



## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – NOVEMBER 13, 2024

### SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **Research Centre to Study Spacecraft & Launch Vehicle Thermal Management**
- ✓ Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) has collaborated with Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) to establish a Centre of Excellence for research in 'Fluid and Thermal Sciences'.



- ✓ The ISRO would be providing a seed funding of 1.84 crore towards establishing this centre.
- ✓ This centre will act as a nodal centre for spacecraft and launch vehicle-related thermal management research activities of ISRO.

### AWARDS

- **Booker Prize for Fiction with “Orbital”**
- ✓ British author Samantha Harvey has won the prestigious Booker Prize for Fiction for her novel “Orbital,” a thought-provoking and imaginative exploration set in the unique setting of the International Space Station (ISS).



- ✓ The novel, which Harvey refers to as a “space pastoral,” delves into the fragility of Earth and the profound connection humans have with their planet, using the perspective of astronauts in orbit.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **World Kindness Day – November 13**
- ✓ World Kindness Day aims to promote several acts that inspire compassion, empathy, and goodwill around the world.



- ✓ This day urges people around the world to perform acts of kindness whether great or small, to help create a more peaceful world.
- ✓ World Kindness Day is a relatively new commemoration which began in 1998 following the formation of the World Kindness Movement (WKM).

