indian Navy in Operation Trident conducted during the Indo-Pakistan war in 1971.
- ✓ The 2025 theme is "Combat Ready, Cohesive and Self-Reliant."
- ✓ The theme promotes indigenous defence systems under the Make in India (self-reliant manufacturing programme).

