



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – NOVEMBER 16, 2023

NATIONAL

- **Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train**
- ✓ Indian Railways in collaboration with IRCTC to launch Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train.



- ✓ In a move to promote Dekho Apna Desh and Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat initiatives, Indian Railways, in collaboration with IRCTC, is set to launch the Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train.
- ✓ Departing from Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus on Friday, the circular route will cover iconic destinations such as Mumbai, Pune, Solapur, Guntakal, Renigunta, Rameshwaram, Madurai, Kanyakumari, Kochuveli, and back to CSMT on 25th of this month.

INDIA & OTHER COUNTRIES

- **India-US initiative for Critical and Emerging Technology (iCET)**
- ✓ India And US Strengthen Innovation Ties With Landmark Pact.
- ✓ India and the United States have taken a significant step to boost collaboration among startups and promote innovation through a memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed on November 14 in San Francisco.



- ✓ The MoU focuses on fostering collaboration between India and the US in the startup ecosystem, addressing regulatory obstacles, and sharing best practices for fundraising by entrepreneurs.
- ✓ The ultimate goal is to promote innovation and job growth, particularly in critical and emerging technologies (CET) as identified under the India-US initiative for Critical and Emerging Technology (iCET).

DEFENCE

- **Exercise MITRA SHAKTI 2023**
- ✓ India – Sri Lanka Joint Exercise MITRA SHAKTI 2023 Commenced.
- ✓ The ninth edition of the Joint Military exercise, “Exercise MITRA SHAKTI-2023,” has commenced today in Aundh, Pune. The exercise is scheduled to take place from the 16th to the 29th of November 2023.



- ✓ The Indian contingent, comprising 120 personnel, is primarily represented by troops from the MARATHA LIGHT INFANTRY Regiment.
- ✓ The Sri Lankan side is represented by personnel from the 53 Infantry Division. Additionally, 15 personnel from the Indian Air Force and five personnel from the Sri Lankan Air Force are also participating in the exercise.

AWARDS

- **Lifetime Disturbing The Peace Award**
- ✓ World-renowned author Salman Rushdie, received the inaugural 'Lifetime Disturbing the Peace Award' from the Vaclav Havel Center.



- ✓ Having recently received the Peace Prize of the German Book Trade, Rushdie humorously pondered on which side of “the fence” this new accolade placed him.
- ✓ The Vaclav Havel Center also bestowed the 'Disturbing the Peace Award to a Courageous Writer at Risk' upon Egyptian activist Alaa Abdel-Fattah.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **Scomberomorus avirostrus & Scomberomorus leopardus**
- ✓ Researchers at the ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) have made a significant discovery by identifying two new species of seer fish.



- ✓ Led by principal scientist E M Abdussamad, the team of taxonomists unveiled the Arabian sparrow seer fish (*Scomberomorus avirostrus*), a previously unknown species, and resurrected Russell's spotted seer fish (*Scomberomorus leopardus*).
- ✓ These findings have expanded the number of top-demanding seer fish species in Indian waters from four to six, enhancing our understanding of marine biodiversity.

OBITUARY

➤ N. Sankaraiah

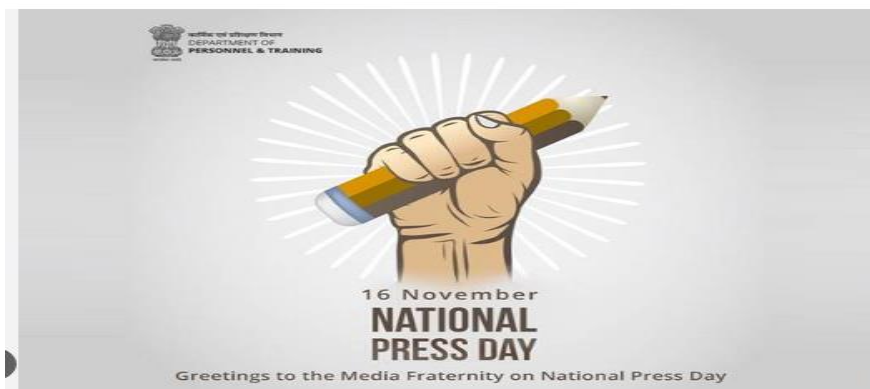


- ✓ N. Sankaraiah, one of the oldest communist leaders in the country, passed away in a Chennai hospital after a brief illness on Wednesday morning.
- ✓ At the age of 102, he had dedicated his life to the principles of communism and the struggle for a just society.
- ✓ Elected to the state assembly thrice in 1967, 1977, and 1980, he also served as the CPI-M state secretary of Tamil Nadu from 1995 to 2002.

IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ National Press Day – November 16

- ✓ National Press Day, observed on November 16 every year in India, commemorates the establishment of the Press Council of India (PCI), which acts as a regulatory body for the news media in the country.

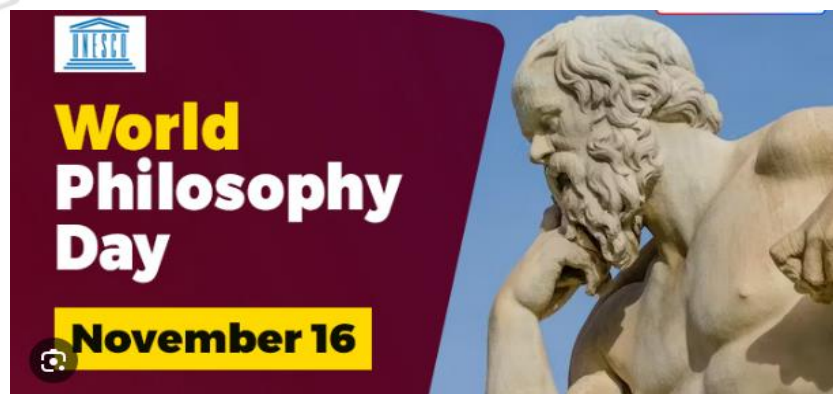


- ✓ National Press Day serves as a crucial occasion to reflect on the role of the press in a democratic society and to appreciate the efforts of journalists in upholding journalistic values.

- ✓ The theme for National Press Day 2023 is “Media in the Era of Artificial Intelligence.”
- **International Day For Tolerance – November 16**
- ✓ International Day for Tolerance, observed annually on November 16th, serves as a global platform to champion tolerance, respect, and understanding among people of diverse backgrounds and cultures.



- ✓ In 2023, the theme is “Tolerance: A Path to Peace and Reconciliation,” emphasizing the pivotal role of tolerance in building peaceful and inclusive societies.
- **World Philosophy Day – November 16**
- ✓ This year World Philosophy Day observed on 16th November. Organized by UNESCO, this day emphasizes philosophy’s inspiring influence as both a discipline and an everyday practice capable of transforming societies and fostering intercultural dialogue.



- ✓ The theme for World Philosophy Day 2023 is “Philosophical Reflection in a Multicultural World”.
- ✓ This theme highlights the importance of philosophy in promoting understanding and dialogue between different cultures and perspectives.

