

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – AUGUST 08, 2025

SCHEMES

➤ ICMR Launches SHINE Initiative

- ✓ The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) launched the ICMR-SHINE Initiative recently.



- ✓ This nationwide student outreach programme targets school students from Classes 9 to 12. It aims to spark scientific curiosity and promote careers in biomedical research.
- ✓ The initiative also commemorates Prof. V. Ramalingaswami's contributions to medical science.
- ✓ By inspiring young minds, ICMR strengthens the future of biomedical research in India.

AWARDS

➤ Global M.S. Swaminathan Award for Food and Peace



- ✓ At the M.S. Swaminathan Centenary International Conference in New Delhi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the M.S. Swaminathan Global Award for Food and Peace to honour scientists from the developing world working to fight hunger and promote global peace.
- ✓ The first recipient was Nigerian scientist Dr. Arenare, recognized for his work in combating hunger in Nigeria.

➤ **Awards to Tamil Scholars at Kamban Vizha 2025**

- ✓ The Chief Minister presented the,
- ✓ Kavi Chakravarthi Kambar Award, instituted by the Azhwargal Aaivu Maiyam, to Tamil poet and lyricist Vairamuthu.



- ✓ Iyattramizh Arignar Award of the Kamban Kazhagam to Tamil scholars T. Gnanasundaram, Pazha. Pazhaniappan, Saradga Nambi Arooran, Suki Sivam and Ilankai Jeyaraj,
- ✓ Kambar Kalainaya Chelvar Award to film director S.P. Muthuraman.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

➤ **ISRO Launches HOPE Mission In Ladakh**

- ✓ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched a 10-day high-altitude isolation experiment in Ladakh.



- ✓ Conducted at 14,000 feet, this mission simulates the extreme conditions astronauts might face on long-duration space missions to the Moon or Mars.
- ✓ The initiative is part of preparations for India's Gaganyaan human spaceflight programme and future interplanetary exploration.

