



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

STATE

- **54th Tiger Reserve - Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve**
- ✓ The Madhya Pradesh Government has unveiled the Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve, becoming the seventh tiger reserve in the state and the 54th in India.



- ✓ It circumscribes an area of 2,339 square kilometres. It will encompass areas within the Nauradehi Wildlife Sanctuary and Durgavati Wildlife Sanctuary. A green corridor linking Panna Tiger Reserve (PTR) with Durgavati will be developed for the natural movement of the tiger to the new reserve.
- ✓ MP retained the “tiger state” status in the 2022 census with the number of big cats in the state rising to 785 from 526 in 2018.

NATIONAL

- **India's First Lighthouse Festival**
- ✓ On September 23, India witnessed a historic event as the country's first-ever lighthouse festival illuminated the picturesque state of Goa.



- ✓ Organized by the Union Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways, this festival is part of a grand vision to transform 75 lighthouses across India into thriving tourist hubs.
- ✓ The Indian Lighthouse Festival in Goa, which commenced on September 23 and extends to September 25, marks a significant milestone in the journey to resurrect these historic structures.
- ✓ The festival kicked off with a grand inauguration ceremony at the iconic Fort Aguada Lighthouse in Panjim, Goa.

➤ **75% Of Villages Declaring ODF Plus Status**

- ✓ India's Jal Shakti minister, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, recently announced a significant achievement in the country's sanitation efforts.
- ✓ He reported that 75% of Indian villages, totaling about 4.4 lakh, have attained the coveted 'Open Defecation Free Plus' (ODF Plus) status.



- ✓ This milestone signifies a crucial step toward fulfilling the goals of the second phase of the Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin by 2024-25.
- ✓ An 'ODF Plus' village is one that has not only maintained its Open Defecation Free (ODF) status but has also successfully implemented either solid or liquid waste management systems.

DEFENCE

➤ **19th Edition Of YUDH ABHYAS**

- ✓ The 19th edition of YUDH ABHYAS is set to commence in Alaska, USA.
- ✓ This annual exercise is a collaborative effort between the Indian Army and the US Army, aimed at strengthening military cooperation and readiness.



- ✓ The Indian Army contingent, consisting of 350 personnel, will actively take part in this edition of the exercise. The lead battalion representing India hails from the esteemed MARATHA Light Infantry Regiment.
- ✓ The exercise will facilitate the exchange of views and best practices related to a broad spectrum of combat skills.

SPORTS

➤ **Asian Games 2023 - India Clinched 5 Medals On Day One**

- ✓ India wrapped up the first official day of the Asian Games 2023 with five medals – three silver and two bronze.



- ✓ The women's 10m air rifle team, comprising Ashi Chouksey, Mehuli Ghosh, and Ramita, set the tone for India by clinching a silver medal, the country's first medal at the Asian Games 2023.
- ✓ Ramita, displaying exceptional skill, went on to win an individual bronze in the same category.
- ✓ India's impressive medal streak in rowing continued as Arjun Lal Jat and Arvind Singh, competing in the men's lightweight double sculls, secured a silver medal.

- ✓ Additionally, the men's eight teams also performed remarkably and secured a silver medal, further contributing to India's success.
- ✓ Additionally, the men's pair represented by Babu Lal Yadav and Lekh Ram secured a bronze, further adding to India's medal tally in this discipline.

IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ **World Pharmacists Day – September 25**

- ✓ World Pharmacists Day is a globally recognized event observed every year on September 25th. It serves as a dedicated occasion to honor and appreciate the vital contributions of pharmacists to the improvement of global health.



- ✓ The theme for World Pharmacists Day in 2023 is "Pharmacy Strengthening Health Systems."
 - ✓ This theme focuses on recognizing and celebrating the indispensable contributions of pharmacists in the field of medical supplements and healthcare professionals.
- ### ➤ **International Day For The Total Elimination Of Nuclear Weapons 2023 – September 26**
- ✓ The United Nations observes 26 September every year as the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons.



- ✓ This day provides an opportunity to educate the public and their leaders about the real benefits of eliminating such weapons, and the social and economic costs of perpetuating them.

- ✓ The aims of the day are to enhance public awareness about the threat posed to humanity by nuclear weapons and the necessity for their total elimination.

