



## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – DECEMBER 28, 2024

### NATIONAL

- **India's Record Coal Production in 2023-24**
- ✓ India's coal production reached unprecedented levels in the fiscal year 2023-24, totalling 997.826 million tonnes.



- ✓ This marked an impressive increase of 11.71% from the previous year's output of 893.191 million tonnes.
- ✓ The government's 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' initiative aims to enhance self-reliance in coal production.
- ✓ The increase in coal production is vital for India's energy security.
- ✓ As the country seeks to meet its rising energy demands, coal remains a primary source of electricity generation.

### DEFENCE

- **Exercise SURYA KIRAN 2024**
- ✓ A contingent of 334 Indian Army personnel has departed for Nepal to participate in the 18th Battalion Level Joint Military Exercise, known as SURYA KIRAN.

## 18th India - Nepal Military exercise Surya Kiran to commence in Nepal



- ✓ This exercise is scheduled to occur in Saljhandi, Nepal, from December 31, 2024, to January 13, 2025, an annual event that alternates between India and Nepal.
- ✓ Exercise SURYA KIRAN reflects the deep-rooted friendship and cultural ties between India and Nepal.
- ✓ It aims to fortify Defence cooperation and achieve shared security objectives.

## SPORTS

### ➤ 38th National Games 2025



- ✓ Uttarakhand is set to host the National Games from January 28 to February 14, 2025.
- ✓ The mascot for the 38th National Games, along with the logo, jersey, anthem, and tagline, was unveiled in Raipur, Dehradun.
- ✓ The mascot, named "Mauli," is inspired by the Monal, the state bird of Uttarakhand.
- ✓ The tagline for the Games is "Sankalp Se Shikhar Tak" (From Resolve to Zenith).

