

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – OCTOBER 17, 2025

DEFENCE

➤ 5th Samudra Shakti Naval Exercise

- ✓ Samudra Shakti 2025, the 5th edition of the bilateral maritime exercise between the Indian Navy and Indonesian Navy, was held from 14-17 October 2025 in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

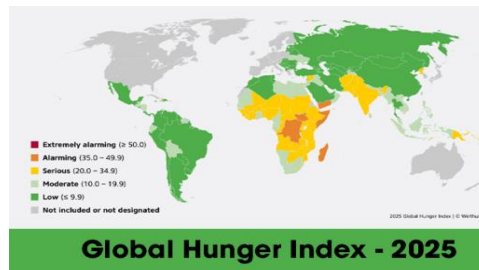


- ✓ The exercise, conducted in Harbour and Sea Phases, aims to boost maritime cooperation, interoperability, and mutual understanding to ensure peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific.

REPORT

➤ 2025 Global Hunger Index

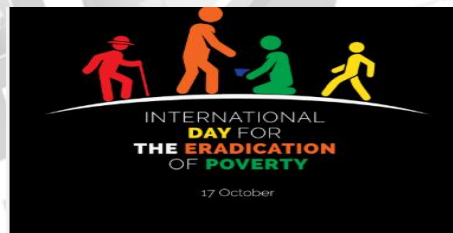
- ✓ The 2025 Global Hunger Index (GHI) report marks the world's slow progress towards the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) of zero hunger by 2030.



- ✓ Despite early improvements, hunger levels remain largely unchanged since 2016. The report warns that 56 countries will not achieve low hunger status by 2030, underscoring the urgent need for renewed commitment and action.
- ✓ The report calls for stronger political will and strategic investments to tackle hunger.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty – October 17**
- ✓ International Day for the Eradication of Poverty 2025 is observed annually on October 17 to promote dialogue between people living in poverty and society, emphasizing dignity, justice, and belonging.



- ✓ The 2025 theme focuses on ending social and institutional maltreatment by supporting families to thrive and stay together.
- ✓ Globally and in India, significant progress has been made in poverty reduction—India's extreme poverty rate dropped from 16.2% (2011-12) to 2.3% (2022-23), lifting 171 million people above the poverty line.

