



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – DECEMBER 21, 2025

TAMILNADU

➤ **Gramam Thorum Puthozhil Scheme**

- ✓ 'Gramam Thorum Puthozhil' aims to nurture 100 startups across 100 villages in Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ The programme delivers structured startup enablement to the grassroots, helping bridge the rural-urban divide in innovation and entrepreneurship.
- ✓ Under the scheme, StartupTN's 10 regional hubs will each develop rural startup ecosystems in ten villages, offering incubation support, market validation, legal and branding assistance, and connections with Corporate and CSR partners.
- ✓ One eligible venture from each village will be supported through an equity-free TANSEED grant of ₹1 lakh to accelerate prototype development and early market access.
- ✓ In the first phase at least 100 DPIIT-recognised rural startups will be established under the scheme, generating local employment, and fostering inclusive and sustainable growth in the State.

INTERNATIONAL

➤ **Brazil Hands Over BRICS Presidency to India**

- ✓ Brazil formally handed over the rotating BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) presidency to India during the 4th BRICS Sherpas Meeting, held from December 11-12, 2025 in Brasília (Brazil).
- ✓ India will officially assume the chairmanship on January 1, 2026.

- ✓ India's presidency for 2026 will be structured around a "humanity-first approach" proposed by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi.

