

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – APRIL 30, 2024

TAMIL NADU

➤ **Chithirai Festival**

- ✓ Lord Kallazhagar's annual ritual in Alagar Temple, Madurai during the Chithirai festival saw thousands of devotees gathering to witness his ceremonial entry into the Vaigai river.
- ✓ The festival, merging narratives of Lord Kallazhagar and Goddess Meenakshi's marriage, holds historical significance and promotes harmony.
- ✓ Alagar Temple is situated at the base of Alagar hills in Madurai, Tamil Nadu, and is one of Lord Vishnu's 108 abodes, revered as Kallazhagar.

DEFENCE

➤ **High-Speed Low Drag-Mark 2 Missile**

- ✓ IAF and Indian Navy Induct Rampage Missile for Enhanced Strike Capabilities.
- ✓ The Indian Air Force (IAF) and Indian Navy have bolstered their combat capabilities with the induction of the Rampage long-range supersonic air-to-ground missile, previously utilized by the Israeli Air Force in operations against Iranian targets.
- ✓ The missile, known as the High-Speed Low Drag-Mark 2 within the Indian Air Force, offers a striking range of up to 250 kilometers.

AWARDS

➤ **Prestigious Goldman Environmental Prize 2024**

- ✓ Alok Shukla, a renowned environmental activist and convenor of Chhattisgarh Bachao Andolan, has been selected for the prestigious 2024 Goldman Environmental Prize.
- ✓ Also known as the “Green Nobel Prize,” this annual award honours grassroots environmental champions worldwide for their outstanding contributions to environmental protection.

