

# Daily Current Affairs

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## Important News: Defence

### Iran has unveiled a new drone the Mohajer-10

#### Why in News:

Iran has unveiled a new drone the Mohajer-10 that it says is capable of striking targets in Israel.

#### Key Points:

- The Iranian Ministry of Defence and Armed Forces Logistics unveiled the Mohajer-10 Tuesday as part of an exhibition and ceremonies marking Defence Industry Day.
- President Ebrahim Raisi and senior commanders in the army and the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) attended the event.
- The unmanned attack aircraft, which resembles the MQ-9 Reaper manufactured by the United States, was also shown in videos taking off from an unidentified airstrip and flying.
- It is said to be capable of carrying a variety of bombs and anti-radar equipment and of conducting surveillance.
- According to state-linked media, the latest version of the Mohajer, which was first developed during the eight-year war with Iraq in the 1980s, can carry a 300kg (660lb) warhead, fly at a maximum speed of 210 kilometres per hour (130 miles per hour) and hold 450 litres (120 gallons) of fuel.
- The drone can travel non-stop at an altitude of 7,000 metres for up to 2,000km (1,242 miles).
- Iranian media also published a poster of the Mohajer-10, which depicted it flying in clouds overlooking the Dimona nuclear facilities in Israel with the words "Be ready to travel to the Stone Age", written above it in Farsi and Hebrew.
- Western powers continue to accuse Tehran of supplying drones – including an earlier version of the Mohajer – to Russia for use in Ukraine.
- Iran maintains it supplied drones to Moscow months before the war and has called for dialogue to stop the fighting .
- The unveiling comes one day after Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu blamed Iran for funding and encouraging a shooting attack on Israelis in Hebron in the occupied West along with other recent attacks against Israelis. Also Israel launched an air strike in Syria targeting Iranian interests.

Source: Aljazeera



## 27th edition of Malabar exercise

### Why in News:

On August 21, 2023, off the east coast of Australia near Sydney, the 27th iteration of the Malabar exercise between India, Australia, Japan, and the United States came to an end.

### Key Points:

- The Malabar 23 exercise was split into two parts, the harbor phase taking place from August 11–15, 2023, and the sea phase from August 16–21, 2023.
- Ships, submarines, and planes from the Indian Navy (IN), Royal Australian Navy (RAN), Japan Maritime Self Defence Force (JMSDF), and US Navy (USN) all took part in the exercise.
- The destroyer INS Kolkata, the frigate INS Sahyadri, and P8I maritime patrol aircraft served as the Indian Navy's representation. Other contributing forces included submarines, fighter aircraft, maritime patrol aircraft, shipborne helicopters, and the RAN cruisers HMAS Chaulers and HMAS Brisbane, USS Rafael Peralta, and JS Shiranui.
- Exercise Malabar's sea phase included challenging and intense drills, weapon firings, and cross-deck helicopter operations in the air, on land, and at sea.
- The joint exercise at sea improved the four navies' abilities to engage in coordinated battle and their ability to use a variety of communication and equipment systems to complete complex maritime missions.
- The exercise demonstrated the four nations' common commitment to maritime security and regional stability through cooperative training and mutual understanding, as well as its ability to function as an integrated force.

### Malabar Exercise:

Malabar Naval Exercise first took place in 1992 as a bilateral Indian Navy-United States Navy exercise. The purpose of Malabar was to ensure freedom of navigation in the Indo-Pacific region, especially the South China Sea, amid China's aggressive stance. Japan became part of the Malabar Exercise in the year 2015. While Australia participated in the Malabar exercise in the year 2020.

SOURCE: <https://indiannavy.nic.in/>



## Important News: Sports

### Khelo India Women's League to be known as Asmita Women's League

#### Why in News:

Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Singh Thakur has announced that the Khelo India Women's League will officially be known as Asmita Women's League. ASMITA refers to Achieving Sports Milestone by Inspiring Women Through Action.

#### Key Points:

- In addition to providing a new identity, this transformation represents the goals of numerous women who want to leave their imprint in the sporting world.
- Mr. Anurag Thakur acknowledged the contribution of the Khelo India team while praising the Women's League's innovative idea on social media. In addition, he praised the development of the Asmita Portal and its new logo, praising these developments as crucial steps toward the digital revolutionization of Indian sports. This demonstrates how committed the government is to utilizing technology to improve the overall sports experience and involvement.
- The Asmita Portal is a comprehensive online tool that offers useful insights about forthcoming leagues and events. This website will act as a hub for information and promote a sense of community among sports fans and participants.
- In addition, the portal encourages broader participation and contributions to India's sporting prowess by empowering schools, colleges, government bodies, and private organizations to host the "Asmita Women's League."
- Mr. Thakur added that the Government's resolute commitment to bolstering women's sports has paved the way for enhanced opportunities, facilities, and world-class infrastructure at elite and grassroots levels.

Source: newsonair



## Important News: Personality

### Justice Prakash Shrivastava appointed as NGT Chairperson

#### Why in News:

Justice Prakash Shrivastava, former Chief Justice of the Calcutta high court, has been appointed as the new chairperson of the National Green Tribunal (NGT).

#### Key Points:

- Justice Shrivastava Enrolled as Advocate on February 2, 1987.
- He practiced on Tax, Civil and Constitutional sides in the Supreme Court of India.
- On January 18, 2008, he was appointed as a judge of the Madhya Pradesh High Court. On January 15, 2010, he was made a permanent judge.
- He was appointed as the Chief Justice of the Calcutta high court in October, 2021. He retired from there in March 2023.

Source: Times of India

### Cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar has been appointed the 'National Icon' for voter awareness

#### Why in News:

Cricket legend and Bharat Ratna awardee Sachin Ramesh Tendulkar began a new innings - as the 'National Icon' for voter awareness and education for the Election Commission of India.

#### Key Points:

- Cricket legend and Bharat Ratna awardee Sachin Ramesh Tendulkar began a new innings - as the 'National Icon' for voter awareness and education for the Election Commission of India.
- An MoU was signed with the legend for a period of 3 years at an event organized at Akashvani Rang Bhavan, New Delhi in the presence of Chief Election Commissioner Shri Rajiv Kumar and Election Commissioners Shri Anup Chandra Pandey and Shri Arun Goel.
- This collaboration marks a significant step towards leveraging Tendulkar's unparalleled impact with the youth demographic for increasing voters' participation in the forthcoming elections, especially in General Elections 2024.



- ECI through this partnership aims to bridge the gap between citizens, especially youth and urban populations and the electoral process thereby, trying to address the challenges of urban and youth apathy.
- Sachin Tendulkar, an icon revered not only in India but globally, has a legacy that extends far beyond his cricketing prowess.
- His illustrious career is a testament to his commitment to excellence, teamwork, and the relentless pursuit of success.
- The collaboration will encompass a range of activities, including Shri Tendulkar's promoting voter awareness in various TV talk shows/ programs and digital campaigns etc, all aimed at raising awareness about the importance of voting and the role it plays in shaping the nation's destiny.
- ECI associates itself with renowned Indians from various fields and designates them as ECI's national icons to motivate voters for participation in the festival of democracy.
- Last year, the Commission recognised famous actor Mr. Pankaj Tripathi as the National Icon.
- Earlier, during the 2019 Lok Sabha Elections, stalwarts like M.S.Dhoni, Aamir Khan and Mary Kom had been the ECI National Icons.

Source-PIB

## Important News: Important Days

### International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition

#### Why in News:

The 23rd of August each year is designated as the International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition. The United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) chose this historic day to honour and remember the transatlantic slave trade's history.

#### Key Points:

- Every year on August 23, people around the world commemorate the transatlantic slave trade and its abolition with the International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition.
- **"Reparations: The Road to Recognition and Dignity"** is the theme for the 2023 International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition.
- This subject emphasizes the significance of paying restitution to former slaves' ancestors.



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- A call to action is issued on this International Day. It is a day to reflect on the past and work towards a future that is more just.
- It is a day set aside to honour the memory of slave trade victims and to consider its lasting effects. A day to reaffirm our commitment to combating racism and discrimination is also observed on this day.
- Slavery in the Atlantic was a horrifying period in human history. More than 15 million Africans are thought to have been forcibly brought to the Americas as slaves. Africa suffered greatly and is still suffering as a result of the slave trade.

### **History of International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition**

The night of August 22 to 23 in 1791, in Saint Domingue, which is now the Republic of Haiti, marked the beginning of an uprising that played a pivotal role in ending the transatlantic slave trade. In remembrance of this historic event, the International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition is observed on August 23 each year. This significant day was first celebrated in various countries, notably in Haiti on August 23, 1998, and on Gorée Island in Senegal on August 23, 1999.

**SOURCE: The Economic Times**

