

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – APRIL 22, 2024

DEFENCE

➤ **‘Poorvi Leher’ Mega Exercise**

- ✓ Indian Navy Conducts ‘Poorvi Leher’ Mega Exercise to Test Maritime Preparedness.



- ✓ The Indian Navy conducted a mega exercise, ‘Poorvi Leher,’ along the East Coast to validate its procedures and assess its preparedness to meet maritime security challenges in the region.
- ✓ The extensive drill witnessed the participation of ships, submarines, aircraft, and special naval forces.

AWARDS

➤ **Aryabhata Award**

- ✓ Pavuluri Subba Rao Honoured with Aryabhata Award for Astronautics Contribution.



- ✓ Pavuluri Subba Rao, the Founder, CEO, and Chairman of Ananth Technologies, has been conferred with the prestigious 'Aryabhata Award' by the Aeronautical Society of India (ASI).
- ✓ This honour recognizes Rao's "tremendous lifetime contribution to the promotion of astronautics in India."

SPORTS

➤ Candidates Chess Tournament

- ✓ In Chess, 17-year-old Indian prodigy, Dommaraju Gukesh made history as the youngest-ever player to win the FIDE Candidates tournament in Toronto.



- ✓ Gukesh became the youngest-ever Candidates Tournament champion, beating Garry Kasparov's record, which was 20 years when he won this tournament in 1984.
- ✓ After Vishwanathan Anand, he becomes the second Indian to qualify for the World Chess Championship
- ✓ With this amazing victory, Gukesh will challenge the reigning Champion Ding Liren of China in the World Chess Championship.

IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ **International Mother Earth Day: April 22**



- ✓ On April 22nd, the world will unite to commemorate the 54th International Mother Earth Day. This annual event serves as a poignant reminder of the critical need to address the mounting environmental challenges threatening our planet, including rapidly rising pollution levels, deforestation, and global warming.
- ✓ This year's theme, "Planet vs. Plastics," aims to shed light on the detrimental effects of plastic pollution on human and environmental health.

