

## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JANUARY 15, 2024

### DEFENCE

#### ➤ Astra Missile

- ✓ Union Minister of State for Defence, Ajay Bhatt, marked a historic moment on January 14, by flagging off the indigenously developed Astra air-to-air missiles.



- ✓ The Astra missile, a beyond visual range (BVR) air-to-air missile, stands as a testament to India's technological prowess.
- ✓ Developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and manufactured by BDL for the IAF, the Astra Weapon System boasts unparalleled capabilities in its category, with a remarkable range exceeding 100 kilometers.

### IMPORTANT DAYS

#### ➤ Indian Army Day: January 15

- ✓ Indian Army Day is a special day celebrated on January 15 every year. In 2024, it will be celebrated on Monday, January 15.



- ✓ This day marks the anniversary of the Indian Army getting its first Indian chief in 1949. This chief was General K.M. Cariappa, who took over from the British.
- ✓ The theme for Indian Army Day in 2024 is “In Service of the Nation.” This means that the Indian Army is always ready to serve and protect our country.
- ✓ Their motto is “Service Before Self,” showing that they always think of the country first.

