

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – APRIL 19, 2025

TAMIL NADU

- **Kalaigiar Kaivinaf Thittam as T.N.’s alternative to PM Vishwakarma Scheme**
- ✓ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Saturday (April 19, 2025) launched ‘Kalaigiar Kaivinaf Thittam’, an artisan development scheme that would serve as the State government’s alternative to the Centre’s PM Vishwakarma scheme.



- ✓ The scheme covers 25 trades. Under the Central scheme, the applicant can only focus on family trade, but under this scheme, one can pursue a trade of their choice, Mr. Stalin said.
- ✓ “We have fixed the minimum age of 35 years for the Kalaigiar Kaivinaf Thittam.
- ✓ We provide loans in the range of ₹50,000 to ₹3 lakh with subsidy.
- ✓ In the Centre’s scheme, there is no subsidy. We have, so far, received 24,907 applications for our scheme,” he said.

STATE

- **PM Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Vizhinjam International Seaport**

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Vizhinjam International Seaport on May 2, 2025, near Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.



- ✓ It is India's first semi-automated deep-water international container transshipment port, developed under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) between the Kerala Government and Adani Ports, with an investment of over ₹18,000 crore.
- ✓ Strategically located near global shipping routes, the port boosts India's trade, supports the Make in India initiative, and enhances Kerala's role as a maritime hub.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **ISRO-NASA NISAR Mission Likely to Launch in June 2025**
- ✓ The NISAR (NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar) mission, a landmark Earth observation collaboration between ISRO and NASA, is now expected to launch in June 2025 aboard a GSLV.

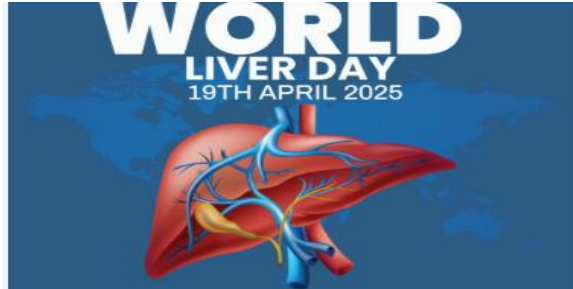


- ✓ Designed to monitor glacier retreat, vegetation change, earthquakes, and ground deformation with 1 cm precision, it will advance climate and disaster models. Originally set for 2024, the launch was delayed due to a 12-metre antenna issue, which required upgrades in the US.
- ✓ NISAR marks the first major NASA-ISRO Earth science mission, showcasing joint space innovation.

IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ **World Liver Day – April 19**

- ✓ World Liver Day, observed on April 19, raises awareness about liver health and disease prevention.



- ✓ The 2025 theme, “Food is Medicine,” emphasizes the role of nutrition in preventing liver disorders.
- ✓ The liver performs critical functions like detoxification, metabolism, and immune regulation, making its care essential.
- ✓ Poor diet, alcohol abuse, and infections like hepatitis can lead to conditions such as fatty liver, cirrhosis, and liver cancer.

