

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – DECEMBER 10, 2023

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

➤ GPAI 2023

- ✓ Currently serving as the incoming Support Chair of GPAI, India is set to take on the Lead Chair position for GPAI in 2024.
- ✓ To showcase its commitment to the advancement of AI, India is hosting the Annual GPAI Summit. .



- ✓ The **Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI)**, established in **June 2020**, is a groundbreaking multi-stakeholder initiative. India is one of the founding members of GPAI in 2020.
- ✓ With a primary objective to bridge the gap between theory and practice in the field of AI, GPAI supports **cutting-edge research** and applied activities on AI-related priorities.
- ✓ Initially launched with **15 member countries**, GPAI has significantly expanded its membership to include **28 member countries** and the **European Union**.
- ✓ This collaborative environment aims to **foster international cooperation** and knowledge exchange in the ever-evolving field of artificial intelligence.

DEFENCE

➤ **Indian Navy Conducts Bi-annual “Ex Prasthan”**

- ✓ The Indian Navy conducted a bi-annual exercise called Prasthan in the Western Offshore Development Area off Mumbai, according to the Ministry of Defence press release.



- ✓ The exercise is conducted under the Western Naval Command and is conducted every six months to validate measures and procedures to address various contingencies that may arise in the oil production platforms.
- ✓ The current exercise was conducted on the R12A (Ratna) platform of ONGC, located about 45 nm West of Mumbai Harbour.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

➤ **Chillai Kalaan**

- ✓ A 40-day period of “Chillai-Kalaan” in Kashmir is beginning on 21st of this month. This is the harshest period in the entire Kashmir Valley. The period begins on 21st December and ends on 31st January of the next year.



- ✓ In the **Kashmir Valley**, the minimum temperature continued to **settle below freezing point** in the region while Pahalgam, a famous tourist attraction in south Kashmir’s Anantnag district was recorded coldest at minus 5.5 degree Celsius.
- ✓ Qazigund in south Kashmir recorded a minimum temperature of minus 3.0 degree Celsius while Kupwara recorded a low of minus 3.4 degree Celsius.

- ✓ During Chillai-Kalaan, the weather in the region continues to remain **dry and cold with minimum temperatures** hovering below the freezing point.

