



## **EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – DECEMBER 11, 2025**

### **TAMILNADU**

- **TN's coastline now officially 2nd longest in country**
- ✓ According to the updated measurements, Tamil Nadu's coastline has increased from 906.9km to 1,068km, pushing it ahead of AP and placing it second after Gujarat.
- ✓ The upward revision of coastline lengths across nine states and four Union territories stems from a new methodology adopted by the National Maritime Security Coordinator. Unlike older straight-line measurements, the updated approach accounts for bays, estuaries, inlets, and other coastal features.
- ✓ Using modern GIS software and high-resolution high-waterline data, the revised figures capture intricate shoreline details.

### **NATIONAL**

- **Gyan Bharatam Programme**
- ✓ The initiative was announced in the Union Budget 2025 and reflects India's efforts to preserve civilizational knowledge and make it globally accessible.
- ✓ Gyan Bharatam focuses on surveying, documenting, conserving, digitizing, and distributing ancient manuscripts related to science, philosophy, literature, medicine, astronomy, and culture.
- ✓ The Government allocated Rs. 491.66 crore for the programme for the period 2025-2031.

## STATE

### ➤ **Maharashtra Sets Guinness World Record**

- ✓ Maharashtra installed 45,911 off-grid solar agricultural pumps in 30 days, achieving a Guinness World Record and becoming the second fastest globally after China in solar pump deployment by a single administrative region.
- ✓ The installation was completed under PM-KUSUM (Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan) Component-B and the state scheme Magel Tyala Saur Krushi Pump Yojana.
- ✓ The objective of the initiative is to provide affordable, clean and reliable irrigation, reduce dependence on grid electricity, and support small and marginal farmers with energy independence.

## SUMMIT

### ➤ **WHO Global Summit**

- ✓ India has launched the official countdown for the WHO (World Health Organization) Global Summit on Traditional Medicine 2025, which will be held from 17-19 December 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- ✓ The 2025 summit theme is "Restoring Balance: The Science and Practice of Health and Well-Being."
- ✓ India highlighted its major traditional medicine systems, including Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa-Rigpa, and Homoeopathy, which are gaining global recognition.
- ✓ A key achievement in this sector is the establishment of the WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine (GCTM) in Jamnagar, Gujarat, developed under the India-WHO partnership.

## AWARDS & HONOURS

### ➤ **'UNEP's Champions of the Earth' award 2025**

- ✓ Additional chief secretary for environment, climate change, and forest departments Supriya Sahu received the 'UNEP's 2025 Champions of the Earth' award.

- ✓ United Nations Environment Programme executive director Inger Anderson handed over the award to Sahu at the 7th session of United Nations Environment Assembly in Nairobi, Kenya.
- ✓ Sahu is among five people from across the world to be selected for the award.
- ✓ Sahu's efforts as a pioneer in sustainable cooling and ecosystem restoration created 2.5 million green jobs, expanded forest cover, and integrated heat adaptation into infrastructure, benefitting 12 million people.

➤ **PETA India Person of the Year 2025**

- ✓ Bollywood actress Raveena Tandon has been awarded PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) India Person of the Year 2025 for her long-term contribution to animal rights, wildlife protection, and humane education.
- ✓ She promotes a meat-free lifestyle and has consistently supported campaigns against cruelty toward both domestic and wild animals.
- ✓ Raveena partnered with her daughter to donate a mechanical elephant to a Jain temple in Karnataka, encouraging the end of using real elephants for rituals.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

➤ **International Mountain Day - December 11**

- ✓ International Mountain Day (IMD) 2025 is observed on 11th December to promote awareness about the importance of mountains, their ecosystems, and communities.
- ✓ The 2025 theme is "Glaciers matter for water, food and livelihoods in mountains and beyond", highlighting the crucial role of glaciers in sustaining life and the risks posed by climate change.
- ✓ Increasing climate variability has reduced mountain agriculture productivity, leading many men to migrate in search of alternative livelihoods.

➤ **UNICEF Foundation Day - December 11**

- ✓ UNICEF Foundation Day 2025 is observed on 11th December to honor the establishment and global humanitarian work of UNICEF.
- ✓ UNICEF stands for United Nations International Children Emergency Fund.
- ✓ The theme for 2025 is "My Day, My Rights", focusing on children's rights, protection, and empowerment across the world.

- ✓ UNICEF was established in 1946 to provide emergency food and healthcare to children and mothers affected by the devastation of World War II.
- ✓ It was initially created by the U.N. Relief Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) in 1946 to channel immediate relief funds for war-affected children and mothers.

