

# Daily Current Affairs

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### International Youth Day 2025

- The **youth of a nation are the torchbearers of progress**, the rays of hope that illuminate even the remotest corners of society. Recognizing their immense potential, countries worldwide invest in youth-focused policies, education, and opportunities. International Youth Day, **celebrated annually on August 12, serves as a platform to address** youth-related issues globally and to celebrate young people as active partners in building a sustainable future.



- History of International Youth Day
- **1991 – The idea for International Youth Day** emerged during the first session of the World Youth Forum of the United Nations System in Vienna, Austria.
- The forum proposed a special day for fundraising and promotional activities in support of the United Nations Youth Fund, in collaboration with youth organizations.
- **1998 – The World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth**, hosted by Portugal in cooperation with the United Nations, adopted a resolution officially declaring August 12 as International Youth Day.

- Since then, the day has grown into a global observance recognized by governments, NGOs, and communities worldwide.

International Youth Day 2025 Theme



- **Theme: Local Youth Actions for the SDGs and Beyond**
- **Focus: With over 65% of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) targets tied to local governance, the theme stresses the importance of youth participation in local planning, governance, and policy-making.**
- **Relevance: Young people are key drivers in achieving SDGs, from climate action to quality education. Their local engagement ensures policies meet community needs while contributing to global goals.**
- **Special Significance in 2025: This year also marks the 30th anniversary of the World Programme of Action for Youth (WPAY), a UN framework guiding nations in addressing youth priorities.**

## Parliament Passes Key Bills

- Lok Sabha passed the **National Sports Governance Bill, 2025** and the **National Anti-Doping (Amendment) Bill, 2025**. The **National Sports Governance Bill** seeks to provide for **recognition of national sports bodies** and regulate their functioning. The Bill provides for the **establishment of the** National Olympic Committee, National Paralympic Committee, and National and Regional Sports Federations for each designated sport.



- The **national bodies will have affiliation** with respective international bodies. The bill provides that every national sports body will have a general body, consisting of equal number of representatives from each affiliate member and certain ex-officio members. It will have an **executive committee consisting** of up to 15 members, with at least two outstanding sportspersons and four women. The Bill empowers the central government to establish a **National Sports Board** which will grant recognition to the national sports bodies and register their affiliate units. The Bill also provides for constituting a **National Sports Tribunal to adjudicate sports related disputes**.



- **The National Anti-Doping (Amendment) Bill, 2025** seeks to amend the National Anti-Doping Act 2022. Doping is the consumption of certain prohibited substances by athletes to enhance performance. The Act gives effect to the **UNESCO convention against doping in sports**. It prohibits doping in sports, and provides a framework for testing, enforcement, and adjudication of violations.



SSB Crack EXAMS



- It establishes the **National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)** to implement anti-doping rules. It also establishes the National Board for Anti-Doping in Sports to oversee activities of NADA and advise the central government on anti-doping regulations. The Bill empowers the **National Board for Anti-Doping in Sports** to obtain any information from the Disciplinary Panel and the Appeal Panel regarding their operations.



## World's Third Largest Automobile Market

- **Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari** has said that India has emerged as the third-largest automobile industry in the world. Addressing the **Green Revolution -2025 on World Biofuels Day** in New Delhi, Mr Gadkari said, presently the size of the **US automobile industry is 78 lakh crore rupees**, followed by **China 49 lakh crore** and **India by 22 lakh crore rupees**.



- He said, the automobile industry has created four crore 50 lakh jobs till now. Mr Gadkari highlighted the importance of green hydrogen for India's future energy landscape. He also mentioned that country's ethanol blending program has reached **15 percent in 2024 which is a step towards** the ethanol 20 target by 2025-2026.

## University Of Kelaniya

- **Department of Sanskrit and Eastern Studies at the University of Kelaniya** has, for the first time, inaugurated a special exhibition dedicated to Vāstuśāstra, the ancient Indian science of architecture. **Organised in collaboration with the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre of the High Commission of India** in Colombo, the event showcases the research and creative work of Honours Degree undergraduates.



- On display are innovative designs, research papers, and planning individual and group projects reflecting the department's academic depth and creative vision. Historically, Vāstuśāstra shaped royal palaces, forts, and city plans; guided temple architecture in alignment with ritual and cosmology; and influenced domestic layouts to promote wellbeing and prosperity.
- The **exhibition highlights its enduring relevance in contemporary architectural thought**, bridging heritage with innovation, and reinforcing the discipline's role as a holistic framework integrating spatial order with cultural and social function.

## Maximum Number Of Organ Donations In The Country

- **Telangana recorded the highest organ donation rate in India in 2024, with 4.88 donations per 10 lakh population compared to the national average of 0.8, earning the state an award from the Union Health Ministry and NOTTO.**



- The recognition was given for the **state's Jeevandan programme**, with State Health Minister D. Rajanarsimha highlighting the recent adoption of the **Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act (THOTA)** to ensure equitable access to organs.
- Under the Aarogyasri scheme, organ transplant surgeries are provided free of cost; in 2024 alone, organs from 188 donors saved 725 lives in Telangana.

## MERITE Scheme

- Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the **Multidisciplinary Education and Research Improvement in Technical Education (MERITE)** Scheme with a total outlay of ₹4,200 crore for 2025–26 to 2029–30, benefiting 275 technical institutions (175 engineering and 100 polytechnics) across all States/UTs.



# MERITE Scheme

- The scheme, a **Central Sector Scheme**, will receive **₹2,100 crore** as external assistance from the World Bank, aiming to enhance quality, equity, and governance in technical education in line with the National Education Policy 2020.
- Designed to foster innovation and upgrade academic and research standards, the **MERITE scheme addresses modern challenges and supports sustainable, inclusive growth** through reforms in higher education, in collaboration with the World Bank.



## Tendong Lho Rum Faat

- Sikkim recently celebrated **Tendong Lho Rum Faat**, a traditional festival of the Lepcha tribe. The event honours the legend of Tendong Hill, which saved the Lepcha ancestors from an ancient flood. He urged people to **respect nature and protect Sikkim's environment**.



- The festival is a vivid reminder of the Lepcha community's spiritual bond with nature and their cultural heritage. **Tendong Lho Rum Faat commemorates an ancient flood that threatened the Lepcha people**. According to oral tradition, Tendong Hill rose above the floodwaters, providing refuge to survivors. The hill is believed to have volcanic origins, linked to the eruption that caused the deluge by destroying the sources of the **Teesta and Rangeet rivers**. Lepcha mythology says the hill emerged from the horns of a deity, symbolising divine protection. **Tendong Hill is sacred to the Lepcha tribe**. Its name means '**the hill of the raised horn**' in the Lepcha language.
- The hill is seen as a protector and a symbol of survival. **Lepchas gather on and around the hill during the festival** to offer prayers to Idburum, their god, and to honour the natural landmark that saved their ancestors. During the festival, Lepchas create models of Tendong Hill outside their homes using nine stones.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. International Youth Day Celebrated On**

- A. 11 August
- B. 12 August
- C. 13 August
- D. 14 August

**ANSWER: B**

**2. World's Third Largest Automobile Market**

- A. India
- B. China
- C. Japan
- D. Germany

**ANSWER: A**

**3. Tendong Lho Rum Faat Related To**

- A. Meghalaya
- B. Sikkim
- C. Tripura
- D. Mizoram

**ANSWER: B**

**4. From Which Country Did India Receive The Final Airbus C-295MW Aircraft Under The 2021 Contract**

- A. Spain
- B. France
- C. Germany
- D. Italy

**ANSWER: A**

**5. Which City Is India's First Legislature To Run Entirely On Solar Power Located**

- A. New Delhi
- B. Mumbai
- C. Jaipur
- D. Hyderabad

**ANSWER: B**

**6. Which Institutions Developed District Flood Severity Index To Assess And Categorise Flood Severity At The District Level In India**

- A. IIT Delhi and IIT Gandhinagar
- B. IIT Bombay and IIT Madras
- C. IIT Kanpur and IIT Roorkee
- D. IIT Kharagpur and IIT Guwahati

**ANSWER: A**

**7. Which City Was 64<sup>th</sup> National Exhibition Of Art Inaugurated By Lalit Kala Akademi?**

- A. New Delhi
- B. Mumbai
- C. Kolkata
- D. Bengaluru

**ANSWER: A**

**8. Which District Flash Floods Occur After Cloudburst Over Kheer Ganga River?**

- A. Chamoli
- B. Uttarkashi
- C. Rudraprayag
- D. Pithoragarh

**ANSWER: B**

**9. Who Are Primary Beneficiaries Of 'Apna Ghar' Resting Facilities?**

- A. Highway Toll Operators
- B. Truck Drivers
- C. Public Transport Commuters
- D. Fuel Station Staff

**ANSWER: B**

**10. Which International Organisation Partnered With India To Launch The Global Capacity Building Initiative**

- A. World Bank
- B. United Nations
- C. International Monetary Fund
- D. World Trade Organisation

**ANSWER: B**

**11. Which Region Will Begin Enforcing Stablecoins Ordinance From August 1, 2025**

- A. Singapore
- B. Japan
- C. Hong Kong
- D. South Korea

**ANSWER: C**

**12. Where Was India's First 'Make In India' Green Hydrogen Plant Commissioned?**

- A. Kochi
- B. Kandla
- C. Paradip
- D. Visakhapatnam

**ANSWER: B**

**13. Which Village In Uttarkashi District Was Severely Affected By A Flash Flood Following A Cloudburst**

- A. Bhatwari Village
- B. Harsil Village
- C. Dharali Village
- D. Barkot Village

**ANSWER: C**

**14. On Which Date Is Hiroshima Day Observed Every Year**

- A. July 16
- B. August 9
- C. August 6
- D. September 2

**ANSWER: C**

**15. In Which Country Did The Krasheninnikov Volcano Erupt After 600 Years**

- A. Russia
- B. Japan
- C. Indonesia
- D. Chile

**ANSWER: A**



**16. Which Country Is Introducing Bio-fortified Potatoes Enriched With Iron To Combat Hidden Hunger**

- A. Peru
- B. Bangladesh
- C. Nepal
- D. India

**ANSWER: D**

**17. Which Organisation Launched Report Titled “Unlocking A \$200 Billion Opportunity: Electric Vehicles In India” In August 2025**

- A. Ministry of Heavy Industries
- B. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- C. Bureau of Energy Efficiency
- D. NITI Aayog

**ANSWER: D**

**18. Which Country Launched The Rhisotope Project To Combat Rhino Poaching Using Radioactive Isotopes**

- A. South Africa
- B. Kenya
- C. Namibia
- D. Tanzania

**ANSWER: D**

**19. Which Institution Partnered With The Indian Army To Launch The 'Agnishodh' Research Cell For Defence Innovation**

- A. IISc Bengaluru
- B. IIT Madras
- C. IIT Delhi
- D. DRDO

**ANSWER: B**

**20. The Dampier-Hodges line is related to which of the following**

- A. Bay of Cambay
- B. Palk Strait
- C. Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- D. Sundarbans

**ANSWER: D**