



## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – DECEMBER 19, 2024

### DEFENCE

- **Indian Army AI Incubation Centre (IAIIC)**
- ✓ The Indian Army has launched the Indian Army AI Incubation Centre (IAIIC) in Bengaluru, marking a significant leap towards modernizing its operations and enhancing its technological capabilities.



- ✓ In a virtual inauguration led by Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Upendra Dwivedi, the initiative aims to revolutionize the Army's operational capabilities through Artificial Intelligence (AI).
- ✓ The centre will focus on developing AI-driven solutions to improve decision-making, operational efficiency, and readiness for AI-driven warfare.

### SPORTS

- **Ravichandran Ashwin Retires from International Cricket**
- ✓ One of the all-time greats of India, **Ravichandran Ashwin**, has announced his retirement from all forms of international cricket.



- ✓ The unexpected retirement announcement came after the third test of the 2024-25 Border Gavaskar Trophy in Brisbane ended in a draw.
- ✓ With 765 wickets in his credit, Ashwin is the second-highest wicket-taker from India after Anil Kumble.
- ✓ Ashwin has taken 537 wickets at an average of 24 in 106 Test matches. He is also 7th on the overall list of wicket-takers.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **Minorities Rights Day – December 18**
- ✓ Minorities Rights Day is observed every year on December 18, marking the adoption of the United Nations' Statement on the Rights of Individuals belonging to Religious or Linguistic National or Ethnic Minorities in 1992.



- ✓ The National Commission for Minorities (NCM) in India celebrated this important day on December 18, 2024, to raise awareness about the rights of minorities and promote their freedom, equality, and inclusion in society.

