



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – FEBRUARY 17, 2025

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **Indian Ocean Conference 2025**
- ✓ The 8th edition of the Indian Ocean Conference (IOC) commenced in Muscat on February 16-17, 2025.



- ✓ This year's theme is Voyage to New Horizons of Maritime Partnership.
- ✓ The conference aims to enhance inclusivity and encourage new partnerships within the maritime sector.
- ✓ It gathers participants from over 60 countries and international organisations.
- ✓ This reflects the strategic significance of the Indian Ocean region and the necessity for collaborative solutions.

DEFENCE

- **5th Multilateral Naval Exercise KOMODO Started in Indonesia**

- ✓ INS Shardul and P8I joined Exercise Komodo, a multilateral naval drill to enhance maritime interoperability.



- ✓ The exercise involved 39 countries, including Türkiye, kicked off in Indonesia's island province of Bali.
- ✓ Themed “Maritime Partnership for Peace and Stability,” is the fifth edition of the biennial event and began with a fleet review.
- ✓ The first Komodo was held in 2014 in Indonesia.

REPORT

- **India’s Extreme Weather Crisis: Rising Deaths & Economic Losses**
- ✓ India is witnessing a sharp rise in extreme weather events, with devastating consequences for human life and the economy.



- ✓ A recent report highlights that the country accounts for 10% of global deaths due to extreme weather, making it one of the worst-hit nations.
- ✓ From 1993 to 2022, India recorded over 400 extreme weather events, leading to nearly 80,000 deaths and an estimated economic loss of \$180 billion.
- ✓ The frequency of these disasters is increasing, raising serious concerns about the country’s preparedness and response.

