

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – AUGUST 14, 2025

NATIONAL

- **Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2025**
- ✓ The bill aims to improve transparency and boost mineral exploration.



- ✓ It will further amend the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957.
- ✓ Leaseholders can now apply to state governments to add more minerals to their existing leases.
- ✓ No extra charges are required for adding critical, strategic, or specified minerals. These minerals include lithium, cobalt, graphite, nickel, gold, and silver.
- ✓ The cap on captive mines selling only 50% of their output has been removed.

AWARDS

- **Equator Prize 2025**
- ✓ Bibi Fatima Women's Self-Help Group (SHG) from Teertha village in Karnataka's Dharwad district won the prestigious Equator Initiative Award 2025.



- ✓ The Bibi Fatima SHG is the only Indian winner among ten global recipients from nine countries.
- ✓ The Equator Prize is awarded annually by UNDP to recognise Indigenous Peoples and local communities protecting biodiversity and promoting sustainable livelihoods.
- ✓ The 2025 theme focused on Women and Youth Leadership for Nature-Based Climate Action.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **Partition Horrors Remembrance Day - August 14**
- ✓ Partition Horrors Remembrance Day is observed annually on 14th August.



- ✓ It commemorates the victims and sufferings of people during the Partition of India in 1947.
- ✓ The day pays homage to those who sacrificed their lives and endured immense pain during the partition.
- ✓ It also honors those displaced from their roots due to the partition.
- ✓ The Government of India decided in 2021 to observe this day every year.
- ✓ The observance serves as a reminder of the tragic human cost of the partition.

