



## Rapid Fire Current Affairs

### Exercise MILAN 2024

The **Mid Planning Conference (MPC) of MILAN 24 (Multilateral Naval Exercise - 2024)**, to be hosted by the [Indian Navy](#) at Visakhapatnam during Feb 2024, was conducted by the **Eastern Naval Command (ENC)**.

- **MILAN** is a **biennial multilateral naval exercise** incepted by Indian Navy in **1995** at Andaman and Nicobar Command.
- Starting with the participation of only four countries, viz **Indonesia, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Thailand**, in the 1995 edition, the exercise has since transitioned leaps and bounds in terms of number of participants and complexity of exercises.
- Originally conceived in consonance with India's '**Look East Policy**', MILAN expanded in ensuing years with India's '**Act East policy**' and **SAGAR Initiative**, to include participation from island nations in the [Western IOR \(Indian Ocean Region\)](#) as also **IOR littorals**.

**Read More:** [Andaman and Nicobar Command](#)

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### UN's 78th Anniversary

Recently, the World has celebrated the 78<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the [United Nations \(UN\)](#) on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

- **United Nations Day** is an annual event that commemorates the anniversary of the entry into force of the UN Charter in 1945. It is **celebrated on 24<sup>th</sup> October to promote awareness and understanding of the UN's goals and achievements**.
- The forerunner of the United Nations was the **League of Nations**, an organization conceived in circumstances of the **First World War**, and established in **1919** under the **Treaty of Versailles** "to promote international cooperation and to achieve peace and security."
- The UN has 6 components which were established in 1945 such as the **General Assembly**, [Security Council](#), **Economic and Social Council**, **Trusteeship Council**, [International Court of Justice](#), **UN Secretariat**.

**Read More:** [Food and Agriculture Organization \(FAO\)](#), [International Maritime Organization \(IMO\)](#)

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### Exercise Harimau Shakti 2023

The joint bilateral training exercise between India and Malaysia, "**Exercise Harimau Shakti 2023**," commenced at **Umroi Cantonment**, featuring a **Battalion of the Rajput Regiment** from the Indian contingent and **Malaysian Army's 5th Royal Battalion**.

- This exercise, involves establishing a **Joint Command Post**, integrated surveillance grid, and **Joint Surveillance Centre**, emphasizing joint force deployment in various environments, intelligence operations, the use of drones and helicopters, casualty management, and logistics.
- The exercise underscores the strengthening of defense cooperation between the **Indian and Malaysian armies**, further fostering bilateral relations between the two nations.

Read more: [India-Malaysia Defence Cooperation](#)

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## National Cooperative Exports Limited

The **National Cooperative Exports Limited (NCEL)**, established as an umbrella organization for [cooperative sector exports](#), has made substantial progress, receiving orders valued at Rs 7,000 crore.

- The Union Minister of Cooperation emphasized that a significant portion of export profits, **approximately 50%, will directly benefit farmers through the NCEL.**
  - The NCEL, an umbrella body for cooperative sector exports registered under the Multi-State Co-operative Societies Act, 2002.
- NCEL is launched in the cooperative sector with 6 objectives of **increasing exports, prospering the farmer, changing the crop pattern**, providing a global market for organic products, gaining a place for India in the global market for biofuel and strengthening the cooperative sector.

Read more: [Promoting Cooperatives in India](#)

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