



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MARCH 20, 2025

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

➤ India Innovation Summit

- ✓ Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Anupriya Patel has inaugurated the India Innovation Summit – Pioneering Solutions to End TB, at Bharat Mandapam Convention Centre.



- ✓ The Program is steadily progressing towards the goal of eliminating TB by 2025.
- ✓ The number of missing cases has been reduced from 15 lakh in 2015 to 2.5 lakhs in 2023.
- ✓ A shorter and safer oral Bedaquiline-containing drug resistant TB treatment regimen has been rolled out across all State/ UTs that has improved treatment success rates of drug-resistant TB patients from 68% in 2020 to 75% in 2022.

REPORT

➤ WMO's State of Climate 2024

- ✓ The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) recently released the State of Climate 2024 report.



- ✓ It revealed that carbon dioxide (CO₂) levels reached 420 parts per million in 2023.
- ✓ This is the highest concentration in the last 800,000 years.
- ✓ These increases have led to unprecedented temperature rises.
- ✓ The year 2024 marked climate milestone.
- ✓ The global mean near-surface temperature was 1.55°C above pre-industrial averages.
- ✓ This is the first time annual temperatures have exceeded the 1.5°C threshold set by the Paris Agreement.

RANKING

- **Finland Tops the World Happiness Rankings**
- ✓ Finland has once again secured its position as the world's happiest country for the eighth consecutive year, according to the latest global happiness rankings.



- ✓ The study, conducted by the Wellbeing Research Centre at the University of Oxford in collaboration with Gallup and the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network, revealed that the United States has dropped to its lowest-ever ranking at 24th place.
- ✓ The rankings are based on people's self-assessment of their quality of life, highlighting factors such as social trust, economic stability, and life expectancy.

