



## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JANUARY 16, 2025

### NATIONAL

#### ➤ Kashi Tamil Sangamam 3.0 Launch

- ✓ The Kashi Tamil Sangamam (KTS) 3.0 registration portal has been launched by Union Minister for Education, Dharmendra Pradhan.



- ✓ The event is set to take place from 15th to 24th February 2025 in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. This initiative aims to strengthen cultural ties between Tamil Nadu and Kashi, celebrating their shared heritage.
- ✓ KTS 3.0 is organised by the Ministry of Education in collaboration with various ministries and the Government of Uttar Pradesh.
- ✓ It aims to encourage cultural exchange and learning.

### DEFENCE

#### ➤ Indian Army Conducts Exercise 'Devil Strike'

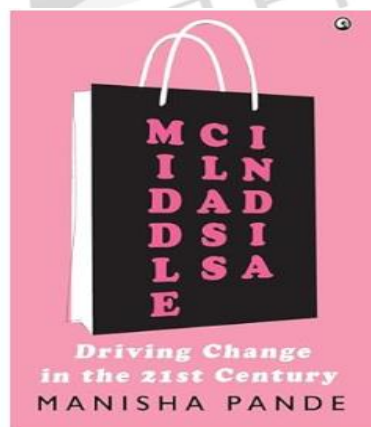
- ✓ The Indian Armed Forces are set to conduct a major military exercise, Exercise Devil Strike, from January 16 to 19, 2025.



- ✓ The exercise, which is being organized under the leadership of the Indian Army, aims to enhance the combat readiness of the forces by simulating high-intensity combat operations.
- ✓ This exercise is expected to feature advanced strategies and innovative combat techniques to strengthen national security and ensure effective defense against external threats.

## BOOKS & AUTHORS

- **Manisha Pande's book reveals middle class India as a driver of change**
- ✓ Journalist Manisha Pande's launched its book Middle Class India: Driving Change in the 21st Century.



- ✓ It is divided into three parts.
- ✓ Part I looks at the middle class in pre-Independence India, focusing on the period from 1757 to 1947.
- ✓ Part II concerns itself with the time frame between when India freed itself from the clutches of British colonial rule in 1947 to economic liberalisation in 1991.
- ✓ Part III is about the post-liberalisation scenario, from 1991 until the present day.

- **Book on Parliament's Rights and Privileges**

- ✓ The Vice President launched a book “Parliament: Powers, Functions & Privileges; a Comparative Constitutional Perspective,” by K.S. Chauhan.



- ✓ The book emphasizes Parliament’s role in government accountability and the importance of dialogue, debate, and responsible use of privileges.
- ✓ Dhankhar praised the author's dedication and called the book a valuable resource for policymakers and law students.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **National Startup Day – January 16**
- ✓ National Startup Day is celebrated annually on January 16 to recognise the contributions of startups to India’s economy.



- ✓ Recently, India stands as the third-largest startup ecosystem globally, with over 99,000 registered firms valued at \$500 billion.
- ✓ This day marks the importance of innovation and entrepreneurship in driving economic growth.
- ✓ National Startup Day was established on January 16, 2016, during the Startup India Innovation Week.

