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### **1. 2022 Navy Day to be celebrated at Visakhapatnam ( Dec. 2, 2022 )**

2022 Navy Day to be celebrated at Visakhapatnam

The Indian Navy will hold its annual Navy Day celebration 2022 at **Visakhapatnam** as per the Prime Minister's vision to move significant events and festivities out of the national capital.

The Indian Air Force Day which is observed on 8 October was held for the first time outside Delhi in **Chandigarh**. The Indian Army has also announced that the Next Army Day parade 2023 will be held outside New Delhi in the **Army's Southern Command area** on 15 January 2023.

The Navy Day which is observed on **4 December every** year is usually held in New Delhi in presence of the Commander in Chief, President of India.

This year for the first time it will be held outside New Delhi. This year the Indian Navy is all set to demonstrate India's combat prowess and capability through an '**Operational Demonstration**' at Visakhapatnam on 04 December 2022.

Navy Day is observed on 4 December to commemorate **Operation Trident** of the Indian Navy launched on 4 December 1971 to block the Karachi port of Pakistan and cripple its war effort against India. It was a highly successful mission.

Chief of Naval Staff: **Admiral R Hari Kumar**

### **2. Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane inaugurates the first Coastal Security Conference in Chennai ( Dec. 1, 2022 )**

first Coastal Security Conference

Defence Secretary **Giridhar Aramane** inaugurated the **first Coastal Security Conference** organised by the [Indian Coast Guard](#) under the aegis of Colombo Security Conclave (CSC) at **Chennai** on 1 December 2022. Director General, Indian Coast Guard **V S Pathania** was also present at the occasion.

Defence Secretary called upon the member countries to take concerted measures to counter transnational crimes and address identified areas to make the seas safer.

The two day (1-2 December) conference is being attended by India, **Maldives, Sri Lanka** and **Mauritius**.

Theme of the conference: **Collaborative Efforts for Coastal Security.**

A range of issues including coastal security threat, collaborative response, international maritime law and role of empowered agencies, technological solutions for coastal security etc were discussed at the conference.

### **Colombo Security Conclave (CSC)**

The CSC started as a trilateral maritime cooperation mechanism between India, Maldives and Sri Lanka in 2011. The membership of the Group was enlarged with the addition of Mauritius in March 2022.

The Secretariat of the CSC is located in **Colombo, Sri Lanka**.

The members have identified five pillars for cooperation, namely-

- Maritime Safety and Security;
- Countering Terrorism and Radicalization;
- Combating Trafficking and Organised Crime;
- Cyber Security, Protection of Critical Infrastructure and Technology and
- Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief.

### **3. 12th edition of Agni Warrior exercise between Indian and Singapore Armed Forces Concludes at Devlali ( Dec. 1, 2022 )**

12th edition of Agni Warrior exercise

The 12th edition of the bilateral **Agni Warrior Exercise** between the Indian and the **Singapore Army** concluded at Field Firing Ranges, **Devlali (Maharashtra)** on 30 November 2022.

The exercise which commenced on 13 November 2022 involved showcasing joint firepower planning, execution and use of New Generation Equipment by the **Artillery** arm of both armies.

Exercise also included participation by both sides in a joint computer war-game as part of joint planning process.

### **4. G-20 Finance Ministers meeting to be held in Bengaluru in February 2023: Nirmala Sitharaman ( Dec. 1, 2022 )**

G-20 Finance Ministers meeting to be held in Bengaluru

The Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has announced that **Bengaluru, Karnataka** will host a meeting of G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors in February 2023. India assumed the Presidency of the G-20 on [1 December 2022](#).

She announced this at the **Vananam Startup Inclusivity Summit** in Bengaluru.

Mr Sitharaman has asked the Start-ups to utilise this event to showcase their profile to the visiting international guests. The Finance Minister said, different cities in India have been selected to host [G-20-related meetings](#) next year.

### **5. Exercise Sudarshan Prahar conducted by Army's Sudarshan Chakra Corps in Rajasthan ( Dec. 1, 2022 )**

Exercise Sudarshan Prahar

Indian Army's Sudarshan Chakra Corps carried out **Exercise Sudarshan Prahar** in the deserts of Rajasthan. The exercise focussed on the synergised application of combat power through the integration of force multipliers & practicing new battle techniques in an integrated all arms environment showcasing high level of professionalism and offensive spirit.

General Officer Commanding In Chief of the Southern Command: **Lieutenant General A K Singh**

### **Command structure of the Indian Army**

The Headquarter of the Indian Army is at New Delhi with the President being the Commander in Chief of the Army.

Headquarters of the Indian Army: **New Delhi**

Chief of Army Staff: **General Manoj Pande**

The Indian Army has **6 operational commands** and one Training command. Each command is headed by a General Officer Commanding in Chief with the rank of Lieutenant General.

Command	Headquarters
Western Command	Chandimandir (Haryana)
Eastern Command	Kolkata (West Bengal)
Southern Command	Pune(Maharashtra)
Northern Command	Udhampur(Jammu )
Central Command	Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh)
South -Western Command	Jaipur (Rajasthan )
Army Training Command	Shimla(Himachal Pradesh)

**Army Day is observed on 15 January every year.**

### **6. 17th International Conference on Cement, Concrete and Building Materials to be held in New Delhi ( Nov. 30, 2022 )**

17th International Conference on Cement

The National Council for Cement and Building Materials (NCB), under the Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry, will organize the **17th International Conference on Cement, Concrete and Building Materials.**

The biennial Conference will be held in **New Delhi** from 6-9 December 2022.

The theme of the Conference is: Moving **towards Net Zero Carbon Emission**".

The conference will be inaugurated by **Anurag Jain**, Secretary to Government of India, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce & Industry.

More than 80 leading equipment manufacturers and service providers of India and the world, will also showcase their technological prowess, new products and services in a Technical Exhibition, in sync with the conference.

## **7. Union Agriculture minister attends the 2nd Sustainable Agriculture Summit & Awards held in New Delhi ( Nov. 30, 2022 )**

2nd Sustainable Agriculture Summit & Awards

Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar was the chief guest of the **2nd Sustainable Agriculture Summit & Awards** organised by **Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industries (FICCI)** in **New Delhi** on 30 November 2022.

Speaking on the occasion he said that the educated youth are getting attracted towards the Agriculture sector and the government is continuously encouraging them through various schemes and programmes to join the Agriculture sector.

According to FICCI the objective of these awards is to recognize and showcase programs that promote sustainable agriculture development and those that focus on improving farmers' income.

### **Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)**

It is a business lobby group of top business houses in India which was founded by Ghansyam Das Birla.

It was set up in 1927

It articulates the views and concerns of industry and tries to influence the government to make policy which is in favour of the industry and business.

Headquarters: **New Delhi**

President: **Sanjiv Mehta**

## **8. External Affairs Ministry to organize the International Lusophone Festival in Goa from 03-06 December 2022 ( Nov. 29, 2022 )**

International Lusophone Festival in Goa

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) in partnership with **Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR)** and the **Government of Goa** is organizing the **International Lusophone Festival** in Goa from 03-06 December 2022.

The International Lusophone Festival will be inaugurated on 03 December 2022 by **Pramod Sawant**, Chief Minister of Goa and Smt **Meenakashi Lekhi**, Minister of State for External Affairs and Minister of State for Culture would be the Guest of Honour.

### **What is Lusophone World?**

The Lusophone world are countries that speak **Portuguese** as their official language and were **colonized by Portugal**. With 300 million speakers, Portuguese is the **sixth most spoken language on the planet**.

The Portuguese speaking countries set up the '**Community of Portuguese Language Countries (CPLP)**', in 1996.

The member countries of the CPLP are **Angola, Brazil, Cabo Verde, Guinea Bissau, Mozambique, Portugal, Sao Tome and Principe, [Timor Leste](#) and Equatorial Guinea**.

India joined CPLP as an associate observer in July 2021. As part of India's engagement with CPLP, the Ministry of External Affairs celebrated the World Portuguese Language Day in Delhi on 05 May 2022, soon after joining CPLP.

**Goa** was also a colony of Portugal and it was liberated by the Indian government in 1961 through an action of the armed forces code named Operation **Vijay**.

## **9. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh appeals for generous contribution to 'Armed Forces Flag Day Fund' during CSR Conclave in New Delhi ( Nov. 29, 2022 )**

'Armed Forces Flag Day Fund' during CSR Conclave

The Union Defence Minister Rajnath **Singh** has appealed to the nation to contribute generously to the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund. Addressing the **4th edition of the Armed Forces Flag Day CSR Conclave**, organised by Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare, Ministry of Defence, in **New Delhi** on 29 November 2022. He asked the corporates to donate fulfilling their Corporate Social Responsibility.

### **Armed Forces Flag Day**

Every year **7 December** has been observed as the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund since 1949. It is managed by the **Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare** under the Ministry of Defence. It was set up by the government so that the public can contribute to this fund.

The fund is used by the Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare for the welfare and rehabilitation of war widows, wards of martyred soldiers and Ex-Servicemen, including disabled ones by providing financial assistance for their identified personal needs such as penury grant, children's education grant, funeral grant, medical grant and orphan/disabled children grant.

### **Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)**

Under CSR certain public or private sector companies have to spend a minimum **2% of the average net profits** made during the 3 immediately preceding financial years on certain sectors identified by the government.

CSR funds are spent on measures for the benefit of armed forces veterans, war widows and their dependents, community development programmes related to safe drinking water, education, conservation of natural resources, setting up of orphanages, old age homes etc.

**It was implemented on 1 April 2004 under the Companies Act 2003.**

## **10. World's largest active volcano Mauna Loa erupts in Hawaii ( Nov. 28, 2022 )**

volcano Mauna Loa erupts in Hawaii

**The world's largest active volcano, Hawaii's Mauna Loa, has erupted after 40 years.** The US Geological Service (USGS) has upgraded the situation from advisory to "warning" which is the highest classification for a volcanic eruption. At present the lava flow is mostly contained within the summit, but residents have been placed on alert.

Mauna Loa is located inside **Hawaii Volcanoes National Park** which covers half of the US state's Big Island. The volcano rises 13,679ft (4,169m) above sea level and spans an area of more than 2,000 sq miles (5,179 sq km).

The eruption began on 27 November 2022 night at Moku'āweoweo, the volcano's summit caldera. **Calderas** are hollows that form beneath the summit at the end of an eruption.

According to the USGS, Mauna Loa has erupted 33 times since its first documented eruption in 1843. The previous eruption in 1984 sent lava flows within 5 miles of the city of Hilo, the island's most populous town.