

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – FEBRUARY 29, 2024

TAMIL NADU

- **VinFast's Electric Car Facility in Thoothukudi**
- ✓ Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Sunday laid the foundation stone for Vietnam-headquartered VinFast Auto Limited's electric car manufacturing facility, coming up on 408 acres at the SIPCOT Industrial Complex in Sillaanatham on the outskirts of Thoothukudi at an outlay of 16,000 crore.



- ✓ In the first phase, the firm will invest 4,000 crore in a significant step towards building a strategic partnership between VinFast Auto and the Tamil Nadu government, aimed at advancing the development of green transportation.
- ✓ Tamil Nadu is the only State in India to have three auto hubs.
- **Tamil Nadu Climate Summit 2.0**
- ✓ Tamil Nadu, which has seen an increase of 84% in emissions from 2005 to 2019, from 101 million tons of carbon dioxide equivalent to 184 million tons, needs nearly 475 GW of solar energy and 90 GW of wind power to achieve net zero emissions by 2070, according to the greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory, released at the inaugural of the Tamil Nadu Climate Summit 2.0 on Wednesday.



- ✓ The inventory was published by the Tamil Nadu Green Climate Company and the Council for Environment, Energy and Water (CEEW), an independent policy research institution.

NATIONAL

- **PM Modi Launches Projects worth 48,100 cr.**
- ✓ Facing his third Lok Sabha election, Prime Minister Narendra Modi chose Rajkot, the city where he was first elected an MLA, to launch projects worth 48,100 crore across the country.



- ✓ This included the inauguration of five All India Institutes of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in five States and India's longest cable-stayed bridge at Dwarka in Gujarat.
- **Five AIIMS**
- ✓ He inaugurated AIIMS at Rajkot in Gujarat and e-dedicated to the nation four more AIIMS at Bathinda (Punjab), Rae Bareli (Uttar Pradesh), Kalyani (West Bengal), and Mangalagiri (Andhra Pradesh).
- **Country's First indigenous Hydrogen Fuel Cell Ferry**
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off India's first indigenously built hydrogen fuel cell ferry boat in virtual mode here on Wednesday.

- ✓ The vessel has been built at the Cochin Shipyard. The pilot vessel is a 24-metre catamaran which can carry 50 passengers. It also has a fully air conditioned space for passengers.
- ✓ It will make urban mobility smooth and easy, according to a release issued by the Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL).

SCHEMES

- **Launches World's Largest Grain Storage Scheme: Strengthening Cooperative Sector**
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for key initiatives aimed at bolstering the cooperative sector in India.



- ✓ The pilot project for the 'World's Largest Grain Storage Plan in Cooperative Sector', expansion of PACS, and digital transformation aim to enhance food security, economic development, and governance, benefiting millions of farmers.
- ✓ The ceremony, held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, marks a significant step towards enhancing food security, economic development, and governance within the cooperative domain.

APPOINTMENT

- **Justice A.M. Khanwilkar**
- ✓ Justice A.M. Khanwilkar is Lokpal Chairperson.



- ✓ Former Supreme Court judge A.M. Khanwilkar was appointed the Chairperson of the anti-corruption ombudsman Lokpal on Tuesday.
- ✓ The Lokpal has been working without its regular chief after Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose completed his term on May 27, 2022.

