



## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – NOVEMBER 22, 2024

### TAMIL NADU

- **Tamil Nadu's AI Mission: Centre of Excellence**
- ✓ Kumar Jayant, Additional Chief Secretary of the Department of Information Technology and Digital Services, announced Tamil Nadu's initiative to establish a Centre of Excellence (CoE) with an AI lab.



- ✓ This move is aimed at fostering research, development, and supporting startups and academic institutions.
- ✓ The state is also integrating AI into governance, enhancing services in healthcare, agriculture, and public sector monitoring.
- ✓ This strategic shift reflects the state's commitment to leveraging AI's potential for both societal benefit and innovation.

### NATIONAL

- **VISION Portal**

- ✓ Science and Technology Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated the Viksit Bharat Initiative for Student Innovation and Outreach Network (VISION) in New Delhi.



- ✓ The initiative is aimed at nurturing education, skill development, and innovation among underprivileged children.
- ✓ He emphasized how the portal could act as a gateway for those in remote areas to access mentorship and training.
- ✓ Mr. Singh also said that initiatives like VISION are integral to realizing the country's aspirations under Vision India 2047, which aims to position India as a global leader in technology, education, and economic growth.

## CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

### ➤ ASSOCHAM AI Leadership Meet 2024

- ✓ The Ministry of Science and Technology has launched India's first Artificial Intelligence (AI) data bank that is aimed at propelling innovation and boosting the country's national security.

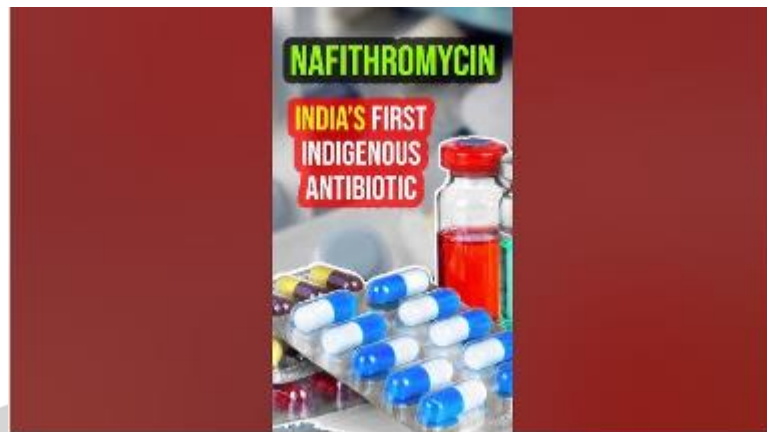


- ✓ The initiative will provide researchers, startups, and developers access to high-quality, diverse datasets essential for creating scalable and inclusive AI solutions.

- ✓ The event, themed “AI for India: Advancing India’s AI Development – Innovation, Ethics, and Governance”, showcased India’s strategic roadmap for harnessing the transformative potential of AI.

## SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

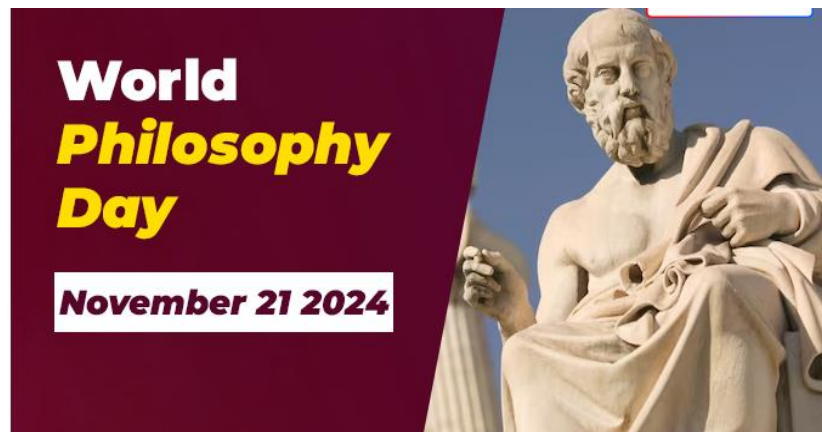
- **First Indigenous Antibiotic Drug Named Nafithromycin**
- ✓ Union Minister of Science and Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh has launched the first indigenous antibiotic drug named Nafithromycin for resistant infections.



- ✓ Addressing the event in New Delhi, Mr Singh said that the three-day treatment regimen of Nafithromycin is a game-changer against drug-resistant pneumonia, a condition responsible for over two million deaths worldwide annually.
- ✓ It is the country’s first indigenously developed antibiotic aimed at tackling Antimicrobial Resistance-AMR.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **World Philosophy Day – November 21**
- ✓ National Philosophy Day, also recognized globally as World Philosophy Day, is celebrated every year on the third Thursday of November.



- ✓ This day highlights the profound influence of philosophy in shaping human thought, fostering critical discourse, and addressing contemporary global challenges.
- ✓ Theme - 'Philosophy for an Inclusive and Sustainable Future' and 'bridging social gaps'.
- **World Television Day – November 21**
- ✓ World Television Day is celebrated every year on November 21 to underscore the role of television as a vital medium of communication.



- ✓ It highlights the profound impact of television in shaping global awareness, influencing decision-making, and fostering education.
- ✓ Beyond entertainment, television serves as a platform to address critical global issues, including peace, conflicts, and social development.
- ✓ The Theme for World Television Day 2024 is "Accessibility"

