

## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – AUGUST 16, 2024

### TAMIL NADU

- **T.N. to Establish New Pharmacies**
- ✓ Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, in his Independence Day address on Thursday, announced the establishment of **Mudhalvar Marundhagams** across the State.



- ✓ These pharmacies, to be launched next year, aim at providing generic medicines at subsidised rates.
- **CM Honours Brave Nurse, Cong. Veteran, ISRO Scientist at I-Day Fete**
- ✓ **Sabeena**, a nurse from the Nilgiris who saved over 35 human lives after the Wayanad landslides, was on Thursday honoured with the Tamil Nadu government's **Kalpna Chawla Award for Courage and Daring Enterprise**.



- ✓ Mr. Stalin also presented the **Thagaisal Thamizhar Award** to veteran Congress leader **Kumari Ananthan**. Mr. Ananthan's persistent efforts led to permission granted for him to speak in Tamil in Parliament in 1978.
- ✓ The Chief Minister conferred the **Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Award** on **ISRO scientist P. Veeramuthuvel**, the project director of Chandrayaan-3.

## SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **WHO Declares Mpox a Global Public Health Emergency**
- ✓ The World Health Organization (WHO) declared mpox a "public health emergency of international concern" (PHEIC), on August 14, 2024.



- ✓ This decision was made after experts noticed a rise in mpox cases, especially in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and other African countries.
- ✓ Mpox, formerly called monkeypox, is a viral disease mostly found in Central and West Africa.
- ✓ It was first discovered in monkeys in 1958 but mainly spreads through rodents.

## OBITUARY

- **Father of Agni Missiles, Dr. Ram Narain Agarwal Passes Away**



- ✓ Dr. Ram Narain Agarwal, a renowned Indian scientist and the driving force behind India's missile program, passed away on Thursday in Hyderabad at the age of 84.
- ✓ Known affectionately as the 'Father of Agni Missiles', Dr. Agarwal's contributions to India's defence capabilities have been nothing short of revolutionary.

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