

## **CURRENT AFFAIRS**

- 1.** Lionel Messi became the first men's football player and the second from the sport after female football player Megan Rapinoe, who won it in 2022.
- 2.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 2nd Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025 at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi on 17 January 2025.
- 3.** Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto will be the chief guest at the 76th Republic Day celebration to be held on 26th January 2025 at the Kartavya Path (earlier Rajpath) in New Delhi.
- 4.** Singapore's President Tharman Shanmugaratnam was on a five day official visit to India from 14-18 January 2025. This is the first official visit of President Tharman Shanmugaratnam to India.
- 5.** The government of India has appointed a senior Indian Space Organisation (ISRO) scientist V. Narayanan as the 11th chairman of ISRO and secretary of the Department of Space (DOS). He will succeed the current chairman S. Somanth and assume office on 14 January 2025.
- 6.** Recently, the World Monuments Fund (WMF) announced the inclusion of the Musi River Historic Buildings in Hyderabad on its World Monuments Watch list.
- 7.** Recently, the Maharashtra government announced the formation of a 16-member committee to draft the state's first Artificial Intelligence (AI) policy.
- 8.** Recently, Sri Lanka is set to receive its largest foreign direct investment from China, amounting to \$3.7 billion for an oil refinery.
- 9.** Recent research has revealed four new tarantula species, including a new genus, from India's Western Ghats.

**10.** The Government of India has approved the establishment of a Third Launch Pad (TLP) at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.

**11.** Recently, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) reported that 2024 was the hottest year in India since records began in 1901.

**12.** National Startup Day is celebrated annually on January 16 to recognise the contributions of startups to India's economy.

**14.** Recently, the Supreme Court has clarified that proceedings for the restitution of conjugal rights and maintenance are independent. This decision emphasizes that a husband must continue paying maintenance to his wife, even if she does not comply with a court.

**15.** The Army Day Parade, event in India's military calendar, has taken place in Pune for the first time on 15 January 2025.