

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – OCTOBER 11, 2023

SCHEMES

➤ **Shreshta Scheme**

- ✓ Government Introduces Shreshta Scheme For Quality Education Of Scheduled Caste Students.



- ✓ In a remarkable move towards enhancing education and bolstering the socio-economic advancement of Scheduled Caste (SC) students, the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has unveiled the 'Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas' (SHRESHTA).
 - ✓ SHRESHTA, designed to provide high-quality education to SC students, aims to create an environment conducive to their holistic development and secure their future prospects.
- #### ➤ **Samadhan Scheme**
- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government on Tuesday announced a new Samadhan scheme with waivers and concessions to pave the way for the settlement of the pending tax dues of about 25,000 crore, of which a majority are under the erstwhile Tamil Nadu Value Added Tax and other legacy tax legislations.



- ✓ The new Samadhan scheme, which was announced by the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin at the State Assembly, seeks to put an end to the pending tax arrears, disputes and appeals between the traders and the State commercial tax department.
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CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

➤ 16th Agricultural Science Congress

- ✓ The 16th Agricultural Science Congress in Kerala will get underway this afternoon in Kochi. Parshottam Rupala, Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairy, will open the four-day celebration.



- ✓ Renowned agricultural economists, scientists, policymakers, farmers, and entrepreneurs will be gathered at the Congress, which will serve as a forum for them to interact and share ideas.
 - ✓ The National Academy of Agricultural Sciences' main goal in hosting the meeting is to foster a scholarly conversation about transforming India's agri-food systems into sustainable businesses so that future generations can profit from it.
- ### ➤ 8th BRICS International Competition Conference
- ✓ The Competition Commission of India (CCI) is hosting the 8th BRICS International Competition Conference in New Delhi from October 11-13, 2023.



- ✓ The conference will focus on "New Issues in Competition Law and Policy – Dimensions, Perspectives, Challenges".
- ✓ The conference aims to discuss emerging issues and challenges in competition enforcement in BRICS countries.
- **9th P20 Summit: New Delhi**
- ✓ Presiding Officers of Parliaments of several G20 member countries have started arriving in New Delhi to take part in the ninth Parliamentary Speakers' Summit (P20 Summit).



- ✓ Presiding Officers of the Pan African Parliaments will be participating in the P-20 Summit in India for the first time.
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Summit on 13th of October.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **Nilgiri Tahr Day – October 07**
- ✓ Nearly a year after launching the Project Nilgiri Tahr for the conservation of its State animal, Tamil Nadu will celebrate the first 'Nilgiri Tahr Day' on October 7 (Saturday).



- ✓ October 7 was chosen by the Government as Nilgiri Tahr Day in honour of E.R.C. Davidar, a wildlife conservationist who pioneered studies on the sole mountain ungulate of Southern India as early as in 1960s.
- ✓ While launching Project Nilgiri Tahr, the Government had declared that Davidar's birthday would be celebrated as Nilgiri Tahr Day.
- ✓ Davidar took the first census of the Nilgiri tahr in the Nilgiris landscape during 1963.

➤ **International Day Of The Girl Child – October 11**

- ✓ The **International Day of the Girl**, observed every year on **October 11**, is a global initiative dedicated to raising awareness about gender inequality and advocating for the rights and empowerment of girls.



- ✓ The International Day of the Girl was first celebrated in 2012.
- ✓ This day was established to focus attention on the unique challenges girls face and to promote their empowerment and the fulfillment of their human rights.
- ✓ The day was born out of the recognition that girls, like boys, deserve equal opportunities and rights.
- ✓ The theme for the International Day of the Girl in 2023 is "Invest in Girls' Rights: Our Leadership, Our Well-being."