



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – DECEMBER 05, 2025

TAMILNADU


- **VinFast to expand Thoothukudi plant at \$500 million**
- ✓ Vietnamese automaker VinFast will invest \$500 million in Thoothukudi to develop dedicated workshops and production lines for electric buses and e-scooters, covering manufacturing, assembly, testing, and other related operations.
- ✓ Under the MoU, the Government of Tamil Nadu will allocate approximately 500 acres (around 200 hectares) of land adjacent to VinFast's existing facility in Thoothukudi.
- ✓ The existing plant covers 400 acres (160 hectares), and has an initial annual capacity of 50,000 electric vehicles, which is being expanded to 1,50,000 units.

NATIONAL

- **DHRUVA**
- ✓ The Department of Posts has released a draft amendment to introduce Digital Hub for Reference and Unique Virtual Address (DHRUVA), a UPI-like digital addressing system enabling users to share address "labels" such as name@entity.
- ✓ It will provide users a convenient way to share their addresses across platforms.

Smart addresses

A draft amendment seeks to enable an interoperable system replacing physical addresses with smart labels like "name@entity" powered by DIGIPIN for precise geolocation

<ul style="list-style-type: none">Labels will be provided by address service providers, while consent architecture will be managed by address information agents		<ul style="list-style-type: none">offer adequate information
<ul style="list-style-type: none">It will be based on the DIGIPIN system, which is a 10-character alphanumeric expression of latitude and longitude coordinates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The technology was developed to provide more precise locations in rural areas or in cases where the textual expression of a physical address does not	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The draft amendment is under consultation; Section 8 entity proposed (like NPCI for UPI)The system will be built as part of government's digital public infrastructure initiatives, and will allow private firms to participate

- ✓ The DIGIPIN system is the foundational layer for this service. It is a 10-character alphanumeric expression of latitude and longitude.
- ✓ It corresponds to a roughly 14 square metre patches of land, with a mathematical function deterministically generating a unique code. This translates to around 228 billion DIGIPINs for Indian territory.
- **MEITY & MEA Enable Paperless Passport Verification via DigiLocker**
- ✓ The government has introduced a paperless, contactless passport verification system via DigiLocker, allowing citizens to securely access and share their Passport Verification Records (PVRs) digitally.
- ✓ This integration ensures tamper-proof verification, easy sharing with authorities, reduced physical paperwork, faster processing, and stronger support for Digital India by bringing PVRs into the ecosystem of official digital documents.
- **Victoria University to Open First India Campus in Gurugram**
- ✓ Australia's Victoria University (VU) is set to open its first international campus in Gurugram, India, by mid-2026, becoming one of the first foreign universities licensed under India's NEP 2020 reforms.
- ✓ The campus will offer undergraduate and postgraduate programs in Business, IT, and Research & Innovation, featuring VU's unique Block Model teaching, which allows intensive focus on one subject at a time.
- ✓ This move provides affordable global education, reduces the need to study abroad, and strengthens India-Australia academic collaboration.

IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ **World Soil Day - December 05**

- ✓ World Soil Day 2025, observed on December 5, centers on the theme “Healthy Soils for Healthy Cities,” highlighting how urban soils are vital for food security, climate action, and city resilience.



- ✓ The day emphasizes that healthy soil regulates water, absorbs carbon, prevents floods, reduces heat, and supports clean air, while soil sealing from urbanization weakens these functions – urging cities to restore soil through green spaces, urban farming, and permeable infrastructure.
- ### ➤ **International Volunteer Day - December 05**
- ✓ International Volunteer Day 2025, celebrated on December 5, highlights the theme “Every Contribution Matters,” marking the launch of the International Year of Volunteers for Sustainable Development.
 - ✓ This year’s observance underscores that every act of service—formal or informal—advances the SDGs, strengthens community resilience, and fosters intergenerational cooperation, with global events, national campaigns, and digital initiatives mobilizing volunteers worldwide.

