



## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – APRIL 02, 2025

### TAMIL NADU

- **Kumbakonam Betel Leaf and Thovalai Flower Garland Receive GI Tag**
- ✓ The Kumbakonam Betel Leaf of Thanjavur and the Thovalai Flower Garland of Kanyakumari were granted Geographical Indication (GI) Tags by the Government of India, increasing Tamil Nadu's total GI products to 62.



- ✓ The GI Tag protects these products from commercial misuse, ensures authenticity, and enhances market recognition.
- ✓ The Kumbakonam Betel Leaf is expected to boost exports, while the Thovalai Flower Garland is renowned for its artistic floral arrangements.

### DEFENCE

- **India's Defence Exports 2025**
- ✓ In the Financial Year 2024-25, India achieved milestone in defence exports, reaching ₹23,622 crore.



- ✓ This represents a growth of 12.04% from the previous year. The surge is attributed to increased sales of artillery shells, guns, and small arms. The growth reflects India's expanding role in the global defence market.
- ✓ India's defence exports rose by ₹2,539 crore compared to FY 2023-24. The Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) experienced a remarkable 42.85% increase in their exports.
- ✓ India's defence strategy has shifted from reliance on imports to focusing on indigenous production.

## SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **First Batch of Cyber Commandos**
- ✓ On April 1, 2025, the IIT Madras Pravartak Technologies Foundation successfully completed training for the first batch of Cyber Commandos, a specialized program aimed at enhancing cybersecurity skills among law enforcement officers in India.



- ✓ The Cyber Commandos Programme, initiated by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs, trained 37 officers in advanced cybersecurity techniques to combat growing cyber threats.

