

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – APRIL 02, 2024

STATE

- **UP Leads with Most GI-Tagged Products**
- ✓ Northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh has taken the lead in having the highest number of Geographical Indication (GI) certified products in the country.



- ✓ With the recent addition of 15 new products, Uttar Pradesh now boasts a total of 69 GI-tagged products, surpassing Tamil Nadu's 58.
- ✓ The holy city of Varanasi has emerged as a leader in GI-tagged goods production, with a remarkable 30 certified products – the highest from a single geographical area.
- ✓ GI certification ensures that these products are unique representations of a specific culture, society, or craft.

NATIONAL

- **Central Equipment Identity Register System (CEIR)**

- ✓ As many as 1,580 lost or stolen mobile phones have been successfully recovered, thanks to the Central Equipment Identity Register System (CEIR) which was introduced last year.



- ✓ The CEIR system is a citizen-friendly initiative that was launched by the Department of Telecommunication (DoT), under the Ministry of Communications in May 2023.
- ✓ It is integrated with the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems (CCTNS), ensuring efficient information sharing.
- ✓ It also facilitates reporting, blocking, unblocking, and tracing of IMEI (International Mobile Equipment Identity) numbers for lost or stolen mobile devices across the country.

DEFENCE

➤ Gagan Shakti

- ✓ IAF's 10-day mega exercise 'Gagan Shakti' begins from April 1-10.



- ✓ The Indian Air Force (IAF) is showcasing its might and capability to carry out high-octane operations during the upcoming 'Gagan Shakti-2024' exercise "in a realistic environment" from April 1-10.
- ✓ The exercise involves all air force bases and assets scattered across the country.

REPORT

➤ **Katchatheevu Island Issue**

- ✓ Katchatheevu Island is an uninhabited island spanning 285 acres in the Palk Strait between India and Sri Lanka. It is 1.6 km in length and more than 300 m wide.



- ✓ St. Anthony's Church is the only structure on Katchatheevu Island. It was built in the 20th century.

When did the Katchatheevu controversy begin?

- ✓ Sri Lanka claimed sovereignty over Katchatheevu due to the Portuguese occupation of the island from 1505 to 1658.
- ✓ India claimed it due to possession by the Raja of Ramnad as part of its estate. Katchatheevu has been a disputed territory between India and Sri Lanka since the British era.
- ✓ The island was ceded to Sri Lanka by the government of India through an agreement in 1974.

IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ **World Autism Awareness Day: April 02**

- ✓ World Autism Awareness Day is on April 2nd every year. It aims to raise awareness and support for people with autism.



- ✓ The theme for 2024 is "Empowering Autistic Voices."

- ✓ A report says around 18 million people in India have autism. Between 1-1.5% of children aged 2-9 years old are diagnosed with autism. Boys are more commonly affected than girls.

