



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – FEBRUARY 18, 2025

INDIA & OTHER COUNTRIES

➤ India and the Philippines

- ✓ A statue of noted Tamil poet and philosopher Thiruvalluvar has been unveiled in the Philippines.



- ✓ An official statement, it was unveiled at the Gullas College of Medicine in Cebu as part of the celebrations to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between India and the Philippines.
- ✓ The statement said that Indian Ambassador Harsh Kumar Jain unveiled the statue and attended the Indo-Philippine Cultural and Educational Exchange Summit at the college.

APPOINTMENT

➤ India's New Chief Election Commissioner

- ✓ On February 17, 2025, the Election Commissioner of India, **Gyanesh Kumar**, was officially appointed as the next Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) by the Law Ministry.



- ✓ This appointment marks a significant milestone, as he is the first CEC to be appointed under the new law governing the selection of Election Commission (EC) members.
- ✓ His tenure will last until January 26, 2029, positioning him at the helm of the Election Commission of India (ECI) during crucial electoral events, including the upcoming Lok Sabha elections.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **Elon Musk Unveils Grok 3 AI: The Smartest AI on Earth**
- ✓ Elon Musk and his artificial intelligence company xAI have launched **Grok 3**, an advanced AI chatbot that promises to be the most intelligent AI ever developed.



- ✓ The launch event, which attracted nearly 100,000 viewers, showcased the remarkable capabilities of Grok 3, its development process, and how it outperforms leading AI models.

