

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JUNE 16, 2025

TAMIL NADU

- **GI Tag sought for Kollimalai Coffee and Jackfruit**
- ✓ The Patent Information Centre of Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology (TNSCST), Chennai has filed applications seeking Geographical Indication (GI) tag for Kollimalai Coffee and Kollimalai Palappazham.



- ✓ Kollimalai coffee is renowned for its unique aroma, flavor, and superior quality.
 - ✓ Kollimalai Palappazham (Jackfruit) is rich in fiber, carbohydrates, vitamins, and essential minerals, making it both a nutritious and culturally important food crop for local communities.
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- **Beating all odds, girl from T.N. government school gets into IIT Bombay**
 - ✓ Naan Mudhalvan scheme of the State government helps her pursue her aerospace engineering dream by Virudhunagar Collector V.P. Jeyaseelan.



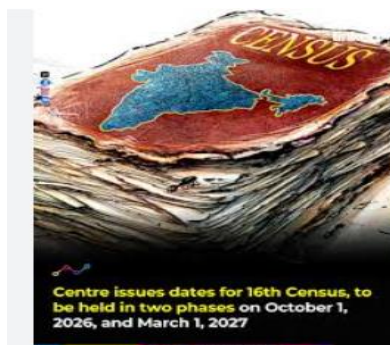
- ✓ Against all odds, a girl from the Government Higher Secondary School at Padanthal in Virudhunagar district of Tamil Nadu has secured a high rank in JEE (Advanced) and realised her dream of pursuing aerospace engineering at IIT Bombay.
- ✓ Yogeshwari had never heard of JEE till she attended the *Kalloori Kanavu* vertical under the *Naan Mudhalvan* scheme while in Class XII.
- **T.N. Forest Department Deputes Mahouts and Cavadies to Thailand for Elephant Care Training**
- ✓ The Tamil Nadu Government has sent a team of forest personnel, mahouts, and cavadies to undergo training at the Thai Elephant Conservation Centre (TECC) in Lampang, Thailand.



- ✓ A team of 18 members will be deputed to TECC from June 17 to June 21.
- ✓ The delegation includes four mahouts, 11 cavadies, a forest range officer, and a forest veterinary assistant surgeon, all of whom are currently serving in the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve and Anamalai Tiger Reserve elephant camps, along with the Assistant Director of the Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Vandalur.

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- **India's 16th Census Announced for 2027**
- ✓ The Ministry of Home Affairs will issue a notification on June 16, 2025, to commence Census 2025, India's first digital and caste-inclusive population count.



- ✓ The two-phase operation, involving over 34 lakh personnel, will gather detailed data on housing, assets, demographics, and caste.
- ✓ Union Home Minister Amit Shah reviewed the preparations with senior officials.
- ✓ With a reference date of March 1, 2027, the Census will play a key role in future constituency delimitation and policy formulation, aligning with the constitutional mandate post-2026.
- ✓ The last Census was held in 2011, with the 2021 edition delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

AWARDS

- **Cyprus' Highest Civilian Honour — Order of Makarios III**
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi was awarded the Grand Cross of the Order of Makarios III, Cyprus' highest civilian honour, by President Nikos Christodoulides on June 16, 2025, in recognition of his efforts to deepen India-Cyprus ties.



- ✓ During his historic visit — the first by an Indian Prime Minister — Modi engaged in strategic discussions focused on innovation, trade, and economic reform.
- ✓ The award, named after Archbishop Makarios III, symbolizes the strengthening of diplomatic friendship and paves the way for enhanced bilateral and global cooperation.

