

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JANUARY 24, 2024

DEFENCE

➤ EX- DESERT KNIGHT

- ✓ On 23 Jan 2024, the Indian Air Force (IAF) conducted Exercise Desert Knight along with the French Air and Space Force (FASF) and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Air Force.

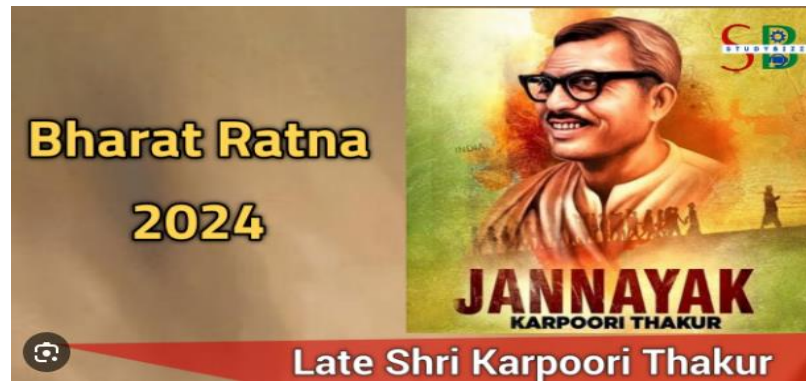


- ✓ While the French participation included the Rafale fighter aircraft and a multi-role tanker Transport, the UAE Air Force fielded the F-16.
- ✓ These aircraft operated from the Al Dhafra air base in the UAE.
- ✓ The main focus of Exercise Desert Knight was on enhancing synergy and interoperability between the three Air Forces.

AWARDS

➤ Bharat Ratna

- ✓ The Government of India has announced that former Bihar Chief Minister, Karpoori Thakur, will be posthumously awarded the Bharat Ratna, the nation's highest civilian award.



- ✓ Karpoori Thakur (1924-1988) left an indelible mark on Bihar's political scene, championing social justice and connecting deeply with the backward classes.
- ✓ He served as Bihar's Chief Minister twice, first from December 1970 to June 1971 and again from December 1977 to April 1979.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **National Girl Child Day: January 24**
- ✓ National Girl Child Day, observed annually on January 24th in India, plays a pivotal role in highlighting the importance of empowering girls and addressing the challenges they face in society.



- ✓ Initiated in 2008 by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, this day marks a commitment to promote gender equality, empower girls, and protect their rights.
- ✓ The first NGCD was celebrated with the theme "Saving our Girls: Educating our Girls." Since then, it has been observed annually with various themes.
- **International Day Of Education: January 24**
- ✓ Celebrated on January 24th each year, the International Day of Education is a pivotal occasion to underscore the importance of education for all.



- ✓ In 2024, this day will be observed under the theme “Learning for Lasting Peace,” emphasizing the transformative nature of education in promoting peace and understanding.

