

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MARCH 08, 2024

STATE

- **India's First Driverless Metro Train**
- ✓ The Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has received the first set of six train coaches for its upcoming driverless metro line, called the Yellow Line.



- ✓ This 18.8 km-long line, connecting RV Road and Bommasandra, will be the first in India to have a driverless train system.
- ✓ The new metro line will use the Communication-based Train Control (CBTC) system, which is a modern radio communication system that provides timely and accurate train control information.

DEFENCE

- **Exercise 'Bharat-Shakti'**
- ✓ The three forces of India – Army, Navy, and Air Force – are going to conduct the biggest exercise called 'Bharat-Shakti' at Asia's largest field firing range located in Jaisalmer district of Rajasthan.



- ✓ The three Indian Services will showcase the capability of indigenously manufactured weapons and platforms during the exercise.
- ✓ Only indigenous weapon systems developed in India will be included in this exercise.

➤ **Exercise “Sea Defenders**

- ✓ The US Coast Guard Ship Bertholf arrived at Port Blair on March 7, 2024, to conduct a joint exercise with the Indian Coast Guard called “Sea Defenders-2024”.



- ✓ The Indian Coast Guard has extensive interactions with the US Coast Guard, particularly in training, exercises, and cooperative measures.
- ✓ The joint exercise is scheduled to take place on 09-10 Mar 2024 off the coast of Port Blair.

IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ **International Women’s Day: March 08**

- ✓ International Women’s Day (IWD) is an annual global event celebrated on March 8th each year. It serves as a focal point for recognizing the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women worldwide.



- ✓ This year, like every year, the international community comes together to honor women's contributions and to advocate for gender equality.
- ✓ The United Nations has chosen the theme 'Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress' for International Women's Day 2024.

