

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MAY 12, 2025

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

➤ **Pangenome of Rice**

- ✓ Scientists revealed a pioneering pangenome for rice.



- ✓ This reference genome integrates genetic data from 144 wild and cultivated rice varieties across Asia.
- ✓ The initiative mirrors the Human Genome Project, aiming to enhance rice cultivation.
- ✓ The pangenome for rice includes 69,531 identified genes, with 28,907 being core genes and 13,728 specific to wild rice.
- ✓ The ongoing study of rice genetics will play a very important role in global food security.

AWARDS

➤ **Medal of Honour from the World Jurist Association**

- ✓ In a historic recognition of India's fight for child justice, renowned lawyer and child rights activist Bhuwan Ribhu has become the first Indian lawyer to receive the Medal of Honour from the World Jurist Association.



- ✓ Awarded during the World Law Congress 2025 held in the Dominican Republic, the accolade acknowledges Ribhu's two-decade-long commitment to eradicating child exploitation through legal reforms, court interventions, and advocacy.
- ✓ The World Jurist Association Medal of Honour is one of the highest recognitions for legal professionals globally.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **International Nurses Day – May 12**
- ✓ Celebrated annually on May 12, the day recognizes nurses' dedication to public health and patient care.



- ✓ Florence Nightingale, born in 1820, revolutionized nursing and became known as "The Lady with the Lamp" during the Crimean War.
 - ✓ Her contributions led to the establishment of the Nightingale School of Nursing in 1860, shaping modern nursing education.
- **8th UN Global Road Safety Week 2025**
 - ✓ The 8th United Nations Global Road Safety Week is being observed from 12 to 18 May 2025, with the theme #MakeWalkingSafe and #MakeCyclingSafe.



- ✓ This global campaign aims to encourage safer urban infrastructure for pedestrians and cyclists and calls upon governments and communities to implement proven measures to reduce road traffic injuries and fatalities.



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