

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

DEFENCE

➤ **SIMBEX 23**

- ✓ The 30th edition of the Singapore India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX) has commenced, marking another milestone in the strong and enduring partnership between the Indian Navy and the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN).



- ✓ This annual naval exercise, which began in 1994, stands as a testament to the deep-rooted maritime cooperation between the two nations.
- ✓ SIMBEX has etched its name in history as the longest continuous naval exercise conducted by the Indian Navy with any other country.
- ✓ It has not only strengthened the ties between the Indian Navy and RSN but has also contributed to regional stability and security in the Indo-Pacific region.

AWARDS

➤ **Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar**

- ✓ The Government of India has recently introduced a prestigious set of National Awards in the field of Science, Technology, and Innovation, known as the “Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar” (RVP).



- ✓ These awards serve a vital role in recognizing and honoring the exceptional contributions made by scientists, technologists, and innovators who have significantly impacted various domains of science, technology, and technology-led innovation.
- ✓ The Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar stands as one of the highest honors within the scientific and technological community in India.
- **Norman Borlaug Award for Innovative Rice Research**
- ✓ Odia scientist Swati Nayak has been selected for this year's Norman E Borlaug Award for Field Research and Application, for her innovative approach to adoption of climate-resilient and nutritious rice varieties and engaging farmers in demand-driven rice seed systems.



- ✓ Nayak is the South Asia lead for seed system and product management at International Rice Research Institute (IRRI).
- ✓ She was chosen for the award by the jury of the World Food Prize.
- ✓ Nayak will receive the award during the Borlaug Dialogue, scheduled on October 24 at Des Moines, Iowa, USA.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **International Day of Peace – September 21**

- ✓ Each year on 21 September, the world comes together to observe the International Day of Peace (IDP).



- ✓ This day, established by the United Nations (UN), serves as a reminder of our commitment to peace, non-violence, and conflict resolution.
 - ✓ The theme for the 2023 International Day of Peace is “Actions for Peace: Our Ambition for the #GlobalGoals.” This theme underscores our individual and collective responsibility in fostering peace.
- **World Alzheimer’s Day – September 21**
- ✓ World Alzheimer’s Day, observed on September 21 every year, is a global initiative aimed at increasing awareness about Alzheimer’s disease and reducing the stigma associated with it and other forms of dementia.



- ✓ Alzheimer’s disease, the most prevalent type of dementia, accounts for 60-70% of dementia cases. It is a progressive brain disorder that affects memory, cognitive function, and behavior, gradually impacting an individual’s daily life.
- ✓ The entire month of September is dedicated to World Alzheimer’s Month, and for 2023, the theme is “Never too early, never too late.”

