



## Rapid Fire Current Affairs

### Integrating NavIC with Aadhaar Enrolment Systems

- The [Department of Space \(DoS\)](#) is coordinating the integration of [NavIC \(Navigation in Indian Constellation\)](#), India's indigenous satellite navigation system, with [Aadhaar enrolment devices](#).
  - NavIC, comprising seven satellites, is India's equivalent of the **American GPS, providing positioning and navigation services.**
  - NavIC offers **Standard Position Service (SPS) for civilian use** and **Restricted Service (RS) for strategic applications.**
  - The NavIC **coverage area includes India** and a region up to **1,500 km beyond the Indian boundary.**
  - NavIC has found utility in **disaster management**, aiding agencies like the [National Disaster Management Agency \(NDMA\)](#) and the [Indian National Centre for Ocean Information System \(INCOIS\)](#) in alert dissemination for natural calamities.
- The move involves adapting **Aadhaar enrolment kits to work with NavIC, enhancing accuracy and functionality.**

Read more: [NavIC](#)

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### Reviving Trilateral Cooperation: India, Japan, and Sri Lanka

- **India, Japan and Sri Lanka** are working towards restarting trilateral cooperation after the **cancellation of a joint India-Japan MoU for the [East Container Terminal \(ECT\)](#)** project in Colombo.
  - However, with India and Japan coming to **Sri Lanka's rescue during last year's [economic crisis](#)**, and offering assistance with Sri Lanka's debt restructuring process, the three countries are exploring new avenues of cooperation.
- India and Japan share a vision of a [Free Open and Inclusive Indo-Pacific \(FOIIP\)](#).
  - India and Japan can work together on renewable energy and grid connectivity projects, the development of [Trincomalee, Sri Lanka](#) as an **oil pipeline hub, connectivity and people-centric projects like tourism and education.**
- The **Joint Economic Vision Statement** between President Wickremesinghe (Sri Lanka) and the Prime Minister of India outlines catalysing projects with **private sector-led investment and execution.**

Read more: [West Container Terminal Offer to India-Japan: Sri Lanka](#)

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### Exercise 'Zayed Talwar'

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- Recently, two ships of the Indian Navy - **INS Visakhapatnam**, and **INS Trikand** - visited **Port Rashid**, Dubai, UAE to conduct bilateral exercise '**Zayed Talwar**'.
  - The exercise envisages to **boost the maritime partnership between the two navies** and foster a common understanding of the security challenges in the region.
- **Other bilateral exercises** between the two countries include: **In-UAE BILAT** (bilateral naval exercise), **Desert Eagle-II** (bilateral air force exercise) and **Exercise Desert Flag-VI**.
- India and the UAE **established diplomatic relations in 1972**.
  - In the year 2022-23, UAE was **India's 3<sup>rd</sup> largest trading partner and 2nd largest export destination**.

Read More: [India-UAE Relations](#)

## Havana Syndrome

- Recently, the Central govt has told the Karnataka HC that it will look into the matter of the '**Havana Syndrome**' in India. This was in response to a petition by a Bengaluru resident who had approached the HC requesting a **writ of Mandamus** for an enquiry on Havana Syndrome in India.
  - **A Writ of Mandamus is issued to direct a public authority to do its duty.**
- Havana Syndrome refers to **a set of mental health symptoms** including - **hearing certain sounds without any outside noise**, nausea, vertigo and headaches, memory loss and balance issues.
- Its roots trace back to Havana (Cuba) in late 2016.
  - The causes behind Havana Syndrome were not entirely certain but **speculated to be "sonic attacks"**.
  - Some US based studies suggest the **victims may have been subjected to high-**

**powered microwaves** that damaged/interfered with the nervous system.

- Beams of high-powered microwaves may have been sent through a special gadget - a **“microwave weapon”**, however there is **no conclusive evidence of their existence**.

**Read More:** [Havana Syndrome](#), [Directed Energy Weapons](#), [Writs](#)

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