

## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – APRIL 26, 2025

### TAMIL NADU

- **Tamil Nadu Money Lending Entities (Prevention of Coercive Actions) Bill, 2025**
- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government on Saturday (April 26, 2025) introduced a Bill seeking to protect people from coercive actions of money lending entities.



- ✓ Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin, who introduced the Tamil Nadu Money Lending Entities (Prevention of Coercive Actions) Bill, 2025, said that economically weaker and vulnerable sections of society — especially farmers, women, self-help groups, agricultural labourers, workmen, footpath vendors, dairy workers, construction workers, and migrant workers — often fall prey to attractive loan offers from money lending entities, including digital lending platforms, leading them into unsustainable debt.
- **New Thiran Initiative to Improve Students' Proficiency**
- ✓ The School Education Department will implement an initiative, 'Thiran', to increase students' proficiency in English, Tamil, and maths, Minister for School Education Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi said in the Assembly on Friday.



- ✓ At a cost of ₹19 crore, students of Classes VI-VIII at government schools would be given coaching during school hours.
- ✓ The initiative would benefit 13 lakh students, he said.
- ✓ Mr. Poyyamozhi said private school Tamil teachers and teachers of other boards would be trained in Tamil teaching methodologies at a cost of ₹4.9 lakh.

## **SCHEMES**

- **Urudhunai Loan Scheme Launched for Adi Dravidars and Scheduled Tribes**
- ✓ Minister for Adi Dravidar Welfare M. Mathiventhan on Saturday said that the State government will implement the Urudhunai scheme to provide small and micro loans, worth ₹25 crore, at reduced interest rates to small retailers, traders and manufacturers from Adi Dravidar and tribal communities through the National Finance Development Fund.
- ✓ He further said that training would be provided to 500 entrepreneurs to improve the participation of companies owned by Scheduled Castes/Tribes and SC/ST entrepreneurs in public procurement, at a cost of ₹50 lakh.

## **REPORT**

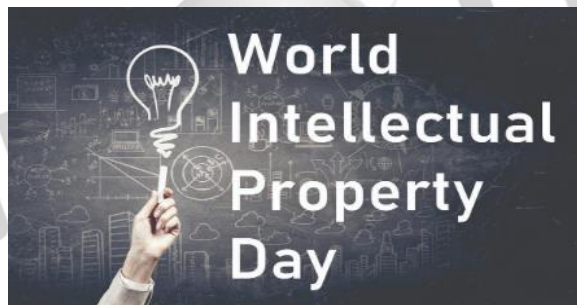
- **India's Poverty Statistics (2011-2023)**
- ✓ India has made remarkable progress in reducing poverty over the past decade. According to a World Bank report, extreme poverty has decreased, with 171 million people lifted above the poverty line between 2011 and 2023.



- ✓ The report marks the disparities between rural and urban poverty, showcasing a dramatic decline in both sectors.
- ✓ Extreme poverty in India fell from 16.2% in 2011-12 to just 2.3% in 2022-23.
- ✓ Rural areas experienced a drop from 18.4% to 2.8%.
- ✓ Urban poverty also saw reduction, from 10.7% to 1.1%.
- ✓ This decline has narrowed the rural-urban poverty gap from 7.7 to 1.7 percentage points.
- ✓ This shift lifted 378 million people out of poverty, with rural poverty decreasing from 69% to 32.5% and urban poverty from 43.5% to 17.2%.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **World Intellectual Property Day- April 26**
- ✓ World Intellectual Property Day is celebrated annually on April 26.



- ✓ This day is celebrated to raise awareness about the value of intellectual property and its role in fostering innovation and creativity.
- ✓ The World Intellectual Property Day 2025 theme is "IP and Music: Feel the Beat of IP". The theme emphasizes the connection between intellectual property and the music industry.
- ✓ The decision to mark this occasion on April 26 was made by WIPO member states in 2000.

