



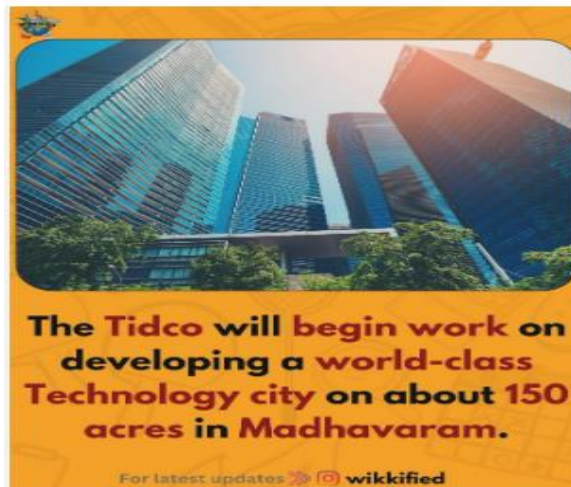
EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – AUGUST 11, 2024

TAMIL NADU

- **Centre for Innovation in Governance set up in T.N.**
- ✓ A Centre for Innovation in Governance has been set up at the State Planning Commission.



- ✓ A first-of-its-kind initiative in the country, the centre aims at fostering an innovative ecosystem in governance in the State.
- ✓ It will provide support to government departments and district administrations in piloting innovative projects, and building capacity in various technologies that will augment effective governance in the State.
- **T.N. Tech City Project to be established in Madhavaram**
- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government is planning to establish the T.N. Tech City Project in Madhavaram in north Chennai.



- ✓ A 150-acre parcel of land has been identified for this project. It will be implemented by the Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TID- CO).
- ✓ The aim of this project is to attract both global and domestic investments in various sectors, including information technology (IT), IT-enabled services (ITeS), global capability centers (GCC), Fintech, and Deeptech.

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **International Conference on Hunger Free World**
- ✓ “Environmental sustainability and keeping farmers’ welfare in centrality are the core of M.S. Swaminathan’s vision for evergreen revolution,” said Revenue Minister of Karnataka, Krishna Byre Gowda, in Chennai on Wednesday.



- ✓ Speaking at the inauguration of the ‘International Conference on Hunger Free World: Professor M.S. Swaminathan’s Vision for an Evergreen Revolution’, Mr. Gowda said, “I draw two pointers for the future from his emphasis on evergreen revolution.

- ✓ One is environmental sustainability with climate change and the challenges it poses to the agriculture systems. Another theme that Professor Swaminathan forced us to take cognisance of was the issue of farmers' welfare.”

APPOINTMENT

- **Veteran IAS officer T.V. Somanathan appointed next Cabinet Secretary**
- ✓ The Union government on Saturday announced IAS officer T.V. Somanathan as the Cabinet Secretary-designate by appointing him Officer on Special Duty (OSD) in the Cabinet Secretariat.



- ✓ He will take over India's top bureaucratic position from August 30 when incumbent Rajiv Gauba's extended tenure ends.

AWARDS

- **M.S. Swaminathan Award for Environment Protection 2024**



- ✓ Anant Darshan Shankar, Chairman of the Indian Institute of Ayurveda and Integrative Medicine, has been conferred with the M.S. Swaminathan Award for Environment Protection 2024.
- ✓ The award was given by the Rotary Club of Madras East, in partnership with Cavinkare Private Limited.

SCIENCE, TELCHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **India to Roll out new treatment regimen for drug-resistant TB**
- ✓ India is getting ready to roll out the BPaL (bedaquiline, pretomanid, and linezolid) regimen for all multidrug resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB) and extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis (XDR-TB) patients.
- ✓ The training for this new exercise is scheduled to begin this month.
- ✓ This is a significant move in the country's battle against M/XDR-TB.

REPORT

- **Women outnumbered men in living organ donations last year**
- ✓ Women led the way in living organ donation, offering patients suffering from end-stage organ failure a new lease of life.



- ✓ Data released by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare show that the number of women living donors was 9,784 last year compared to 5,651 men.
- ✓ A lone transgender contributed an organ to save the life of another human being, taking the total number of living donors in the country in 2023 to 15,436.

