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National and International News

Padma awards 2024	**Why in news?**
	● **Padma awards** were conferred by the **President of India**.
	
	About Padma awards 2024:
	● **Padma Vibhushan:**
	  ○ Vyjayantimala Bali (Art, Tamil Nadu)
	  ○ Konidela Chiranjeevi (Art, Andhra Pradesh)
	  ○ M Venkaiah Naidu (Public Affairs, Andhra Pradesh)
	  ○ Bindeshwar Pathak (Posthumous, Social Work, Bihar)
	  ○ Padma Subrahmanyam (Art, Tamil Nadu)
	● **Padma Bhushan**:
	  ○ M Fathima Beevi (Posthumous, Public Affairs, Kerala)
	  ○ Hormusji N Cama (Literature & Education - Journalism, Maharashtra)
	  ○ Mithun Chakraborty (Art, West Bengal)
	  ○ Sitaram Jindal (Trade & Industry, Karnataka)
	  ○ Young Liu (Trade & Industry, Taiwan)
	  ○ Ashwin Balachand Mehta (Medicine, Maharashtra)
	  ○ Satyabrata Mookherjee (Posthumous, Public Affairs, West Bengal)
	  ○ Ram Naik (Public Affairs, Maharashtra)
	  ○ Tejas Madhusudan Patel (Medicine, Gujarat)
	  ○ Olanchery Rajagopal (Public Affairs, Kerala)
	  ○ Dattatray Ambadas Mayaloo alias Rajdutt (Art, Maharashtra)
	  ○ Togdan Rinpoche (Posthumous, Others - Spiritualism, Ladakh)
	  ○ Pyarelal Sharma (Art, Maharashtra)
	  ○ Chandreshwar Prasad Thakur (Medicine, Bihar)
	  ○ Usha Uthup (Art, West Bengal)
	  ○ Vijaykanth (Posthumous, Art, Tamil Nadu)
	  ○ Kundan Vyas (Literature & Education - Journalism, Maharashtra)
	● This category features a diverse range of recipients including
	  ○ Parbati Baruah for social work in animal welfare (Assam),
	  ○ Rohan Machanda Bopanna for sports (Karnataka), and
	  ○ Joe D Cruz for literature and education (Tamil Nadu), among many others.

	Think: • Know about the **Bharatratna**.
C-CAMP joins BFI Biome Virtual Network Program	**Why in news?** ● The **Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms (C-CAMP)** has joined the **Blockchain for Impact (BFI) Biome Virtual Network Program**. ● The BFI-Biome Virtual Network aims to nurture cutting-edge **biomedical science** and innovation and **accelerate the impact of transformative scientific advances in India**. ● **C-CAMP has a robust pipeline of biomedical innovations in several critical areas such as** 　○ Infectious disease diagnostics, 　○ Antimicrobial resistance, 　○ Cell therapy, 　○ Immuno-oncology, 　○ Regenerative tissues, and 　○ Digital health tech.
2 women Navy officers return after historic transoceanic expedition	**Why in news?** ● The Indian Naval Sailing Vessel **INSV Tarini** returned to her base port at **Goa** on April 21 after a **historic transoceanic expedition** of nearly **two months**. ● The expedition was **undertaken by two women officers of the Indian Navy**, **Lieutenant Commander Dilna K**. and **Lieutenant Commander Roopa A**. ● They are the **first from India to accomplish such a feat**. ● The **two officers are now preparing for** their next monumental voyage, a **circumnavigation of the glob**e, the **Sagar Parikrama-IV expedition**, on **INSV Tarini**, scheduled to commence in September this year.

Places in news: Black sea
 	
	Why in news?
	● The **Ukrainian army** announced that it **hit and damaged the Russian ship 'Kommunua'** in the city of **Sevastopol by the Black Sea**.
	
	About Black sea:
	● The Black Sea is a large **inland sea** located at the **southeastern extremity of Europe**.
	● **It has various countries bordering it:**
	   ○ Ukraine,
	   ○ Russia,
	   ○ Georgia,
	   ○ Turkey,
	   ○ Bulgaria and
	   ○ Romania.

Exercise Poorvi Lehar or XPOL	**Why in news?** ● The **Indian Navy** conducted a **maritime exercise Poorvi Lehar** along the **East Coast of India**. ● The exercise aimed at **validating procedures to assess the Indian Navy's preparedness to meet Maritime Security challenges in the region**. ● It was conducted in multiple phases, including a **Tactical Phase** and a **Weapon Phase**.