

#### Maitree Exercise 2024

✓ July 1, 2024, marks the beginning of an important event in India-Thailand relations.



- ✓ The Maitree Exercise, a joint military exercise between the Indian Army and the Royal Thai Army, kicks off at Fort Vachiraprakan in Tak Province, Thailand.
- This two-week exercise, running until July 15, 2024, is a significant step in strengthening military ties between the two nations.

### Exercise 'Nomadic Elephant'

✓ Exercise 'Nomadic Elephant' started in Umroi, Meghalaya on 3 July.



- ✓ This is the 16th edition of Nomadic Elephant, an India-Mongolia joint military exercise. It is a two-week training event that will conclude on 16 July.
- It seeks to improve communication between the troops of the two countries in semi-conventional operations in semi-urban and mountainous areas.
- ✓ Every year, this training event alternates between Mongolia and India.

## **SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT**

### Chiretolpis erubescens

✓ Rare moth endemic to Western Ghats 'rediscovered' in Nilgiris after 132 years.



- At a first glance, Chiretolpis erubescens, a rare moth endemic to the Western Ghats could be considered unremarkable.
- ✓ However, a more nuanced study of the species would remind us of how little is known about the health and continued existence of "lesser-known species" that were recorded to have inhabited the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve (NBR), and largely been forgotten since.

# **IMPORTANT DAYS**

- International Plastic Bag Free Day July 03
- ✓ International Plastic Bag Free Day is celebrated on July 3 every year.



- This special day aims to raise awareness about the harmful effects of plastic bags on our environment.
- ✓ It encourages people to stop using plastic bags and find eco-friendly alternatives.
- Disobedience Day July 03
- ✓ Disobedience Day is observed every year on 3 July.



- ✓ Disobedience Day invites us to reflect on the profound impact of civil disobedience throughout history and its relevance in contemporary society.
- This observance not only commemorates pivotal moments in the struggle for justice and rights but also serves as a reminder of the power of collective action and nonviolent resistance.

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