



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – FEBRUARY 04, 2025

INTERNATIONAL

- **International Big Cat Alliance Officially Established**
- ✓ The International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) was officially established as a treaty-based intergovernmental organization.



- ✓ Five founding countries signed the Framework Agreement, marking milestone in wildlife conservation.
- ✓ The IBCA was created after the approval of the Indian Union Cabinet on 29 February 2024.
- ✓ The headquarters is located in India.
- ✓ Currently, 27 countries have expressed their commitment to join the alliance.
- ✓ The primary goal of the IBCA is to conserve seven major big cats – Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Cheetah, Jaguar, and Puma.

DEFENCE

- **India-Maldives Military Exercise 'Ekuverin': Strengthening Bilateral Defence**

- ✓ The 13th edition of the joint India-Maldives military exercise 'Ekuverin' is being hosted by the Maldives from 2-15 February 2025.



- ✓ This biennial exercise, which alternates between India and the Maldives, is a cornerstone of the Defence cooperation between the two nations.
- ✓ The inaugural ceremony of the 13th Ekuverin exercise was held on 2 February 2025 at the Official Composite Training Center of the Maldives National Defence Forces (MNDF) in Maafilaafushi, Maldives.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **World Cancer Day - February 04**
- ✓ World Cancer Day aims to promote awareness of cancer as a public health issue. It also aims to strengthen actions towards improving access to quality care, screening, early detection, treatment and palliative care.



- ✓ The theme for World Cancer Day 2025-2027 is 'United by Unique.' The theme highlights the importance of personalized care and treatments to cater to each individual's unique needs.
- ✓ World Cancer Day was established on 4 February 2000 at the World Cancer Summit Against Cancer for the New Millennium.

