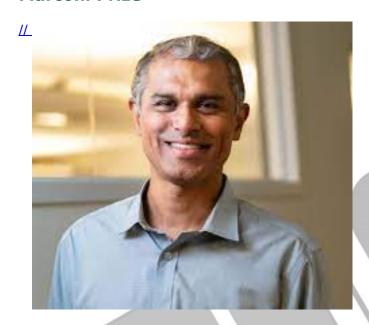


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Marconi Prize





Recently, Computer scientist Hari Balakrishnan was awarded the 2023 Marconi Prize. Dr. Balakrishnan has been cited for fundamental contributions to wired and wireless networking, mobile sensing, and distributed systems.

The Marconi Prize is a top honour for computer scientists and is awarded by the U.S.-based Marconi Foundation. It is given to those who have made a significant contribution to increasing digital inclusivity through advanced information and communications technology. The Prize recipients are recommended by an independent selection committee and approved by the Marconi Society Board.

Exercise Cobra Warrior



Indian Air Force (IAF) will participate in the multilateral air exercise 'Exercise Cobra Warrior' at the Royal Air Force's (RAF) in the United Kingdom from March 6 to 24, 2023.

The **Exercise Cobra Warrior is a multilateral Air exercise** in which Air Forces from Finland, Sweden, South Africa, the United States of America and Singapore would also be participating alongside the RAF and IAF.

The aim of the exercise is to participate in various fighter aircraft engagements and learn from the best practices of various Air Forces.

The other exercise held between both countries include: Ajeya Warrior (Military), Konkan (Navy), Indradhanush (Air Force) and Konkan Shakti (First ever tri-services joint exercise)

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United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC)

UN Secretary-General will attend the latest and longest-ever session of the UN's Human Rights Council (UNHRC), with Iran's foreign minister.

The Human Rights Council is an inter-governmental body within the United Nations system responsible for strengthening the promotion and protection of human rights around the world. The Council was created by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in 2006. It replaced the former United Nations Commission on Human Rights. The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) which is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland serves as the Secretariat of the Human Rights Council. It is made up of 47 United Nations Member States which are elected by the UNGA. Members of the Council serve for a period of three years and are not eligible for immediate re-election after serving two consecutive terms.

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Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas

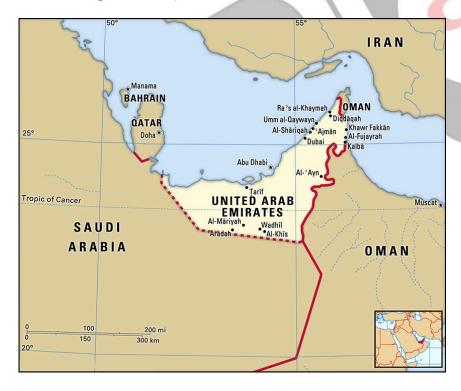


For the first time, India's indigenously-made Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas will be participating in an international multilateral air exercise — Exercise Desert Flag VIII — in the UAE, reflecting India's increasing efforts at showcasing the jet at the world stage. The exercise is scheduled from 27 February to 17 March, 2023.

The Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) programme was started by the Government of India in 1984 when they established the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) to manage the LCA programme. It replaced the ageing Mig 21 fighter planes.

As per the IAF, Exercise Desert Flag is a multilateral air exercise that will see participation from the air forces of the UAE, France, Kuwait, Australia, the UK, Bahrain, Morocco, Spain, the Republic of Korea, and the US. The aim of the exercise is to participate in various fighter engagements and learn from the best practices of various air forces.

'Desert Eagle II', is a joint air combat exercise, between the air forces of India and UAE.



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