

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MAY 21, 2025

TAMIL NADU

➤ 'Thozhi' Working Women's Hostels

- ✓ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Wednesday (May 21, 2025) virtually inaugurated, from the Secretariat in Chennai, three new 'Thozhi' working women's hostels at St. Thomas Mount, Hosur, and Tiruvannamalai.



- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government had initiated the 'Thozhi' hostels scheme to overcome the challenges faced by women who migrate from their native places to work in cities.
- ✓ These hostels are run by the Department of Social Welfare and Women Development.

STATE

➤ Mizoram Becomes India's First Fully Literate State

- ✓ In a historic milestone for education in India, Mizoram has officially been declared a fully literate state, becoming the first in the country to achieve this feat.



- ✓ The announcement was made on 20th May 2025 by Chief Minister Shri Lalduhoma.
- ✓ This achievement highlights the state's dedication to inclusive education and marks the success of the ULLAS – Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram, a national adult education initiative.

AWARDS

➤ International Booker Prize

- ✓ Indian author, lawyer, and activist Banu Mushtaq has made literary history by winning the International Booker Prize 2025 for her short story anthology, Heart Lamp.

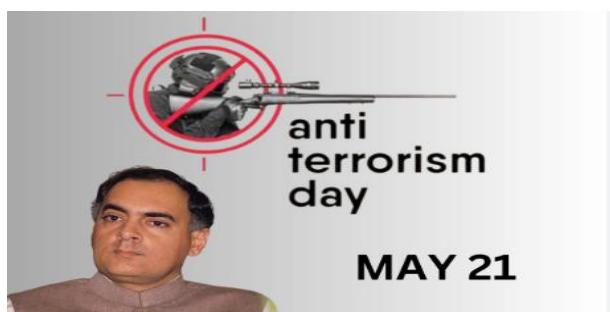


- ✓ Translated into English by Deepa Bhasthi, the book highlights the nuanced struggles and resilience of Muslim women in southern India.
- ✓ Banu Mushtaq's Heart Lamp was awarded the International Booker Prize on May 20, 2025, in London.
- ✓ This is the first Kannada-language book to win the award.

IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ National Anti-Terrorism Day: May 21

- ✓ National Anti-Terrorism Day is observed annually on May 21st in remembrance of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's assassination on May 21st, 1991.



- ✓ Rajiv Gandhi was killed by a suicide bomber from the LTTE (Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam) in Sriperumbudur, near Chennai.
 - ✓ Anti-Terrorism Day in India was established by the VP Singh government in memory of Rajiv Gandhi.
- **International Tea Day – May 21**
- ✓ Every year on May 21, International Tea Day is celebrated to honour the profound cultural, economic, and social impact of tea globally.



- ✓ Recognised as the most consumed beverage after water, tea transcends its identity as a mere drink—especially in India, where it symbolizes warmth, hospitality, and a daily ritual.
- ✓ The theme for 2025 is “Tea for Better Lives.”

