



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – SEPTEMBER 29, 2023

STATE

- **Country's First Cartography Museum**
- ✓ The Minister of Tourism and Culture of Uttarakhand, **Satpal Maharaj**, inaugurated the **George Everest Cartography Museum** in the picturesque town of **Mussoorie, Uttarakhand**, on the occasion of **World Tourism Day**.



- ✓ The museum is situated in **Park Estate**, which used to be the residence of the famous surveyor Sir George Everest, known for whom Mount Everest is named. This estate can be found in the **Hathipaon region** of the hill town.
 - ✓ The minister also named a **helipad** at the George Everest estate after the brilliant mathematician **Radhanath Sikdar**.
 - ✓ Sikdar's historic accomplishment was no less than calculating the height of the world's highest peak, Mount Everest, for the first time in history.
 - ✓ This remarkable feat laid the foundation for subsequent mountaineering and surveying endeavors in the Himalayas.
- **Second Tiger Reserve In Kaimur District**
 - ✓ Bihar is preparing to establish its second tiger reserve within the Kaimur district. With the growing tiger population and concerted efforts by the State

Forest Department, this new reserve is expected to bolster tiger conservation efforts and enrich the state's biodiversity.



- ✓ The upcoming tiger reserve in Kaimur district will complement the existing Valmiki Tiger Reserve (VTR) located in the West Champaran district of Bihar.
- ✓ The establishment of a second tiger reserve signifies a proactive approach to protect and conserve the majestic big cats and their habitat.
- ✓ As per recent reports, Bihar currently boasts a total tiger population of 54.

NATIONAL

- **'Sankalp Saptaah' Programme for Aspirational Blocks**
- ✓ PM Modi will launch a unique week-long programme for Aspirational Blocks in New Delhi.
- ✓ The programme has been named as Sankalp Saptaah.
- ✓ It is aimed at improving governance at the block level to enhance the quality of life of citizens.
- ✓ Sankalp Saptaah will be observed in all of the 500 Aspirational Blocks across 329 districts in the country.
- ✓ Its primary objective is to uplift the living standards of citizens by enhancing governance and public services delivery in these areas.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **'8th Continent' Zealandia**
- ✓ A dedicated team of international geologists and seismologists has embarked on a mission to chart the depths of Zealandia, a relatively unknown landmass submerged beneath the Pacific Ocean.



- ✓ Zealandia, often referred to as the eighth continent, remains shrouded in oceanic mystery, with a staggering 94% of its expanse concealed beneath the sea's surface. The remaining 6% peeks above the waves, encompassing islands such as New Zealand and its neighboring isles.
- ✓ The geological history of Zealandia dates back approximately 83 million years when volcanic forces played a pivotal role in the separation of the supercontinent Gondwana, giving rise to the continents we recognize today.

SPORTS

- **Asian Games 2023, Palak Gulia Wins Gold In Women's 10m Air Pistol**
- ✓ During the sixth day of competition at the ongoing Asian Games in Hangzhou, China, the young Indian shooters Palak Gulia and Esha Singh showcased their skills in the women's 10m air pistol individual event, earning gold and silver medals, respectively.



- ✓ Palak, a 17-year-old talent impressed everyone with her poise and composure. She quickly climbed to the top of the leaderboard during the final round.
 - ✓ Ultimately, she secured an individual gold medal at the Asian Games, setting a new record for the event with 242.1 points.
- **7th Gold For India - 50m Rifle 3 Positions Team event**

- ✓ The Indian men's shooting trio comprising Aishwarya Pratap Singh Tomar, Swapnil Suresh Kusale, and Akhil Sheoran secured a gold medal in the 50m Rifle 3 Positions Team event.



- ✓ Their remarkable achievement didn't stop there; they broke the world record with an extraordinary score of 1769 points.
- ✓ As a result of this exceptional performance, India has climbed to the fourth position in the points table at the Asian Games 2023.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **International Translation Day – September 30**
- ✓ International Translation Day, observed on September 30 every year, serves as a global celebration of the invaluable contributions made by translators and language professionals.



- ✓ These individuals play a pivotal role in facilitating cross-cultural dialogue, contributing to global development, and fostering world peace.
- ✓ International Translation Day is celebrated in honour of St. Jerome, a revered figure in the field of translation studies and is considered the patron saint of translators.

