



## **EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MAY 08, 2025**

### **CONFERENCES & SUMMITS**

- **Global Space Exploration Summit (GLEX) 2025**
- ✓ GLEX 2025's theme is "Reaching New Worlds: A Space Exploration Renaissance," emphasising innovation, inclusivity, and international cooperation in space science.



- ✓ The conference represents a milestone in India's expanding global space leadership, highlighting its transition from a regional space power to a key international player.
- ✓ Its motto "Connecting @ll Space People" and vision "A space-faring world cooperating for the benefit of humanity" guide its efforts to promote global space cooperation.

### **DEFENCE**

- **IMDEX Asia 2025**

- ✓ The Indian Navy's INS Kiltan has docked in Singapore to participate in IMDEX Asia 2025, a major regional maritime defence exhibition.



- ✓ This reflects India's focus on strengthening defence ties with Southeast Asian nations and displaying its indigenous naval technology and operational capabilities.
- ✓ This biennial event, held at the Changi Exhibition Centre, is Asia's leading maritime defence showcase, attracting navies and maritime businesses from over 70 countries.

#### ➤ **S-400 Air Defence System**

- ✓ As India-Pakistan tensions flared after the May 7 precision strikes under **Operation Sindoor**, the spotlight once again turned to India's air defence capabilities.

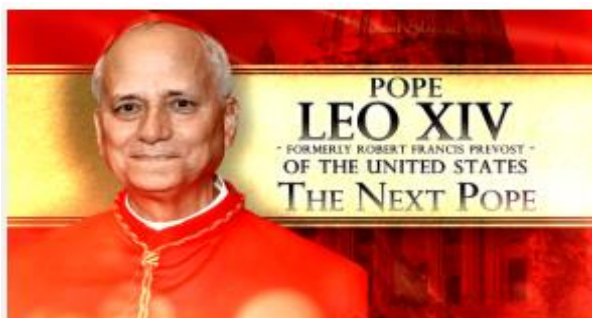


- ✓ Among the most formidable assets in India's arsenal is the **S-400 Triumph**, known in Indian service as '**Sudarshan Chakra**', a strategic deterrent and aerial shield against hostile incursions.
- ✓ The S-400 is a long-range surface-to-air missile (SAM) system developed by Russia's Almaz Central Design Bureau.
- ✓ Considered as one of the most advanced air defence systems in the world.

## **APPOINTMENT**

#### ➤ **Next Pope, Takes Name Leo XIV**

- ✓ American Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost made history on May 8, 2025, as he was elected the 267th pope, choosing the name Pope Leo XIV.



- ✓ Marking a first for the United States, his election drew massive crowds to St. Peter's Square celebrating the dawn of a new papacy following the death Pope Francis.
- ✓ In a historic moment for the Roman Catholic Church, American Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost was elected as the 267th pope on May 8, 2025.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **World Red Cross Day – May 08**
- ✓ World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day was observed on May 8, 2025, with the theme "Keeping Humanity Alive."



- ✓ The day commemorates the birth anniversary of Jean Henry Dunant, founder of the Red Cross Movement and the first Nobel Peace Prize laureate.
- ✓ World Red Cross Day 2025, observed on May 8, honored the legacy of Henry Dunant and the humanitarian work of Red Cross volunteers across the globe.

