

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MAY 17, 2025

AWARDS

➤ World Food Prize 2025

- ✓ Brazilian microbiologist Mariangela Hungria was awarded the 2025 World Food Prize for her groundbreaking work in developing biological seed and soil treatments that significantly boost crop yields while reducing dependence on chemical fertilizers.



- ✓ Often called the “Nobel Prize for Food and Agriculture,” the World Food Prize honors individuals whose innovations and leadership have significantly advanced global food security and nutrition, helping millions worldwide.

SPORTS

➤ Superbet Classic 2025

- ✓ Indian chess prodigy Grandmaster R. Praggnanandhaa achieved a major milestone in his career by winning his first-ever Grand Chess Tour tournament — the Superbet Classic 2025 held in Bucharest, Romania.



- ✓ He emerged victorious after a tense tiebreak battle against top-ranked players including Maxime Vachier-Lagrave and Alireza Firouzja, marking a historic moment for Indian chess on the global stage.

RANKING

➤ India's Press Freedom Ranking in 2025

- ✓ India's position on the World Press Freedom Index has seen a notable improvement in 2025.



- ✓ The country ranked 151st among 180 nations, rising from 159th in the previous year.
- ✓ This change reflects ongoing efforts to enhance media freedom despite challenges.
- ✓ The World Press Freedom Index is published annually by Reporters Without Borders.
- ✓ Norway leads the index, followed by Estonia and the Netherlands. These countries benefit from strong legal protections and a diverse media landscape.

IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ International Day of Living Together in Peace – May 16

- ✓ The International Day of Living Together in Peace, observed annually on 16 May, is a United Nations-designated day that emphasizes the importance of living in harmony despite cultural, religious, or ethnic differences.



- ✓ It calls for global unity, reconciliation, and mutual respect, aiming to foster sustainable peace in communities worldwide.
- ✓ The day remains relevant in today's world marked by ongoing conflicts, social unrest, and divisions.

