



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – DECEMBER 15, 2024

TAMIL NADU

- **India's First Diabetes Biobank has been set up in Chennai**
- ✓ Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) in partnership with the Madras Diabetes Research Foundation (MDRF) has established India's first diabetes biobank in Chennai.



- ✓ This has been designed to collect, process, store, and distribute biological samples to advance diabetes research.
- ✓ This biobank will study the cause of diabetes and its unique pattern in India.
- ✓ The biobank contains blood samples from two major ICMR-funded studies.
- ✓ From 2008 to 2020, the ICMR-India Diabetes (ICMR-INDIAB) study was conducted across States and Union Territories.

SCHEMES

- **Jalvahak**
- ✓ Jalvahak has been introduced by Sarbananda Sonowal, the Union Minister of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways.



- ✓ Jalvahak is the cargo promotion scheme to increase freight traffic on three national waterways.
- ✓ The goal of Jalvahak is to encourage the transportation of long-distance cargo across national waterways on the Barak, Brahmaputra, and Ganga rivers.
- ✓ The cargo owners are directly encouraged by Jalvahak to move their goods across a distance of more than 300 km via inland waterways.
- ✓ It also marks the start of National Waterways (NW) 1 and 2's fixed scheduled service of cargo vessels from Haldia.

REPORT

➤ **India Skills Report 2025**

- ✓ Nearly 55 per cent of Indian graduates are expected to be globally employable in 2025, up from 51.2 per cent in 2024.



- ✓ Maharashtra, Karnataka and Delhi are emerging as major hubs for employable talent.
- ✓ Cities such as Pune, Bengaluru and Mumbai are leading the way in providing a skilled workforce.
- ✓ The employability rate for men is expected to rise to 53.5 per cent in 2025 from 51.8 per cent in 2024.

- ✓ Meanwhile, for women the employability rate is projected to decline to 47.5 per cent from 50.9 per cent during the same time.
- ✓ Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and Kerala are the top States favoured for employment across India.

