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Marconi Prize

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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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