

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – AUGUST 15, 2025

TAMIL NADU

➤ **CM Independence Day address - Nine announcements**

- ✓ The Chief Minister also made nine announcements, including the expansion of free bus travel for persons with disabilities, ex-servicemen, and children of construction workers, among others.



- ✓ 1. The monthly pension currently being provided by the state government to freedom fighters will be increased to Rs 22,000.
- ✓ 2. The monthly family pension currently being provided by the state government to the families of freedom fighter martyrs will be increased to Rs 12,000.
- ✓ 3. The monthly special pension currently being provided by the descendants of Veerapandiya Kattabomman, Ramanathapuram Muthuramalinga Vijaya Raghunatha Sethupathi, Sivagangai Marudhu brothers and V.O. Chidambaranar will be increased by Rs. 11,000.
- ✓ 4. The lifetime monthly financial assistance provided to ex-servicemen from Tamil Nadu who participated in World War II will be increased to Rs. 15,000.
- ✓ 5. The lifetime monthly financial assistance provided to the widows of World War II veterans will be increased to Rs. 8,000.

- ✓ 6. For the convenience of ex-servicemen from Tamil Nadu, an ex-servicemen's hostel with infrastructure covering an area of 33,000 square feet will be built at a cost of Rs 22 crore in Madhavaram, Chennai.
- ✓ 7. The free morning journey scheme implemented in the hilly areas of Tamil Nadu will be extended to the differently-abled.
- ✓ 8. A training centre will be started at the state level, two training centres at the regional level and one driving training school per district for driving training.
- ✓ 9. Ten thousand students of Tamil Nadu construction workers will be provided online skill training in modern technologies at a cost of Rs. 15 crore while they are studying in college.

AWARDS

- **Thagaisal Thamizhar Award** - Indian Union Muslim League (IUML) leader K.M. Kader Mohideen received the 'Thagaisal Thamizhar Award' from Chief Minister M.K. Stalin during the Independence Day celebrations held in Chennai on Friday (August 15, 2025).



- **Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Award** - ISRO Chairman V. Narayanan received the Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Award from the Chief Minister.
- **Kalpana Chawla Award** - Paralympic athlete and Arjuna Award recipient Thulasimathi Murugesan from Kancheepuram district was presented with the Kalpana Chawla Award for Courage and Daring Enterprise for 2025.

SPORTS

- **Khelo India Water Sports Festival 2025**
- ✓ The Khelo India Water Sports Festival (KIWSF) mascot and logo were unveiled in Srinagar, ahead of the first-ever water games under the Khelo India initiative, set to be held at Dal Lake from August 21–23, 2025.



- ✓ The colourful Himalayan Kingfisher, symbolizing adventure, eco-sports, and Kashmir's natural beauty, was introduced as the official mascot.
- ✓ Over 400 athletes from 36 states and UTs are expected to participate.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **79th Independence Day of India 2025 – August 15**
- ✓ On August 15, 2025, India will celebrate its 79th Independence Day, marking nearly eight decades of freedom from British rule.



- ✓ The day honors the sacrifices of freedom fighters and showcases India's journey of unity, progress, and democracy through flag hoisting.
- ✓ The celebrations emphasize themes of patriotism, inclusive growth, and India's vision for a \$5 trillion economy by 2047.

