

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – AUGUST 12, 2024

AWARDS

- **Highest Civilian Award of Timor Leste**
- ✓ President Droupadi Murmu was honoured with the highest civilian award of Timor Leste – Grand Collar of Order of Timor Leste, by Timor Leste President Jose Ramos Horta.



- ✓ The award was conferred to President Murmu at a function in the Timor-Leste capital, Dili.
- ✓ India and Timor Leste at present have no diplomatic missions in each other countries.
- **Olympic Order Award by International Olympic Committee in Paris**
- ✓ India's first individual Olympic gold medalist, Abhinav Bindra was awarded the prestigious Olympic Order by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) at the 142nd IOC Session in Paris.



- ✓ The Olympic Order is the highest honour bestowed by the IOC, recognizing exceptional contributions to the Olympic Movement.
- ✓ Bindra won India's first individual Olympic gold in the Men's 10-meter Air Rifle event at the 2008 Beijing Games.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

- **Book Launch Spotlight: '75 Great Revolutionaries of India'**
- ✓ Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh Narayan Singh attended the launch of '75 Great Revolutionaries of India,' a book by MP Bhim Singh.



- ✓ Singh praised the work for highlighting lesser-known freedom fighters.
- ✓ This **book's stories of 75 revolutionaries** fuel one's spirit and ambition to contribute to India's development,' said Singh.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **Ceropegia Shivrayiana**
- ✓ A new flowering plant species from 'ceropegia' genus has been discovered inside the Vishalgad premises in Maharashtra and named it as Ceropegia Shivrayiana.



- ✓ Ceropogia Shivrayiana is a flowering plant species named in a nod to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj.
- ✓ This plant thrives in rocky terrains and is capable of growing in less nutrient-or poor soils.

IMPORTANT DAYS

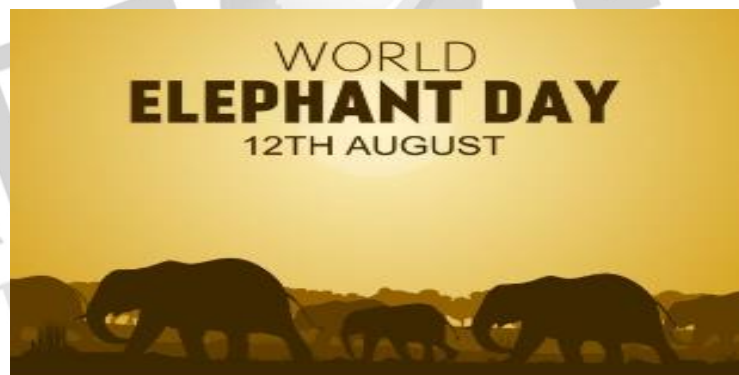
- **World Biofuel Day – August 10**
- ✓ World Biofuel Day, observed annually on August 10th, commemorates the groundbreaking achievement of German engineer Sir Rudolf Diesel, who successfully operated an engine using peanut oil on August 9, 1893.



- ✓ This day serves as a global platform to highlight the significance of biofuels as a sustainable energy source and their potential in addressing climate change and reducing dependence on fossil fuels.
- **International Youth Day - August 12**
- ✓ International Youth Day, observed annually on August 12th, is a global celebration that recognizes the contributions of young people to society and addresses the challenges they face.



- ✓ The 2024 theme, “From Clicks to Progress: Youth Digital Pathways for Sustainable Development,” highlights the crucial role of digital technologies in advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- **World Elephant Day - August 12**
- ✓ World Elephant Day is an annual international event held on August 12 to promote the conservation and protection of elephants worldwide.



- ✓ Theme 2024 – Personifying prehistoric beauty, theological relevance, and environmental importance.
- ✓ The origins of World Elephant Day trace back to 2012, when Canadian filmmakers Patricia Sims and Michael Clark, along with the support of various conservation organisations, launched this global initiative.

