

## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – APRIL 24, 2024

### INTERNATIONAL

#### ➤ ASEAN Future Forum



- ✓ External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar said that India truly believes that a strong and unified Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) can play a constructive role in the emerging regional architecture of the Indo-Pacific.
- ✓ Speaking at the First ASEAN Future Forum virtually, Dr. Jaishankar said that the synergy between 'India's Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative' (IIPOI) and the ASEAN Outlook on Indo-Pacific (AOIP) provides a strong framework of cooperation, including and addressing challenges to comprehensive security.

### REPORT

#### ➤ UNFPA Report Highlights on India's Population

- ✓ In its recent report titled "Interwoven Lives, Threads of Hope," the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) sheds light on India's demographic landscape.



- ✓ With a current estimated population of 1.44 billion, India maintains its status as the most populous country globally.
- ✓ Notably, 24% of this vast populace falls within the age bracket of 0-14 years, indicating a significant youth demographic.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **National Panchayati Raj Day: April 24**
- ✓ National Panchayati Raj Day is celebrated annually on April 24th to commemorate the establishment of the Panchayati Raj system in India.



- ✓ This decentralized form of governance, introduced by the 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act in 1993, aimed to empower local self-governing bodies, known as Gram Panchayats, at the village level.
- **International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace: April 24**
- ✓ Every year on April 24th, the world observes the International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace.



- ✓ This significant occasion seeks to reaffirm the principles enshrined in the United Nations Charter, particularly the commitment to resolving disputes among nations through peaceful means.



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