

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – DECEMBER 25, 2023

TAMIL NADU

- **World Bank provides \$300 Million Loan to Tamil Nadu**
- ✓ World Bank provides \$300 million loan to Tamil Nadu to help 21 Urban Local Bodies.
- ✓ The World Bank's Board of Executive Directors has approved a new program to support Tamil Nadu and provide around 2 million people with more and better access to water and sewerage services in cities.



- ✓ The \$300 million Tamil Nadu Climate Resilient Urban Development Program will help 21 Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) update their delivery systems and provide quality and efficient water supply and sewerage services to consumers.
- ✓ Tamil Nadu is one of the most urbanised states in India and faces increasing impacts of climate shocks like floods and droughts.
- ✓ For its rapidly growing population, access to services like water and sanitation is essential for more climate-resilient cities.

NATIONAL

➤ **Press And Registration Of Periodicals Bill, 2023**

- ✓ The Lok Sabha recently approved the Press and Registration of Periodicals Bill, 2023, effectively replacing the outdated Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867.
- ✓ The Bill, previously cleared by the Rajya Sabha during the Monsoon Session, streamlines the process of title allotment and periodical registration by introducing an online system, eliminating the need for physical interaction.



- ✓ The new law aims to expedite the title registration process, reducing the time from 2-3 years to just 60 days, benefiting small and medium publishers.
- ✓ The Press Registrar General will play a key role in fast-tracking the process, eliminating the need for publishers to file declarations with local authorities.

INTERNATIONAL

➤ **International Year of Camelids**

- ✓ The UN has designated 2024 as the International Year of Camelids.



- ✓ Camels, llamas, alpacas, vicuñas, and guanacos are an important source of livelihood for millions of families – most of them pastoralists – in dryland and mountainous rangeland ecosystems around the world.

- ✓ The Year is meant to raise the public's and policymakers' awareness of the significant role of camelids.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **Good Governance Day – December 25**
- ✓ Governance Day, or Sushasan Diwas is observed on December 25 every year to mark the anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. This year marks the 99th birth anniversary of the former PM.



- ✓ The day is celebrated to create awareness about government accountability and administration among the people.
- ✓ The purpose behind the Good Governance Day is to raise awareness among citizens, particularly the young generation, who are the country's future.

