


# Daily Defence Current Affairs

## 13 December 2025

### Cabinet Nod to Atomic Energy Bill

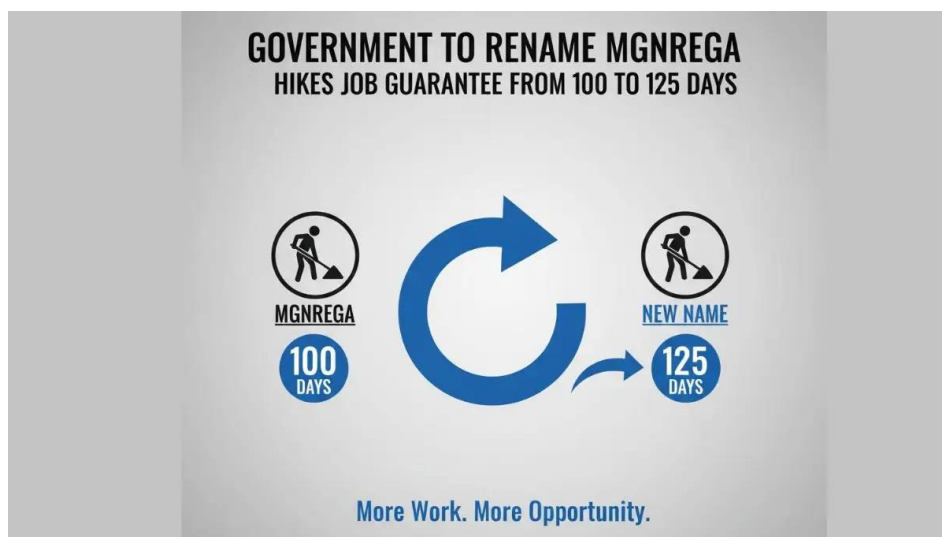
- The Union Cabinet has approved the Atomic Energy Bill, marking a major shift in India's civil nuclear policy. The Bill aims to amend existing laws to allow private sector participation in nuclear power generation which is currently restricted under the Atomic Energy Act, 1962.
- This move will support India's long-term vision of achieving 100 GW of nuclear power by 2047, encouraging investment, technology partnerships, and faster project development.
- India's civil nuclear sector has traditionally been under complete government control.
- The Atomic Energy Act, 1962 restricts nuclear plant operation and fuel cycle activities to central government-owned entities.
- Similarly, provisions under the Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage (CLND) Act, 2010 have made private firms hesitant due to concerns over liability.



**ATOMIC ENERGY BILL**  
UNLOCKS OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
PRIVATE NUCLEAR PROJECTS

## Government to Rename MGNREGA

- The Union Cabinet on 12th December, 2025 has approved a major update to India's largest rural employment scheme. The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) will now be renamed as **Poojya Bapu Grameen Rozgar Yojana**.
- Along with that the number of guaranteed workdays will be increased from 100 to 125 days. This move aims to strengthen rural livelihoods and improve income stability for millions of households that depend on the programme.
- **NREGA To MGNREGA**
  - Enacted: August 25, 2005
  - Legal guarantee for 100 days of employment for adult rural households.
  - **Aim**
    - Enhance rural purchasing power
    - Provide livelihood security
    - Reduce rural distress & poverty
    - Create durable community assets
  - 2009: Renamed To "**Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act / Scheme**".



## India Shines with Five Medals at 2025 FEI

- The second edition of the FEI Asian Equestrian Championships 2025 was held in Pattaya, Thailand, from November 24 to December 7, 2025.
- The event brought together over 80 riders from 13 countries, showcasing top-level equestrian skills across disciplines like Jumping, Dressage, Eventing, Para Dressage, and Endurance.
- Organised by the International Federation for Equestrian Sports (FEI), the Asian Equestrian Championships are held once every two years. After the inaugural edition in 2019, the 2025 event marked the second championship. The venue for this year was the Thai Polo and Equestrian Club in Pattaya, Thailand.
- **FEI – International Federation for Equestrian Sports**
- Founded: 1921
- Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland
- President: Ingmar De Vos
- Role: FEI oversees international equestrian competitions and ensures global standards for sports like Jumping, Dressage, Eventing, Para Dressage, and Endurance.

Ran k	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronz e	Tota l
1.	Thailand	3	0	4	7
2.	Hong Kong	0	2	5	7
3.	India	1	4	0	5
4.	Singapor e	3	2	0	5

5.	China	2	0	0	2
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## National Energy Conservation Day 2025

- National Energy Conservation Day is observed in India every year on 14 December to spread awareness about the importance of energy efficiency and conservation. The day encourages citizens—especially students and youth—to understand how saving energy today ensures a sustainable and secure future.
- In 2025, National Energy Conservation Day will be observed on Sunday, 14 December.
- The day is organized under the guidance of the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), functioning under the Ministry of Power, Government of India.



## International Day Against Colonialism

- The United Nations has taken a historic step in strengthening the global commitment to decolonization. With the adoption of Resolution A/RES/80/106, the UN has officially declared **14 December** as the **International Day Against Colonialism in All Its Forms and Manifestations**.
- The eradication of colonialism remains a top priority for the United Nations, especially under the Fourth International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism (2021–2030).



## Tribute to the Martyrs of the 2001 Parliament Attack

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today paid solemn tribute to the brave security personnel who sacrificed their lives while defending the Parliament of India during the heinous terrorist attack on 13 December 2001.
- The 2001 Indian Parliament attack was a terrorist attack on the Parliament of India in New Delhi, India, on 13 December 2001. The attack was carried out by five Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorists that resulted in the deaths of six Delhi Police personnel, two Parliament Security Service personnel, and a gardener.
- All ministers and Members of Parliament inside the complex escaped unharmed. In total, nine people were killed in the attack, while at least 17 others sustained injuries.





## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**Q1. The United Nations declared which date as the *International Day Against Colonialism in All Its Forms and Manifestations*?**

- A. 10 December
- B. 12 December
- C. 14 December
- D. 15 December

☒ **Answer: C. 14 December**

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**Q2. Which UN resolution officially established the International Day Against Colonialism?**

- A. A/RES/79/104
- B. A/RES/80/106
- C. A/RES/78/112
- D. A/RES/81/101

☒ **Answer: B. A/RES/80/106**

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**Q3. The International Day Against Colonialism was observed for the first time in which year?**

- A. 2023
- B. 2024
- C. 2025
- D. 2026

☒ **Answer: C. 2025**

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**Q4. National Energy Conservation Day in India is observed annually on:**

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

☒ **Answer: D. 14 December**

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**Q5. The second edition of the FEI Asian Equestrian Championships 2025 was held in which country?**

- A. China
- B. Singapore
- C. Thailand
- D. Hong Kong

☒ **Answer: C. Thailand**

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**Q6. Which country topped the medal tally at the FEI Asian Equestrian Championships 2025?**

- A. India
- B. Hong Kong
- C. Thailand
- D. Singapore

☒ **Answer: C. Thailand**

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**Q7. How many medals did India win at the FEI Asian Equestrian Championships 2025?**

- A. 3
- B. 4
- C. 5
- D. 7

 **Answer: C. 5**

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**Q8. The headquarters of the International Federation for Equestrian Sports (FEI) is located in:**

- A. Paris, France
- B. Geneva, Switzerland
- C. Lausanne, Switzerland
- D. Zurich, Switzerland

 **Answer: C. Lausanne, Switzerland**

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**Q9. Which major rural employment scheme has been renamed as *Poojya Bapu Grameen Rozgar Yojana*?**

- A. PM Awas Yojana
- B. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana
- C. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme
- D. National Rural Livelihood Mission

 **Answer: C. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme**

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**Q10. The approval of the Atomic Energy Bill aims to allow private sector participation in which sector?**

- A. Coal mining
- B. Renewable energy
- C. Nuclear power generation
- D. Oil exploration

 **Answer: C. Nuclear power generation**