

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JULY 18, 2025

TAMIL NADU

- **Trichy Ranks 49th among 95 'Big Cities' in Swachh Survekshan Survey**
- ✓ Trichy Corporation has achieved the 49th rank in the national-level cleanliness survey, Swachh Survekshan 2024-25, out of 95 cities with a population between 3 lakh and 10 lakh.

SWACHH SURVEKSHAN 2024-25			
TN Cities	Marks	National rank	Category
Coimbatore	8,347	28	10 lakh+
Trichy	8,239	49	3-10 lakh
Chennai	6,822	38	10 lakh+
Madurai	4,823	40	10 lakh+

- ✓ According to the data released by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, of the 12,500 marks, Tiruchi secured 8,239 marks in the “big cities” category (cities with population between 3 to 10 lakh), achieving 49th position, out of 95 cities across the country.
- ✓ Tiruchi has topped the State in this category and placed ninth in the overall State rankings.

DEFENCE

- **Exercise SIMBEX 2025**
- ✓ India's participation in SIMBEX 2025 marks a significant step in advancing India-Singapore naval cooperation.



- ✓ It reflects India's strategic maritime goals under Act East and SAGAR, involving frontline naval platforms like INS Delhi and Satpura.
- ✓ SIMBEX boosts bilateral interoperability, ensures preparedness for maritime challenges, and paves the way for India's leadership in future events like MILAN and the International Fleet Review, reinforcing a rules-based maritime order and regional stability.
- ✓ INS Shakti, part of Eastern Fleet that is visiting Singapore from 16-19 July.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **Nelson Mandela International Day - July 18**
- ✓ On **July 18th** of this current year, **Nelson Mandela International Day 2025** is celebrated and observed worldwide as an honoring event.



- ✓ **Nelson Mandela International Day (also known as Mandela Day)** is a yearly international celebration honouring **Mandela** that is **observed on his birthday, July 18th**.

