

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – SEPTEMBER 09, 2024

DEFENCE

➤ Yudh Abhyas 2024

- ✓ India and US Joint Military Exercise, Yudh Abhyas 2024, commenced in Rajasthan.



- ✓ The 20th edition of the India-USA Joint Military Exercise, Yudh Abhyas 2024, started at the Foreign Training Node in the Mahajan Field Firing Ranges, Rajasthan.
- ✓ This exercise will take place from September 9 to 22. Since 2004, Exercise Yudh Abhyas has been organized annually every year between India and the United States.
- ✓ The Indian Army contingent, comprising 600 personnel, including a battalion from the Rajput Regiment, is taking part in this exercise.

APPOINTMENT

➤ New Finance Secretary

- ✓ The Indian government has appointed **Tuhin Kanta Pandey**, a 1987-batch IAS officer from the Odisha cadre, as the new Finance Secretary on September 7, 2024.



- ✓ This appointment follows T.V. Somanathan's move to the position of Cabinet Secretary, leaving a vacancy in the finance role.
- ✓ Prior to this, Pandey served as the Secretary of the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM), where he played a key role in overseeing public asset management and disinvestment projects.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **India Successfully Launches Agni-4 Ballistic Missile**
- ✓ India successfully launched the **Agni-4** ballistic missile from the **Integrated Test Range (ITR) in Chandipur, Odisha**.



- ✓ The test was conducted under the Strategic Forces Command (SFC).
- ✓ The Agni-4 is a long-range, surface-to-surface ballistic missile with a range of **4,000 kilometres**.
- ✓ It is capable of carrying nuclear warheads.

