

## **EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MAY 11, 2024**

### **DEFENCE**

➤ **Exercise ‘Shakti’**

- ✓ India and France will carry out the 7 edition of the Joint Military Exercise ‘Shakti’ from 13-26 May.



- ✓ This exercise will be carried out in the Umroi region of Meghalaya.
- ✓ The aim of the exercise is to enhance the joint military capacity of India and France to undertake Multi-Domain Operations in a Sub Conventional scenario.
- ✓ This exercise will facilitate the development of interoperability between the Armed Forces of India and France.

### **ECONOMY**

➤ **India Economic Perspectives**

- ✓ India is poised to become the world's third-largest consumer market by 2026, surpassing Germany and Japan.



- ✓ According to UBS's 'India Economic Perspectives' report, India is set to consolidate its position as a global economic powerhouse and become the world's third-largest consumer market by 2026.
- ✓ The forecast has been revealed as India's consumer market continues to grow and expand.
- ✓ According to the report, India will overtake Germany by 2024 and Japan by 2026 and strengthen its position as a global economic superpower.

## SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

### ➤ **Extreme Solar Storm Hits Earth**

- ✓ On May 11, 2024, Earth experienced its most significant solar storm in over two decades.



- ✓ The storm, triggered by multiple coronal mass ejections (CMEs) from the sun, stirred a global buzz due to its potent impact on communication networks, satellite functions, and power grids.
- ✓ It was also visible in the form of dazzling auroras spanning from Tasmania to Britain.
- ✓ Coronal Mass Ejections (CMEs) are massive bursts of solar wind and magnetic fields rising above the solar corona or being released into space.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ **World Migratory Bird Day: May 11**

- ✓ World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) is an annual global campaign that aims to raise awareness about the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats.



- ✓ This year, WMBD will be celebrated on two dates: Saturday, 11 May 2024, and Saturday, 12 October 2024, to align with the cyclic patterns of bird migration in different hemispheres.
- ✓ The theme for World Migratory Bird Day 2024 is “Insects”.

➤ **National Technology Day: May 11**

- ✓ National Technology Day is celebrated annually in India on 11 May.



- ✓ This day is dedicated to recognizing the contributions of innovators, scientists, and engineers, and to promoting scientific and technological innovation in the country.
- ✓ The day was first established in 1998 to commemorate the successful nuclear test at Pokhran.
- ✓ This test was a significant milestone in India’s technological advancement, and it paved the way for the country to acquire a leading position in the field of nuclear weapons technology.

