



Rapid Fire Current Affairs

BRIGHT STAR-23

- [INS Sumedha](#), a Saryu class Naval Offshore Patrol Vessel (NOPV), arrived in Port Alexandria, Egypt for 'Exercise BRIGHT STAR-23.'
- It is a **multinational Tri-Services military exercise taking place in Port Alexandria, Egypt.**
 - 34 countries are participating, making it the **largest joint military exercise ever conducted in the Middle East & North Africa region.**
- The exercise is divided into two phases: the **Harbour Phase and the Sea Phase.**
 - The Harbour Phase includes cross-deck visits, professional exchanges, sports fixtures, and planning interactions.
 - The Sea Phase includes complex and high-intensity exercises such as cross-deck flying, anti-surface and anti-air exercises, and live weapon firing drills.
- The **Indian Navy is participating for the first time in Exercise BRIGHT STAR.**

Indonesia Seeks US Trade Talks for Critical Minerals

- Indonesia has requested the United States to begin trade talks for [critical minerals](#).
 - Indonesia has ambitions to become a major player in the manufacturing of [electric vehicles \(EVs\)](#) and their batteries, leveraging its vast **nickel reserves**.
 - **Indonesia is a producer and holder of the world's biggest nickel reserves amounting to 21 million metric tons.**
- Critical minerals are minerals and metals that have specific **industrial, technological, and strategic applications.**
 - They are the building blocks for the **green and digital economy** and many clean energy technologies, such as **solar panels, electric vehicles, wind turbines, and electricity networks.**
 - Cobalt, Copper, Gallium, Germanium, Graphite, Hafnium, Indium, Lithium, and Nickel are some examples of critical minerals.

Read more: [Critical Minerals for India](#), [Demand for Critical Minerals Across the Globe](#)

Indian President to Inaugurate Asia Pacific Human Rights Conference

- The [President of India](#) is set to inaugurate the biennial conference of **National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) of Asia Pacific on 20th September 2023** at Delhi.
- Organized by the [National Human Rights Commission \(NHRC\)](#) in partnership with the **Asia Pacific Forum (APF)**, the event will also feature the **28th Annual General Meeting of APF.**
- The conference will mark the **75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights** and will also celebrate [30 years of National Human Rights Institutions](#) and the [Paris Principles](#).
- The NHRC came into existence on **12th October 1993**, as established by the [Protection of Human Rights Act \(PHRA\) of 1993](#), later amended by the **Protection of Human Rights (Amendment) Act in 2006.**

Read more: [National Human Rights Commission](#)

World EV Day

World EV Day celebrated on **9th September**, is an annual event dedicated to raising global awareness about the numerous benefits of **electric vehicles (EVs)**.

- The Sustainability Media Company GreenTV initiated World Electrical Vehicle Day, and the **inaugural World EV Day was observed in the year 2020**.
- This day serves as a platform to emphasize the importance of **sustainable transportation, reduced emissions**, and the pivotal role EVs play in combating climate change and improving air quality.

Read more: [Electric Vehicles: The Advantages and Challenges](#)

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