



## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – APRIL 18, 2024

### TAMIL NADU

- **T.N. Leading the Country on Multiple Fronts**
- ✓ The Export Preparedness Index, 2022, and the National Import–Export Record for Yearly Analysis of Trade (NIRYAT) for 2022- 23, released by the Union government, showed that the “Dravidian model of governance” was leading the country.
- ✓ Tamil Nadu also led the country in institutional deliveries and antenatal care, it said. The annual report of the Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry for 2022-23 had revealed that Tamil Nadu had 50 Special Economic Zones (SEZ), the highest among the States, it said. “In Gujarat, there are only 21 SEZs,” it added.
- ✓ According to the Export Preparedness Index, 2022, released by NITI Aayog, Tamil Nadu had secured the first position by scoring between 80 and 100 on various parameters, it said.
- ✓ As per the report released by NIRYAT, Tamil Nadu was second only to Maharashtra, accounting for 16.30% of the total exports.
- ✓ Tamil Nadu had secured 3.31% (NFHS-5) in the National Multidimensional Poverty Index, 2023, in terms of ‘Uncensored Headcount: Maternal Health’, while Gujarat secured 12.72%.
- ✓ Various reports released by the Centre showed that Tamil Nadu, under Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, led the country on multiple fronts.
  
- **State Ranks First in Export of Textiles and Leather Goods**
- ✓ According to the National Import-Export Record for Yearly Analysis of Trade (NIRYAT), the DMK said, Tamil Nadu accounted for 22.58% of the textiles exported from the country. “The report has made it clear that Tamil Nadu tops the list when it comes to export of textiles,”.

- ✓ Tamil Nadu's share was \$7.990 billion while Gujarat's share was \$4.738 billion. Top among 10 States Tamil Nadu was also ranked first among the 10 States that export readymade garments.
- ✓ The total exports from India was \$16.19 billion and Tamil Nadu's share was \$5.30 billion.
- ✓ Tamil Nadu also secured the first place in the export of leather goods, accounting for 43.20% of the national tally. "The data clearly show that Tamil Nadu is leading in many sectors.

## SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

### ➤ **Submersible Platform for Acoustic Characterisation and Evaluation (SPACE)**



- ✓ In a significant step towards enhancing India's naval capabilities, the Department of Defence (R&D) and the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) have recently inaugurated a state-of-the-art facility called the Submersible Platform for Acoustic Characterisation and Evaluation (SPACE) at the Underwater Acoustic Research Facility in Kulamavu, Idukki, Kerala.
  - ✓ This cutting-edge facility, set up by the Naval Physical & Oceanographic Laboratory of DRDO, is designed to serve as a premier testing and evaluation hub for sonar systems destined for the Indian Navy, a critical component of the country's maritime defense strategy.
- **Debris-Free Space Missions by 2030**
- ✓ ISRO chairman S Somanath announced that the country aims to achieve debris-free space missions by 2030.



- ✓ ISRO has a clearly laid-out plan for space exploration.
- ✓ The main aim of the initiative is to achieve debris-free space missions by 2030.
- ✓ ISRO had brought several old satellites and fourth stage of PSLV rockets back to the Earth through the deorbiting process as part of its zero orbital debris mission.
- ✓ India is also planning to set up its own space station 'Bharatiya Antriksh Station' by 2035.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **World Heritage Day: April 18**
- ✓ World Heritage Day, also known as the International Day for Monuments and Sites, is observed annually on April 18.



- ✓ This year, the special day falls on Thursday, April 18, 2024.
- ✓ The observance of this day aims to raise awareness about the diversity and importance of the world's cultural heritage, and the need to protect and preserve it for future generations.

