

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – AUGUST 16, 2025

TAMIL NADU

➤ VETRI Palligal to Prepare Students for JEE, NEET

- ✓ The Tamil Nadu School Education Department sanctioned Rs 54.7 crore to set up Vibrant Education Targeting Reputed Institution (VETRI) Palligal in 236 government higher secondary schools to provide career counselling and intensive coaching for students.



- ✓ According to a government order issued by the department, VETRI Palligal in every block would help Class 11 and 12 students get into premier higher education institutions.
- ✓ A total of Rs. 54.73 crore was sanctioned in the first phase for the year 2025-26.

DEFENCE

➤ SLINEX-25

- ✓ Indian Naval Ships INS Rana and INS Jyoti arrived in Colombo for the 12th edition of SLINEX-25, a bilateral naval exercise between India and Sri Lanka from 14–18 August 2025, aimed at boosting interoperability, maritime cooperation, and exchange of best practices.



- ✓ The drill includes a harbour phase (professional and cultural interactions) and a sea phase.
- ✓ SLINEX reflects the growing maritime ties under India's MAHASAGAR policy.

SPORTS

➤ **2030 Commonwealth Games**

- ✓ On 13 August, the Indian Olympic Association formally sanctioned the nation's bid to host the 2030 Commonwealth Games during its Special General Meeting in New Delhi.



- ✓ Ahmedabad has been named as the proposed host city in the Expression of Interest already submitted.
- ✓ Canada's withdrawal from the bidding process has significantly improved India's prospects.
- ✓ India previously hosted the Commonwealth Games in 2010 in New Delhi.

