



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – AUGUST 26, 2025

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- **Chennai's First-Ever City Biodiversity Index (CBI)**
- ✓ Chennai's first-ever City Biodiversity Index (CBI) assessment reveals that while the city holds significant reserves of native biodiversity — particularly in natural landscapes and urban bird populations — it is critically underperforming in biodiversity governance, planning, and long-term conservation strategies.



- ✓ The CBI, also known as the Singapore Index, was developed by the Singapore National Parks Board.
- ✓ Launched by Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on August 25, the index evaluated Chennai across 23 indicators.

INTERNATIONAL

- **Nepal Joins International Big Cat Alliance for Conservation**
- ✓ Nepal officially joined the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) in August 2025.



- ✓ Nepal's diverse wildlife includes the snow leopard, tiger and common leopard. Its membership strengthens international cooperation to protect these iconic animals.
- ✓ The IBCA was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 9 April 2023 in Mysuru.
- ✓ It aims to conserve seven big cat species – tiger, lion, leopard, snow leopard, cheetah, jaguar and puma.

IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ Women's Equality Day – August 26

- ✓ Women's Equality Day 2025, observed on August 26, commemorates the certification of the 19th Amendment in 1920, granting American women the right to vote.



- ✓ Rooted in the Seneca Falls Convention (1848) and officially recognized in 1973, the day honours both the historic struggle for women's suffrage and the on-going fight for gender equality in leadership, pay, education, and healthcare.

