

## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – SEPTEMBER 03, 2025

### DEFENCE

#### ➤ Exercise MAITREE-XIV

- ✓ The 14th edition of India-Thailand Joint Military Exercise MAITREE-XIV commenced on September 1, 2025, at the Joint Training Node (JTN), Umroi, Meghalaya.



- ✓ Conducted until September 14, the bilateral exercise aims to boost cooperation, interoperability, and mutual understanding between the Indian Army and the Royal Thai Army.

### RANKING

#### ➤ Global Peace Index 2025

- ✓ The 2025 Global Peace Index (GPI) by the Institute for Economics & Peace offers a hopeful view amid global turmoil.



- ✓ It ranks countries based on peace, governance, social trust, and security.
- ✓ Iceland tops the list for the 18th consecutive year.
- ✓ Other peaceful nations include Ireland, New Zealand, and Switzerland.
- ✓ Singapore stands out as Asia's sole representative in the top 10.
- ✓ India ranks 115th, reflecting ongoing challenges.
- ✓ Regional disputes, urban crime, and internal tensions impact its peace ranking.

### ➤ **IIT Madras Tops NIRF Rankings**

- ✓ There is much jubilation as news that the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras, had retained its top rank in the engineering category for the 10th year in a row, filtered down.



- ✓ Notably, it also bagged top slot in the innovations category and the newly-introduced Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) institutions category, besides retaining the number two slot in the research institutions category, which was topped by Indian Institute of Science.

