

## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MAY 25, 2025

### TAMIL NADU

- **Six students visit South Korea under Naan Mudhalvan Scheme**
- ✓ Tamil Nadu Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin on Tuesday (May 27, 2025) felicitated six students who benefitted from the Naan Mudhalvan scheme of the State government.



- ✓ Under *Naan Mudhalvan's* SCOUT (Scholarships for Outstanding Undergraduate Talent in Tamil Nadu) programme, these students visited South Korea and underwent training at Gachon University and Pusan National University.
- ✓ SCOUT aims to provide talented undergraduate students from Tamil Nadu with international exposure and advanced skills in emerging fields like data science, AI, and biotechnology.

### CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **Rising North East Investors Summit 2025**
- ✓ Rising North East Investors Summit 2025, which was held in New Delhi, attracted investment proposals worth over 4 Lakh Crore rupees.



- ✓ Delegations from over 80 countries, from Japan to Europe to ASEAN nations, participated in the two-day summit, which culminated yesterday.
- ✓ In his valedictory address, Minister for Development of North Eastern Region Jyotiraditya M. Scindia praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for not just recognizing the vast potential of the Northeastern region but also embracing it.

## SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

### ➤ **New Covid-19 Variant NB.1.8.1**

- ✓ A new sub-variant of Covid-19, named NB.1.8.1, was identified in India.



- ✓ This variant is a descendant of the Omicron lineage JN.1 and has raised concerns due to its potential transmissibility.
  - ✓ The World Health Organization (WHO) classified it as a 'Variant Under Monitoring' (VUM), indicating that its mutations warrant further observation, although it is not currently deemed a 'Variant of Interest'.
- **PLI Scheme for Pharmaceuticals**
- ✓ The Government of India has renewed its Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme to boost domestic pharmaceutical manufacturing.



- ✓ This initiative focuses on increasing the production of critical pharmaceutical products.
- ✓ This move aims to strengthen India's self-reliance in pharmaceuticals and reduce dependence on imports.
- ✓ The renewed PLI scheme is poised to drive further growth in the pharmaceutical industry. It aims to create jobs and enhance exports.

