



## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – DECEMBER 18, 2024

### PERSONALITIES

- **Ashwin's Retirement: A Historic Cricket Career Concludes**
- ✓ Ravichandran Ashwin, one of India's premier spinners, has announced his retirement from international cricket at the end of the third Border-Gavaskar Trophy Test in Brisbane on December 18, 2024.



- ✓ The announcement marked the conclusion of a remarkable 14-year international career.
- ✓ Known for his tactical brilliance and record-breaking achievements, Ashwin's retirement follows a stellar career in which he became one of India's greatest match-winners.

### SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **Kisan Kavach – Bharat's Indigenous Anti-Pesticide Bodysuit**



- ✓ Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, unveiled Kisan Kavach, India's first indigenous anti-pesticide bodysuit. Developed by BRIC-inStem, Bangalore, in collaboration with Sepio Health Pvt. Ltd., the suit aims to safeguard farmers from pesticide-induced health risks.
- ✓ The launch aligns with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of leveraging science and technology to empower India's agricultural community.

## OBITUARY

- **Tulsi Gowda, the 'Encyclopedia of Forests,' Passes Away**
- ✓ Tulsi Gowda, affectionately known as the "Tree Goddess," was an environmentalist from Karnataka celebrated for her exceptional dedication to afforestation and ecological preservation.



- ✓ Born in 1944 in Honnali village, Uttara Kannada district, she overcame personal and financial hardships to emerge as a symbol of environmental conservation.
- ✓ Her tireless efforts, including planting over 1 lakh trees, earned her the Padma Shri award in 2021.

- ✓ Her passing on December 16, 2024, marked the end of an era but left behind an inspiring legacy.

## RANKING

- **India has become the third-largest smartphone exporter in the world**
- ✓ India, which was ranked 23rd in 2019, has now become the 3rd largest exporter of smartphones in the world.



- ✓ According to data submitted by companies and data compiled from industry associations, the country's smartphone exports have also crossed the Rs 20 thousand crore mark in a single month in November 2024.
- ✓ The country's smartphone exports reached 20,395 crore rupees last month, marking an impressive 92% increase compared to the same month last year, when the exports were 10,634 crore rupees.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **International Migrants Day – December 18**



- ✓ International Migrants Day, observed annually on December 18, serves as an important reminder to honour the contributions of migrants around the world and the role they play in shaping societies.

- ✓ In 2024, the day will be observed under the theme, “Honouring the contributions of migrants and respecting their rights.”

