



## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MARCH 12, 2025

### DEFENCE

#### ➤ **Bilateral Exercise CORPAT and BONGOSAGAR**

- ✓ The 6th edition of the Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) and the 4th edition of the bilateral exercise 'BONGOSAGAR' between the Indian Navy and the Bangladesh Navy commenced on March 10, 2025, and will continue until March 12, 2025.

INDIA & BANGLADESH NAVIES  
UNDERTAKE CORPAT & EX-  
BONGOSAGAR



- ✓ The naval exercises are being conducted in the designated maritime areas of the Bay of Bengal, near the Bangladesh and Indian maritime borders.
- ✓ These exercises aim to enhance maritime security, strengthen cooperation, and combat various criminal activities at sea.

### AWARDS

#### ➤ **The First Indian to receive a Highest Civilian Award of Mauritius**

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has become the first Indian to receive a highest civilian award of Mauritius, Grand Commander of the Order of the Star and Key of the Indian Ocean.



- ✓ The honour also adds to PM Modi's growing list of international accolades, making it the 21st such recognition.

## REPORT

- **India Tops Global Arms Imports, SIPRI Report**
- ✓ According to the latest data from the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), India was the world's top arms importer for the period 2019-2023.



- ✓ India's arms imports witnessed a 4.7% increase compared to the 2014-2018 period.
- ✓ Nine out of the ten biggest arms importers in 2019-2023, including the top three of India, Saudi Arabia, and Qatar, were from Asia, Oceania, or the Middle East.

