

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – AUGUST 20, 2025

NATIONAL

- **Parliament Clears Landmark Mines and Minerals Amendment Bill, 2025**
- ✓ India passed the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2025, to liberalise mining, boost domestic production of critical minerals like lithium and rare earths, expand the role of the National Mineral Exploration and Development Trust.



- ✓ Allow greater lease flexibility, remove sale caps on captive mining, and introduce mineral exchanges for transparent trading, all aimed at reducing import dependency, promoting sustainability, and strengthening India's strategic mineral security.

SCHEMES

- **Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan**
- ✓ Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan will begin from 3rd October.



- ✓ The aim of this campaign is to promote direct contact between farmers and agricultural scientists.
- ✓ During the campaign, thousands of scientists and agriculture department officials will visit villages.
- ✓ They will interact with farmers and make them aware of new technologies to increase food production.
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IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ **World Mosquito Day – August 20**

- ✓ World Mosquito Day, observed every August 20, marks the discovery by Sir Ronald Ross in 1897 that malaria is transmitted by the female Anopheles mosquito.



- ✓ This day raises awareness of mosquito-borne diseases like dengue, malaria, chikungunya, Japanese encephalitis, and Zika virus, which remain major public health threats, especially during the monsoon.

