



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – DECEMBER 20, 2025

NATIONAL

➤ PM MITRA Textile Parks

- ✓ PM MITRA Textile Parks at Rs. 5,567 Crore Across Three States
- ✓ PM MITRA scheme is planned across seven sites including greenfield projects at Virudhnagar (Tamil Nadu, TN), Navsari (Gujarat), Kalaburagi (Karnataka), Dhar (Madhya Pradesh, MP), Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh, UP), and brownfield projects at Warangal (Telangana) and Amravati (Maharashtra).
- ✓ Parks will be developed under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) using the Design, Build, Finance, Operate, and Transfer (DBFOT) framework, with Master Developers playing a key role in planning, execution, and operation.

➤ SHANTI Bill 2025

- ✓ Sustainable Harnessing and Advancement of Nuclear Energy for Transforming India (SHANTI) Bill, 2025 introduces major reforms in India's nuclear governance framework, with the most significant change being the grant of statutory status to the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB).
- ✓ The Bill introduces an enhanced nuclear safety framework, including mandatory inspections during construction and operation, five-year licence renewals, and alignment with International Atomic Energy Agency norms.
- ✓ It formally recognises advanced reactor technologies, including Small Modular Reactors and Bharat Small Reactors, as safe and flexible clean energy options.

INTERNATIONAL

➤ **World's Best International Airport 2025**

- ✓ Singapore's Changi Airport has been named the World's Best International Airport for 2025
- ✓ The recognition was based on global reader voting, highlighting Changi Airport's excellence in overall travel experience, passenger comfort, and world-class facilities.
- ✓ The award was announced during the 14th edition of Travel + Leisure India's Best Awards, which honour excellence across the travel and hospitality sector.

AWARDS/ HONOURS

➤ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi Conferred Oman's Highest National Honour**

- ✓ Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has been conferred Oman's highest civilian honour, the First Class of the Order of Oman, during his official visit to Muscat, marking another major milestone in India's diplomatic outreach.
- ✓ PM Modi has now received 29 top foreign State honours, reflecting India's rising global stature and his personal international influence.
- ✓ The honour was presented during the final leg of PM Modi's three-nation foreign tour.
- ✓ It has earlier been awarded to globally renowned leaders such as Nelson Mandela, Queen Elizabeth II, Queen Máxima, Emperor Akihito of Japan, and King Abdullah of Jordan.

DEFENCE

➤ **DESERT CYCLONE-II**

- ✓ The 2nd edition of the joint military exercise "DESERT CYCLONE-II" between the Indian Army (IA) and the UAE Land Forces commenced at Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates, and will continue till 30 December 2025.
- ✓ The two-week long exercise aims to enhance interoperability and strengthen bilateral defence cooperation through joint training in urban environments.

➤ **AviaIndra Air Exercise**

- ✓ Exercise AviaIndra-2025 is the 3rd edition of the bilateral air exercise between the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Russian Federation Aerospace Force (RFASF).
- ✓ The exercise is scheduled from 15–22 December 2025 and is being conducted in New Delhi, Delhi.
- ✓ Objective: To enhance bilateral defence cooperation, improve mutual operational understanding, and strengthen aerospace operational synergy.
- ✓ Strategic Significance: Reflects the long-standing, trust-based India–Russia defence partnership and continued military engagement.

IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ **International Human Solidarity Day - December 20**

- ✓ International Human Solidarity Day 2025 is observed on 20 December to promote the spirit of solidarity, unity, and collective responsibility among nations and people.
- ✓ The day is celebrated to raise awareness about the need for governments to honour their commitments to international agreements aimed at peace, development, and social justice.
- ✓ It highlights the principle of “Unity in Diversity”, emphasising cooperation among different cultures, societies, and nations to address global challenges.

