



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

TAMIL NADU

- **Organ Donors to get 'State Funeral' in TN**
- ✓ Organ donors will be accorded full state honours during their funeral in Tamil Nadu, chief minister M K Stalin announced on the State Organ Donation Day on Saturday.
- ✓ September 23 is observed as the organ donation day in the state every year since 2008.



- ✓ Organ donations are possible because the families of brain-dead patients make the sacrifice at the time of grief, he said.
- ✓ Dr N Gopalakrishnan, member secretary of Trans-plant Authority of Tamil Nadu, said the state was encouraging doctors and nurses to do an “honour walk” for deceased organ donors.
- ✓ Tamil Nadu continues to be the leading state in the country in giving life to hundreds of patients through organ donation.

STATE

- **Biswanath Ghat – Assam**

- ✓ The Ministry of Tourism has declared Biswanath Ghat in Assam as the Best Tourism Village of India for the year 2023.
- ✓ This recognition comes after an extensive selection process that involved reviewing 791 applications from 31 different states and union territories across the country.



- ✓ Biswanath Ghat, situated to the south of Biswanath Chariali Town, is famously referred to as 'Gupta Kashi.'
- ✓ This name is derived from the ancient Biswanath temple in the town and draws a parallel with Kashi during the illustrious Gupta Empire era.
- ✓ This picturesque ghat is adorned with a collection of temples dedicated to various deities.

INTERNATIONAL

➤ I2U2 Group

- ✓ The I2U2 group comprising India, Israel, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), and the United States has unveiled an ambitious joint space venture.



- ✓ This collaborative initiative aims to create a groundbreaking space-based tool with wide-ranging applications for policymakers, institutions, and entrepreneurs.
- ✓ Against the backdrop of India's triumphant lunar soft-landing, the I2U2 group, consisting of four nations deeply engaged in space exploration, has come together to pioneer a unique space-based tool.

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

➤ **International Lawyers Conference**

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 'International Lawyers' Conference 2023' at New Delhi's Vigyan Bhawan today.



- ✓ This conference, organized by the Bar Council of India, has brought together legal experts from across the globe to deliberate on the theme 'Emerging Challenges in Justice Delivery System.'
- ✓ The event, scheduled for September 23 and 24, marks the first of its kind in India and aims to facilitate discussions on pressing legal issues of both national and international significance.
- ✓ The primary objective of the International Lawyers' Conference 2023 is to serve as a platform for meaningful dialogue and discussion on various legal topics.

DEFENCE

➤ **India-Indonesia-Australia Trilateral Maritime Exercise**

- ✓ INS Sahyadri took part in the first India-Indonesia-Australia trilateral maritime exercise. INS Sahyadri is the Indian Navy's indigenously built warship.



- ✓ It participated in the exercise from 20-21 September 2023. The trilateral exercise offered an opportunity for the three maritime nations to strengthen their partnership.

- ✓ It also offered them an opportunity to improve their collective capability to support a stable, peaceful and secure Indo-Pacific region.

SPORTS

➤ 19th Asian Games - 2023

- ✓ The 19th Asian Games opens on Saturday, September 23, in Hangzhou, capital city of east China's Zhejiang Province. It will see about 12,500 athletes from 45 countries and regions competing in 40 sports for 481 gold medals over 15 days, between September 23 and October 8.



- ✓ **Flag-bearers Lovlina Borgohain and Harmanpreet Singh** lead the Indian contingent during the opening ceremony.
- ✓ There are three mascots, all robots, have been collectively named 'Memories of Jiangnan'.
- ✓ **Mascots** - The robots; Chenchen, Congcong, and Lianlian, represent the host city's vibrant culture and heritage.



- ✓ **Theme** - In keeping with the main theme of 'Tides Surging in Asia', the ceremony was about the intermingling of China, Asia and the world in the new era, as well as the unity, love and friendship of the Asian people.

- ✓ The water element through the surging tide of Qiantang river -- which flows through Hangzhou -- was the underlying theme of the grand evening which lasted nearly two hours.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **International Day Of Sign Languages – September 23**
- ✓ The United Nations General Assembly has designated September 23rd as the International Day of Sign Languages to raise awareness about the crucial role sign language plays in upholding the human rights of individuals who are deaf.



- ✓ Each year on September 23rd, the International Day of Sign Languages is observed as an opportunity to promote and safeguard the linguistic and cultural heritage of the deaf community. Sign language serves as a unifying tool, making it essential to acknowledge and commemorate this day.
- ✓ The theme for this year is “A World Where Deaf People Everywhere Can Sign Anywhere!.”

