

## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – AUGUST 13, 2024

### DEFENCE

#### ➤ **Mitra Shakti**

- ✓ The Mitra Shakti military exercise, an annual bilateral engagement between the Indian Army and the Sri Lankan Army, commenced on August 12, 2024.



- ✓ This year's exercise, held at the Sri Lankan Army Training School in Maduru Oya, marks a significant milestone in the military cooperation between these two South Asian nations.
- ✓ Set to run until August 25, this combined training exercise exemplifies the commitment of both countries to enhance their military capabilities and foster stronger bilateral relations.

### RANKING

#### ➤ **National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2024**



- ✓ Union Minister for Education Shri Dharmendra Pradhan on August 12, released the India Rankings 2024, which implements the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) drafted for this purpose by the Ministry of Education in 2015.
- ✓ According to the last year's ranking, IIT Madras secured the top spot in the 'overall' category, followed by IISc Bengaluru and IIT Delhi in second and third place respectively.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **World Organ Donation Day – August 13**
- ✓ World Organ Donation Day is observed every year on August 13 to raise awareness about the importance of organ donation and encourage people to register as organ donors.



- ✓ Organ Donation Day serves as a crucial reminder of the importance of this life-saving act.
- ✓ In India, the government has taken significant steps to promote organ donation through nationwide campaigns and educational programs.

