



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JANUARY 01, 2024

DEFENCE

- **Desert Cyclone 2024**
- ✓ The collaborative military exercise 'Desert Cyclone 2024' between India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) is scheduled to take place in Rajasthan from January 2 to January 15.



- ✓ This joint manoeuvre aims to enhance interoperability through the exchange of knowledge and best practices, particularly in urban operations.
- ✓ The robust friendship between India and the UAE is deeply rooted in enduring cultural, religious, and economic interactions that span millennia.
- ✓ In recent times, the collaboration in defence between India and the UAE has witnessed significant enhancement.

ECONOMY

- **Strong Growth In GST Collections: 1.65-Lakh Crore**
- ✓ In a significant economic development, Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections for December 2023 reached 1,64,882 crore, marking a notable 10.28% surge compared to the 1,49,507 crore collected in the same month the previous year.



- ✓ This accomplishment underscores the seventh consecutive month in the fiscal year where average GST collections have exceeded 1.6-lakh crore.
- ✓ During the period of April-December 2023, Gross GST collections reached 14.97-lakh crore, exhibiting a commendable 12% increase from the 13.40-lakh crore recorded in the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year (April-December 2022).

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **Global Family Day 2024 – January 01**
- ✓ Global Family Day, celebrated annually on January 1, marks a universal commitment to peace, unity, and the shared values of humanity. Also known as World Peace Day, Global Family Day is more than a symbolic observance.



- ✓ It's a call to action for harmony and understanding amidst a world often divided by conflicts and strife. Celebrating this day involves raising awareness of global issues, promoting peace, and fostering a sense of global community.
- ✓ The theme for 2024, "Embracing Diversity, Strengthening Families."

