

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – AUGUST 03, 2024

DEFENCE

- **Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX)**
- ✓ Indian Navy's frontline frigate INS Tabar reached in St. Petersburg, Russia on 25 Jul 24 for a four-day visit to participate in 328th Russian Navy Day Parade celebrations.



- ✓ INS Tabar participated in the Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) with the Russian Navy Ship Soobrazitelny on 30 Jul 2024.
- ✓ The Maritime Partnership Exercise included a series of complex naval manoeuvres, including communication drills, Search & Rescue tactics and Replenishment at Sea serials.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **India Selects Crew for Axiom-4 Mission to ISS**
- ✓ India has announced the selection of two astronauts, Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla and Group Captain Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair, for the upcoming Axiom-4 mission to the International Space Station (ISS).



- ✓ This mission represents a significant step in strengthening human spaceflight cooperation between ISRO and NASA, as well as advancing India's own human space program.

RANKING

- **Travel and Tourism Development Index 2024**
- ✓ The World Economic Forum (WEF) recently released its Travel and Tourism Development Index (TTDI) for 2024, offering a comprehensive evaluation of India's standing in the global tourism landscape.



- ✓ This index is a crucial benchmark for assessing the competitiveness and sustainability of tourism sectors worldwide.
- ✓ India has secured the 39th position among 119 countries in the 2024 TTDI. This ranking reflects India's overall performance across various indicators that contribute to a robust and sustainable tourism sector.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **National Watermelon Day: August 03**
- ✓ National Watermelon Day is celebrated on August 3.



- ✓ This day is observed to celebrate delicious and refreshing fruit that has a long history dating back to Ancient Egypt. Its cultivation dates back to 2000 B.C.
- ✓ The First watermelon was harvested approximately 5,000 years ago in Egypt.
- ✓ Watermelon has 92% of water content. More than 1,200 different types of Watermelon are present.

