



## Rapid Fire Current Affairs

### World Student's Day, 2023

**Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam**  
(Missile Man of India)

**Birth**  
15<sup>th</sup> October 1931 Rameswaram (Tamil Nadu)  
Celebrated as **National Innovation Day** and **World Students' Day**

**Death**  
27<sup>th</sup> July 2015 Shillong (Meghalaya)

**India's 11<sup>th</sup> President**  
(2002-2007)

**Major Contribution**

- Pioneer in **Fiberglass Technology**
- Chief Executive of **Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMDP)**
- Led **Poikhran-II** nuclear testing
- Responsible for the evolution of ISRO's launch vehicle programme, particularly the **PSLV configuration**
- Put forward a countrywide plan called **Technology Vision 2020**
- Involved in the country's **Light Combat Aircraft** project.
- Sought to bring rural prosperity through **PURA (Providing Urban Amenities to Rural Areas)** Scheme

**Awards Received**

- Padma Vibhushan (1990)
- King Charles II Medal (2007)
- Vivek Sarabhai Award (1996)
- Padma Bhushan (1983)
- Bharat Ratna (1997)
- Honour Medal (2008)

**Literary Works**

- "Wings of Fire", "India 2020 - A Vision for the New Millennium", "My Journey"
- "Ignited Minds - Unleashing the power within India", "Indomitable Spirit", "Soaring Soles", "Envisioning an Empowered Nation", "Inspiring Thoughts" etc.

"Determination is the power that sees us through all our frustrations and obstacles. It helps in building our willpower which is the very basis of success."

India observes **World Students' Day** on **October 15**. It is celebrated to mark the birth anniversary of the former President of India **Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam**. This day has been observed globally since 2010, paying tribute to Dr Kalam's **remarkable contribution to education and his dedication to nurturing young minds**.

- **Dr Kalam, a great teacher, an eminent scientist and a great statesman, served as the 11<sup>th</sup> Indian President from 2002 to 2007.**
- The **theme** for World Students Day 2023 is **"FAIL: stands for First Attempt in Learning."**
- President Kalam held that "To succeed in life and achieve results, you must understand and master three mighty forces—b
- **Read More:** [Vice President of India](#), [Presidential Election](#)

### Coastal Security Exercise-East Coast Sagar Kavach 2023

A comprehensive [Coastal Security Exercise Sagar Kavach 02/23](#) involving all maritime security agencies was conducted by the Indian Navy in Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and the UT of Puducherry.

- The exercise was closely monitored at **Joint Operations Centre (East)** at **Visakhapatnam** which is the nodal hub for all coastal security operations and exercises in the area of operations.
- Enhanced security measures were instituted and extensive aerial surveillance undertaken by **Dornier aircraft** and helicopters.
- Lessons learnt from the exercise would be incorporated to **strengthen the coastal security architecture**.

**Read More:** [Marine Police Force](#), [Coastal Security Architecture](#)

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## World Food Day, 2023

**World Food Day** is celebrated to commemorate the establishment of the [United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation \(FAO\)](#) on **16<sup>th</sup> October 1945**.

- The emphasis of World Food Day celebrations every year is on the furtherance of food security all over the world.
- For the year 2023, the theme of the World Food Day is – **“Water is life, water is food. Leave no one behind”**.
- It emphasizes attainment of [Sustainable Development Goal 2 \(SDG 2\)](#) i.e. **Zero Hunger**.
- Heidi Kühn was awarded the **World Food Prize 2023** by the World Food Prize Foundation for her farmer-focused development model that revitalizes farmland, food security, livelihoods and resilience after devastating conflict.

**Read More:** [Global Hunger Index](#) , [Food Security Act, 2013](#)

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## Five New Sports in Olympic Games

Recently the proposal from the **Organising Committee of the Olympic Games Los Angeles 2028 (LA28)** to include five new sports in the programme has been accepted by the **International Olympic Committee (IOC) Session** (held in Mumbai) .

- **Cricket (T20), Baseball/softball, flag football, lacrosse and squash** will be in the programme at LA28.
- The IOC is the guardian of the Olympic Games Established in **June 1894**, the IOC is a not-for-profit independent international organization.
  - Based in **Lausanne, Switzerland**, the **Olympic Capital**, it is entirely privately funded.

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