

## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JANUARY 17, 2024

### INTERNATIONAL

- **International North–South Transport Corridor (INSTC)**
- ✓ INSTC is a 7,200-km long multi-mode network of ship, rail, and road routes.



- ✓ The route primarily involves moving freight from India, Iran, Azerbaijan, and the Russian Federation via ship, rail, and road.
- ✓ The primary objective of the INSTC project is to reduce costs in terms of time and money over the traditional route currently being used.
- ✓ INSTC facilitates smoother transportation of goods, fostering economic growth and enhancing connectivity between the member countries.

### AWARDS

- **CM honours Scholars and Writers**
- ✓ Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Saturday presented awards instituted by three government departments to nine individuals for their contributions towards Tamil language and social justice. The awards instituted by the Tamil Development Department included,



- ✓ Ayyan Tiruvalluvar Award -Thavathiru Balamuruganadimai Swami for 2024
- ✓ Perarignar Anna Award - 'Pathamadai' Paramasivam (2023)
- ✓ Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Award - U. Balaraman (2023)
- ✓ Mahakavi Bharathiar Award - Palani Bharathi (2023)
- ✓ Paavendar Bharathidasan Award - M. Mutharasu (2023)
- ✓ Tamil Thendral Thiru Vi Ka Award - S. Jayaseela Stephen (2023)
- ✓ Muthamizh Kavalar K.A.P. Viswanatham Award - R. Karunanidhi (2023).
- ✓ Thanthai Periyar Award, instituted by the Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Department - Suba. Veerapandian.
- ✓ The Ambedkar Award instituted by Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department for 2023 - P. Shanmugam of the Tamil Nadu Tribal Association.

## SPORTS

- **Praggnanandhaa - India's No.1 Chess Player**
- ✓ Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa, an 18-year-old chess prodigy from Chennai, achieved a historic milestone in his career by defeating World Champion Ding Liren from China.



- ✓ The win against Ding Liren not only marked a personal victory for Praggnanandhaa but also led him to surpass the legendary Viswanathan Anand as the top-rated Indian player.

- ✓ With a FIDE live rating of 2748.3, Praggnanandhaa marginally edged past Anand's rating of 2748.

## RANKING

### ➤ 2024 Military Rankings

- ✓ The Global Firepower's Military Strength Rankings for 2024 offer a comprehensive assessment of military capabilities worldwide.



- ✓ The rankings, encompassing 145 countries, take into account more than 60 factors, including troop numbers, military equipment, financial stability, geographic location, and available resources.
- ✓ The top 4 countries with the most powerful militaries in the world, according to global Firepower's rankings for 2024, are as follows:

Sno.	Country	Power Index
1	United States	0.0699
2	Russia	0.0702
3	China	0.0706
4	India	0.1023

