



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – DECEMBER 14, 2025

TAMILNADU

- **T.N.'s HPV vaccination programme**
- ✓ Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination programme will be implemented in all 38 districts, it will start off with four districts with high incidence of cervical cancer – Ariyalur, Perambalur, Tiruvannamalai, and Dharmapuri.
- ✓ A total of 3,38,000 girls across the State will benefit from this vaccination programme.
- ✓ The first dose will be administered to 27,000 children in the four districts.
- ✓ The State government had allocated ₹36 crore in its previous budget for the HPV vaccination programme for girls aged 9 to 14 years to prevent cervical cancer.

NATIONAL

- **Union Cabinet Renames MGNREGS as Poojya Bapu Grameen Rozgar Yojana**
- ✓ The Union Cabinet approved a major update to India's largest rural employment programme of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme will now be renamed as Poojya Bapu Grameen Rozgar Yojana.
- ✓ The guaranteed employment days have been increased from 100 days to 125 days per rural household in a financial year.

- ✓ This decision aims to strengthen rural livelihoods and improve income stability for millions of rural households dependent on the scheme.
- **First Indigenous Hydrogen Fuel Cell Passenger Vessel at Varanasi**
- ✓ India has launched its first fully indigenous hydrogen fuel cell passenger vessel, marking a historic milestone in green maritime mobility and clean inland water transport.
- ✓ The vessel has been built by Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) and is owned by the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI).
- ✓ The vessel began commercial operations at Namo Ghat, Varanasi, and was flagged off by Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal.
- ✓ With this launch, Varanasi becomes one of the first cities globally to deploy hydrogen-powered passenger transport on inland waterways.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **National Energy Conservation Day**
- ✓ The day is observed by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency, which functions under the Union Ministry of Power, Government of India.
- ✓ The main objective of National Energy Conservation Day is to reduce energy consumption and encourage efficient and responsible use of energy across all sectors.
- ✓ The National Energy Conservation Day 2025 celebrations are held for one week, from 8 December to 14 December 2025.
- ✓ National Energy Conservation Day was first observed on 14 December 1991.
- ✓ The theme of 2025 is "Saving Energy, Securing Future," focusing on youth as "Energy Guardians".

