



## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – DECEMBER 23, 2025

### NATIONAL

#### ➤ VB-G RAM Bill 2025

- ✓ Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-G RAM G) Bill 2025, replaces the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), 2005 with a modern statutory framework that enhances livelihood security and is aligned with the national vision of Viksit Bharat @2047.
- ✓ As per the Section 5(1) of the Act, the statutory wage employment guarantee increases from 100 to 125 days per rural household in each financial year (FY) to households whose adult members volunteer to undertake unskilled manual work.
- ✓ The Section 6 of the Act facilitates adequate availability of agricultural labour during peak sowing and harvesting seasons, empowering States to notify an aggregated pause period aggregating to sixty days in a FY.

#### ➤ First Forest University in Gorakhpur

- ✓ India is set to establish its first-ever Forest University in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh, marking a major step towards strengthening education and research in forestry, wildlife conservation, and environmental sciences.
- ✓ The initiative reflects India's growing national focus on biodiversity conservation, climate change mitigation, and sustainable natural resource management.
- ✓ The proposed university will be developed on a campus of around 125 acres in Gorakhpur, located near the Jatayu Conservation and Breeding Centre.

- ✓ An initial allocation of ₹50 crore has been provided in the state budget for the project.

## INTERNATIONAL

### ➤ 11th COSP to UN Convention Against Corruption

- ✓ The 11th edition of the Conference of the State Parties (COSP-11) to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), the world's largest anti-corruption conference was held from December 15 – 19, 2025 in Doha, Qatar.
- ✓ The 5-day long conference was hosted by the State of Qatar in collaboration with the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).
- ✓ The conference concluded successfully with the adoption of the 'Doha Declaration 2025, strengthening international cooperation and technical assistance and seizing the opportunities provided by Artificial Intelligence (AI) systems in preventing and combating corruption'.

## DEFENCE

### ➤ Indian Navy Decommissions 'INS Sindhughosh'

- ✓ Indian Navy (IN) has formally decommissioned 'Indian Naval Ship (INS) Sindhughosh', the lead submarine of the Sindhughosh class, after 40 years of service to the nation, during a ceremony held at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- ✓ The submarine was commissioned into the IN on April 30, 1986 under the command of later Commander KC Varghese.

## AWARDS

### ➤ French Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres Award

- ✓ Malayalam publisher Ravi Deecee, MD of DC Books, was awarded the prestigious French honour Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres by French Ambassador Thierry Mathou on December 4, 2025.
- ✓ In recognition of his contributions to literature, publishing, and India-France cultural exchange, particularly through translating French works into Malayalam and promoting international literary collaboration.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### ➤ National Farmers Day - December 23

- ✓ Kisan Diwas 2025 is observed on 23rd December across India.
- ✓ The day is also known as National Farmers Day or Farmer's Day.
- ✓ It is observed to honour farmers for their vital contribution to the Indian economy, food security, and rural development.
- ✓ Kisan Diwas marks the birth anniversary of Chaudhary Charan Singh, the Fifth Prime Minister of India.
- ✓ The observance aims to raise awareness about farmers' issues, promote sustainable agriculture, and acknowledge the importance of the farming community in nation-building.

