

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – AUGUST 13, 2025

TAMIL NADU

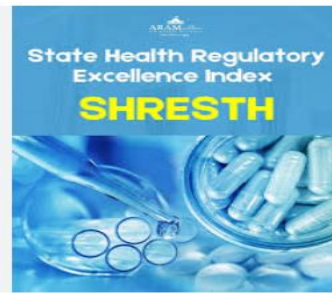
- **Tamil Nadu International Kite Festival 2025 to be held from August 14-17**
- ✓ The skies over Thiruvидanthai Beach will display a dazzling splash of colours as the fourth edition of the Tamil Nadu International Kite Festival would be held from August 14 to 17.



- ✓ “Kite teams from France, Switzerland, Vietnam, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, and India will showcase their skills and creativity”.
- ✓ The Tamil Nadu International Kite Festival aims to evolve into a global extravaganza, with plans to host the World Kite Show Championship in the coming years, bringing together participants from over 40 countries.

NATIONAL

- **SHRESTH: India’s First State Health Regulatory Excellence Index**
- ✓ The Union Health Ministry has launched SHRESTH – the State Health Regulatory Excellence Index, a first-of-its-kind national initiative to benchmark and strengthen state drug regulatory systems through a transparent, data-driven framework.



- ✓ Developed by CDSCO, SHRESTH acts as a virtual gap assessment tool to guide states toward maturity certification by evaluating key areas like human resources, infrastructure, licensing, surveillance, and responsiveness.
- ✓ The initiative aims to ensure drug safety, quality, and efficacy nationwide, reinforcing India's status as the "Pharmacy of the World."

SPORTS

- **Para Sports Stadium Opened in Tiruchi**
- ✓ Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Thursday inaugurated, through video-conferencing, the para sports facility within the Anna Sports Stadium complex on Race Course Road in Tiruchi.



- ✓ Constructed at a cost of ₹1 crore by the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu (SDAT), the facility is designed to cater specifically to athletes with disabilities.
- ✓ The inclusive sports stadium features a para sports arena, an open air badminton court, play courts for sitting volleyball, table tennis, boccia, taekwondo, judo, goal ball, weightlifting, alongside an accessible gym, and wheelchair accessible toilets.

