

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – DECEMBER 12, 2023

SCHEMES

- **‘NAMO Drone Didi’ Scheme: Drones For Women’s Self-Help Groups**
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s initiative, NAMO Drone Didi, announced on November 30, aims to empower 15,000 women Self Help Groups (SHGs) by providing drones for agricultural purposes.



- ✓ This innovative approach harnesses technology to empower rural women, positioning them at the forefront of the agricultural revolution.
- ✓ NAMO Drone Didi addresses the need for modernizing agricultural practices and boosting productivity.
- ✓ By placing cutting-edge drone technology in the hands of rural women, the scheme transforms them into key players in the rural economy.

DEFENCE

- **VINBAX-23**
- ✓ The Indian and Vietnamese Armies have initiated an 11-day military exercise in Vietnam, commencing on December 11.



- ✓ This collaborative endeavor, named “VINBAX-23,” reflects the deepening strategic partnership between the two nations and is a response to shared concerns over China’s assertive actions in the South China Sea.
- ✓ The joint military exercise is part of an expanding strategic engagement between India and Vietnam, emphasizing their commitment to counterbalance China’s increasing aggression in the South China Sea.
- ✓ The military exercise, VINBAX-23, spans from December 11 to 21 and is hosted in Hanoi.

AWARDS

- **Karmaveer Chakra Medal-2023**
- ✓ In a momentous ceremony on Nov 27, 2023, in New Delhi, Dr. Hemachandran Ravikumar was honored with the Karmaveer Chakra Medal and Rex Karmaveer Global Fellowship by ICONGO in collaboration with the United Nations, in recognition of his exceptional contributions to R&D in Physical & Bio-Science and Microbiological Studies.



- ✓ Dr. Hemachandran Ravikumar’s exemplary work in advancing scientific knowledge and promoting the understanding of Biological Sciences has rightfully earned him this esteemed accolade.

IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ **International Day of Neutrality: December 12**

- ✓ Observed annually on December 12, the International Day of Neutrality seeks to strengthen peace and security at a global level.



- ✓ On December 12, 2017, the International Day of Neutrality was officially proclaimed by United Nations.
 - ✓ This day sheds light on the importance of countries adopting a neutral stance in international affairs to maintain impartiality and contribute to global security.
- ## ➤ **Universal Health Coverage Day: December 12**
- ✓ Universal Health Coverage (UHC) Day, observed annually on December 12, serves as a global reminder of the essential need for a healthcare system that provides equitable and comprehensive health care with financial protection for all.



- ✓ The theme for UHC Day 2023, “Health For All: Time for Action,” underscores the urgency for leaders to implement policies ensuring equitable access to essential health services without financial hardship.

