

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – APRIL 14, 2025

TAMIL NADU

- **Mugger Crocodile Conservation Efforts in Tamil Nadu**
- ✓ Recent studies by the Tamil Nadu Forest Department are focusing on mapping the population of mugger crocodiles.



- ✓ These efforts aim to reduce human-crocodile conflicts in the Cauvery delta.
- ✓ The mugger crocodile, or marsh crocodile (*Crocodylus palustris*), is the most widespread crocodylian species in India. A preliminary study has revealed population along the Kollidam River, with over 50 individuals recorded in Anaikarai alone.
- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government has allocated ₹2.5 crore for a Crocodile Conservation Centre at Anaikarai.

AWARDS

- **Verchol Dalit Literary Award**

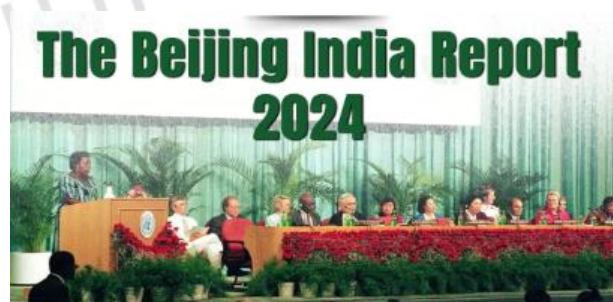
- ✓ On April 13, 2025, renowned writer, retired IAS officer, and social activist P. Sivakami received the Verchol Dalit Literary Award from Neelam Cultural Centre, founded by Pa. Ranjith, in Chennai, along with a ₹1 lakh prize.



- ✓ In her speech, Sivakami emphasized Dalit identity, the resistance and power of Dalit literature, its role in challenging dominant narratives, and the importance of writing in English for broader impact, while celebrating the rise of Dalit voices in literature.

REPORT

- **The Beijing India Report 2024**
- ✓ The Beijing India Report 2024, submitted on the 30th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995), highlighted progress on gender equality and exposed gaps in addressing the gender-climate nexus.



- ✓ Beijing Declaration & Platform for Action (1995) was a landmark global framework adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women by the United Nations.
- ✓ It identified 12 critical areas for action, including poverty, education, health, violence against women, and decision-making.
- ✓ The Declaration emphasized women's rights as human rights and promoted legal and social reforms to achieve gender equality.

IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ **BR Ambedkar Remembrance Day – April 14**

- ✓ Ambedkar Jayanti, observed on April 14, commemorates Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the chief architect of India's Constitution and a pioneering social reformer who championed equality, social justice, and human rights, especially for marginalized communities.



- ✓ First celebrated in 1928 in Pune by Janardan Sadashiv Ranapisay, it marked Dr. Ambedkar's growing influence even before independence.
- ✓ In 1990, he was posthumously awarded the Bharat Ratna, recognizing his transformative legacy in shaping a just and inclusive society.

