



## CURRENT AFFAIRS

### 1. Indian Air Force Day 2023 -

- Indian Air Force Day is celebrated on 8th October every year to commemorate the establishment of the Royal Indian Air Force on 8th October 1932.



- The IAF unveiled its new ensign during the 91st IAF Day celebrations. The new ensign prominently displays the IAF crest in the top right corner, along with the national flag in the upper left canton and the IAF tri-colour roundel in the lower right. This design was officially adopted in 1951.
- The theme for Indian Air Force Day 2023 is "IAF - Airpower Beyond Boundaries."
- The Motto of the IAF is "Touch the sky with Glory" has been taken from the eleventh chapter of the Bhagavad Gita.
- Till now, IAF has fought four conflicts with Pakistan in 1947-1948, 1965, The Bangladesh Liberation War (1971) and 1999 (Kargil War), and Operation Meghdoot.

### 2. Biden orders US ships, warplanes to move closer to Israel -

- Amidst a recent attack by the Palestinian terrorist organization Hamas, President Joe Biden has promptly demonstrated solidarity with Israel. Given its role as a key arms provider to Israel, the United States is dispatching military reinforcements and aid to strengthen Israel's defense



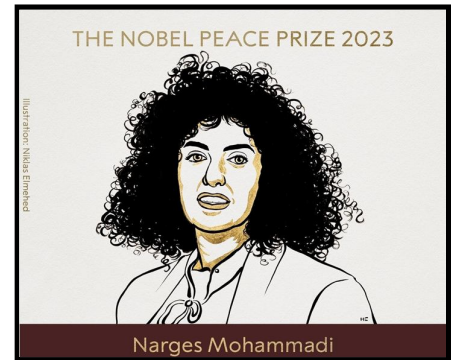


capabilities.

- The Pentagon's move to send the aircraft carrier USS Gerald R. Ford and accompanying warships to the eastern Mediterranean. The United States' historical role as a major supplier of arms to Israel.
- President Biden's communication with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Promise of additional military aid and support for Israel in the face of unprecedented attacks.
- Hezbollah's actions in firing shells and missiles at Israeli positions, raising concerns of a wider regional conflict.

### 3. Nobel Peace Prize 2023 Awarded to Narges Mohammadi -

- Narges Mohammadi "for her fight against the oppression of women in Iran and her fight to promote human rights and freedom for all".
- The Norwegian Nobel Committee has decided to award the Nobel Peace Prize for 2023 to Narges Mohammadi for her fight against the oppression of women in Iran and her fight to promote human rights and freedom for all. Her brave struggle has come with tremendous personal costs.
- Altogether, the regime has arrested her 13 times, convicted her five times, and sentenced her to a total of 31 years in prison and 154 lashes.
- This year's peace prize also recognises the hundreds of thousands of people who, in the preceding year, have demonstrated against Iran's theocratic regime's policies of discrimination and oppression targeting women.
- The motto adopted by the demonstrators - "Woman - Life - Freedom" - suitably expresses the dedication and work of Narges Mohammadi.
- 103 Nobel Peace Prizes have been awarded since 1901. It was not awarded on 19 occasions: in 1914-1916, 1918, 1923, 1924, 1928, 1932, 1939-1943, 1948, 1955-1956, 1966-1967 and 1972.





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- To date, the youngest Nobel Peace Prize laureate is Malala Yousafzai, who was 17 years old when awarded the 2014 peace prize.
- The oldest Nobel Peace Prize laureate to date is Joseph Rotblat, who was 87 years old when he was awarded the prize in 1995.
- The work of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has been honoured the most – three times – by a Nobel Peace Prize. In addition, the founder of the ICRC, Henry Dunant, was awarded the first Nobel Peace Prize in 1901.



## Quiz

**Q1. Consider the following statements in reference to Nobel Prize for Peace 2023:**

1. Narges Mohammadi, an Iranian activist, was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace in 2023.
2. She also received the 2023 PEN/Barbey Freedom to Write Award and the 2023 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize.

Which of the above statements is/are correct ?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Q2. Consider the following statements, with reference to Nobel Prize for Literature 2023:**

1. Jon Fosse was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2023 for his innovative plays and prose that give voice to the unsayable.
2. Fosse is known for his exploration of themes related to the human condition, the absurdity and futility of life, and the power of human emotions.

Which of the above statements is/are correct ?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

**Q3. Consider the following statements regarding Hamas:**

1. It is a terrorist organisation behind the recent attack on Israel (October 2023).

2. It holds a majority in the parliament of the Palestinian National Authority.

3. Hamas was founded in 1995 after the Second Intifada, as an offshoot of Hezbollah.

How many of the statements is/are correct?

- a) None of the statements
- b) 1 statement only
- c) 2 statement only
- d) All 3 statements

**Q4. Grey Revolution is for \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) Petroleum Production
- b) Fertilizer Production
- c) Fish Production
- d) Flower Cultivation

**Q5. How many gold medals did India win in the Asian Games 2023 ?**

- a) 21 Gold
- b) 25 Gold
- c) 28 Gold
- d) 30 Gold

**Q6. How many Vande Bharat Express trains were already in operation before the addition of the 9 new trains ?**

- a) 10
- b) 15
- c) 20
- d) 25

### Answer Key

1	2	3	4	5	6
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