

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – FEBRUARY 12, 2024

PERSONALITIES

- **First Transwoman TTE of Southern Railway**
- ✓ Sindhu Ganapathy, 37, has emerged as the first transwoman Travelling Ticket Examiner (TTE) of Southern Railway. For G. Sindhan, who had joined the Railways as a male employee in 2003, life was going easy initially.



- ✓ Even as she grew up the ranks as Senior Technician in the Railway Electrical Department, she suffered a setback when she met with an accident in 2020.
- ✓ Consequently, the accident rendered her unfit for technical job, and she was offered non-technical work. “I wanted to become a TTE.
- ✓ So, I underwent training and cleared the exam to become one,” she said. Subsequently, Ms. Sindhu was posted as a TTE in Dindigul last week.

AWARDS

- **K.P.P. Nambiar Award**
- ✓ K.P.P. Nambiar Award for ISRO Chairman S. Somanath.



- ✓ A historic event occurred in India's space exploration and technology community when the IEEE Kerala Section revealed the winner of the esteemed K.P.P. Nambiar Award.
- ✓ Chairman S. Somanath of the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), a name often associated with pioneering work in space technology, was this year's recipient of the honour.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **'SWATI' (Science for Women-A Technology & Innovation)**
- ✓ 'Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India launched the "Science for Women-A Technology & Innovation (SWATI)" Portal, aimed at creating a single online portal representing Indian Women and Girls in STEMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics & Medicine).



- ✓ The Portal is a complete interactive database; and the first of its kind in India which is developed, hosted, and maintained by the National Institute of Plant Genome Research (NIPGR).
- ✓ The database of the SWATI Portal will serve in policy-making to address the challenges of Gender-gap.

IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ **World Unani Day: February 11**

- ✓ World Unani Day is celebrated annually on February 11, marking the birth anniversary of Hakim Ajmal Khan, a renowned Unani practitioner and visionary who made significant contributions to the field of Unani medicine.



- ✓ This day is dedicated to raising awareness about the Unani system of medicine, one of the oldest healthcare systems in the world, which originated in Greece and was further developed in the Middle East and South Asia.
- **World Radio Day: February 13**
- ✓ Every year on February 13th, the world unites to celebrate World Radio Day, a day that marks the enduring significance of radio as a medium of communication.



- ✓ The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) honours this day to reflect on radio's vast virtues and its ongoing relevance in today's digitally divided world.
- ✓ The theme for World Radio Day 2024, "Radio: A Century Informing, Entertaining and Educating," celebrates the historical evolution of radio and its profound impact on society.

