



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MARCH 11, 2025

SCHEMES

➤ PM Internship Scheme

- ✓ The PM Internship Scheme 2025 is a government initiative led by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.



- ✓ It aims to train and equip young talents with industry-relevant skills.
- ✓ The program offers a 12-month apprenticeship, during which participants will receive a monthly stipend of ₹5000 along with a one-time benefit of ₹6000.
- ✓ The scheme covers various sectors and provides an opportunity to work with some of India's top corporate organizations.

AWARDS

➤ Ramsar Award for 'Wetland Wise Use'

- ✓ Jayshree Vencatesan, co-founder of Care Earth Trust, recently made history as the first Indian to receive the Ramsar Award for 'Wetland Wise Use'.



- ✓ This prestigious global accolade recognises exceptional contributions to sustainable wetland management.
- ✓ The announcement coincided with International Women's Day, denoting the role of women in environmental conservation. Vencatesan was one of twelve women honoured for their impactful work in wetland preservation.
- ✓ The Ramsar Awards celebrate individuals and organisations dedicated to the sustainable management of wetlands.

RANKING

- **India ranked 5th Most Polluted in 2024 Air Pollution Rankings.**
- ✓ India, 5th in the smog rankings behind Chad, Bangladesh, Pakistan & Democratic Republic of Congo, saw average PM2.5 fall 7% on the year to 50.6 mg/cu m.



- ✓ But it accounted for 12 of top 20 most polluted cities, with Byrnihat, in a heavily industrialised part of India's northeast, in 1st place.
- ✓ The WHO recommends levels of no more than 5 mg/cu m, a standard met by only 17% of cities last year.

