

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – OCTOBER 17, 2023

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **India And UK Hold First 2+2 Foreign And Defence Dialogue**
- ✓ The inaugural India-UK '2+2' foreign and defence dialogue was held in New Delhi.
- ✓ The dialogue saw both sides focusing on ways to enhance cooperation in various critical areas such as trade and investment, defense, critical technologies, civil aviation, health, and energy.



INDIA-UK
2 PLUS 2
FOREIGN AND
DEFENCE DIALOGUE

The banner features the text 'INDIA-UK 2 PLUS 2 FOREIGN AND DEFENCE DIALOGUE' in bold, multi-colored letters. To the right, there are two flags on stands: the Indian national flag and the Union Jack. A small logo for 'UTKARSH' is visible in the top right corner of the banner.

- ✓ In addition to bilateral cooperation, the dialogue also delved into international developments, with particular attention to the Indo-Pacific region.
- ✓ Both countries share a vision for peace, stability, and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific, emphasizing the importance of a free, open, and inclusive region.
- **World Health Summit**
- ✓ The 2023 World Health Summit took place from October 15 to October 17 under the theme "A Defining Year for Global Health Action" in Berlin, Germany, and online.



- ✓ This summit fosters international collaboration and open discourse rooted in scientific insights, placing global health at the forefront of political agendas and advancing the global health conversation in alignment with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.
- ✓ Non-communicable diseases (NCDs) have emerged as a significant global health challenge, demanding immediate attention and a multi-faceted approach this year.

AWARDS

- **69th National Film Awards 2023**
- ✓ On 17 October, President Droupadi Murmu will confer the 69th National Film Awards 2023 at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.



- ✓ **Best Actor Award** - Allu Arjun for his role in the film "Pushpa."
- ✓ **Best Actress Award** - Alia Bhatt and Kriti Sanon shared the spotlight as they were jointly awarded the title for their outstanding performances in "Gangubai Kathiawadi" and "Mimi," respectively.
- ✓ **Best Feature Film** - The film "Rocketry: The Nambi Effect" received the prestigious award.
- ✓ **Nargis Dutt Award** – Film "The Kashmir Files", highlighting its contribution to the cinematic portrayal of India's social fabric.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

➤ Psyche

- ✓ NASA has launched a spacecraft called 'Psyche' on a six-year mission to study a unique metal-rich asteroid also named 'Psyche.'



- ✓ This asteroid orbits the Sun between Mars and Jupiter.
- ✓ The primary goal of the Psyche mission is to explore the iron core, a previously unexplored aspect of planet formation.

➤ Tilapia Parvovirus

- ✓ India's first tilapia parvovirus reported in Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ It is a small, nonenveloped, single-stranded DNA (ssDNA) virus.



- ✓ It was first reported in China in 2019 and Thailand in 2021.
- ✓ India is the third country to report the occurrence of TIPV.
- ✓ This virus was localized in the gills, heart, brain, liver, pancreas, spleen, intestine, kidney, eyes, and muscles of tilapia.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **Global Handwashing Day – October 15**

- ✓ Celebrating Handwashing Day on a global level is an opportunity to educate masses about the significant role of washing hands with soap and water in preventing the spread of germs, and associated diseases.



- ✓ During the COVID-19 pandemic, people were often advised to keep their hands clean and wash them frequently because most of the disease spread through contact with hands.
- ✓ Global Handwashing Day is celebrated annually on 15 October. This year's theme is "Clean Hands Are Within Reach."
- **International Day For The Eradication Of Poverty – October 17**
- ✓ The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, celebrated annually on October 17th, is a global initiative aimed at raising awareness and addressing the pressing issue of poverty.



- ✓ In 2023, the focus is on the theme “**Decent Work and Social Protection: Putting dignity in practice for all.**” This theme emphasizes the importance of universal access to decent work and social protection in upholding human dignity.
- ✓ International Day for the Eradication of Poverty 2023 holds immense significance as a global reminder of the ongoing battle against poverty.

