



## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – AUGUST 31, 2024

### DEFENCE

- **Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX)**
- ✓ INS Tabar, a frontline frigate of the Indian Navy, visited Malaga, Spain, on 25 August 2024, for a two-day engagement.



- ✓ Upon departure on 27 August, it participated in a Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) with the Spanish Navy Ship Atalaya in the Mediterranean Sea.
- ✓ This exercise is a significant milestone in the growing maritime cooperation between India and Spain, reflecting the strengthening of bilateral relations in the maritime domain.

### APPOINTMENT

- **Dr. T.V. Somanathan Takes Over as Cabinet Secretary**



## IAS Officer TV Somanathan takes charge as Cabinet Secretary of India

- ✓ Dr. T.V. Somanathan, a senior IAS officer of the 1987 Tamil Nadu cadre, has assumed the role of Cabinet Secretary for the Government of India, succeeding Rajiv Gauba after his superannuation.
- ✓ Dr. Somanathan brings extensive experience from both central and state government positions, as well as international roles, notably at the World Bank.
- ✓ His academic credentials include a Ph.D. in Economics, and he is a qualified Chartered Accountant, Cost Accountant, and Company Secretary.

## SPORTS

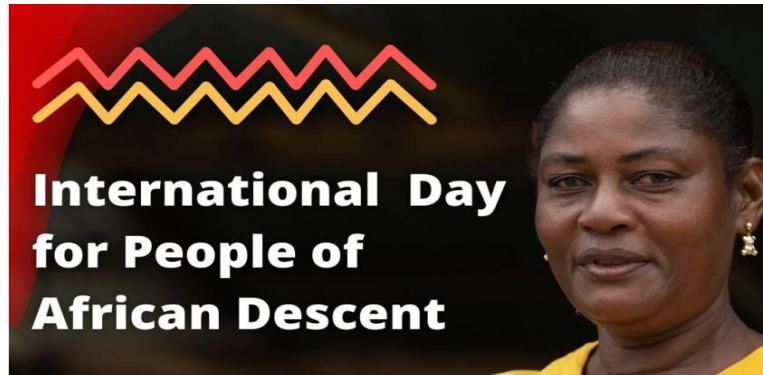
- **Avani Lekhara**
- ✓ Avani Lekhara won India's first gold medal in the women's 10m air rifle standing SH1 event at 2024 Paralympics in Paris.



- ✓ Avani Lekhara became the first Indian woman to win two Paralympic gold medals.
- ✓ At the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics, she became the country's first female shooter to win a medal in shooting.
- ✓ She successfully defended her title, setting a Paralympic Games record with 249.7 points in the final standings.
- ✓ The Paralympic Games 2024 will take place in Paris from 28 August to 8 September.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **International Day for People of African Descent – August 31**
- ✓ The International Day for People of African Descent Observed on 31st August to marks a significant milestone in the global recognition of the contributions and challenges faced by individuals of African descent worldwide.



- ✓ As we commemorate this day, we also approach the conclusion of the International Decade for People of African Descent, an initiative launched by the United Nations General Assembly to safeguard the human rights of people of African descent, particularly in the Americas.

