

## **EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – NOVEMBER 17, 2023**

### **CONFERENCES & SUMMITS**

- **International Conference On Plant Health Management**
- ✓ The International Conference on Plant Health Management (ICPHM) 2023 is set to take place in Hyderabad, India, from 15th to 18th November.



- ✓ This significant event is organized by the Plant Protection Association of India (PPAI), an institution with a rich legacy of 50 years in advancing plant protection both nationally and internationally.
  - ✓ The primary objective of the ICPHM 2023 is to explore and capitalize on global opportunities in innovation and sustainability within the domains of research and entrepreneurship related to Plant Health Management.
- **Global Fisheries Conference**
  - ✓ Union Minister for Fisheries Parshottam Rupala has said that fish production has increased manifold in the last nine years due to various schemes taken up by the government.



- ✓ Mr Rupala stated this while addressing the curtain raiser press conference in New Delhi for Global Fisheries Conference India 2023, which will be held on the 21st and 22nd of this month in Ahmadabad, Gujarat.
- ✓ The two-day Conference will be held to celebrate 'Fisheries and Aquaculture Wealth' on the occasion of World Fisheries Day.
- ✓ The aim of the conference is to reach out to the various domestic and global fisheries sector stakeholders to build partnerships, fostering collaborative efforts and promoting the Indian Fisheries sector.

#### ➤ **Global South Summit**

- ✓ India is set to host the second Voice of Global South Summit on Friday in a virtual format.
- ✓ The summit would focus on sharing the key outcomes achieved in various G20 meetings over the course of India's Presidency with the countries of the Global South.



- ✓ The **challenges posed by global developments** are also likely to be discussed. The Summit will serve as a platform to discuss ways to sustain the momentum generated toward the common aspiration of a more inclusive, representative and progressive world order.
- ✓ The theme of the Inaugural Leaders' Session is **Together, for Everyone's Growth, with Everyone's Trust** and that of the Concluding Leaders' Session is **Global South- Together for One Future.**

## DEFENCE

- **4th Anti-Submarine Warfare Craft, Named 'Amini'**
- ✓ On 16th November 2023, 'Amini,' the fourth of the Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC) Project, was successfully launched at M/s L&T Shipbuilding in Kattupalli.



- ✓ The contract for constructing eight ASW SWC ships was formalized between the Ministry of Defence (MoD) and Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata, on April 29, 2019.
- ✓ Belonging to the Arnala class of ships, these vessels are designed to replace the existing Abhay class ASW Corvettes of the Indian Navy.
- ✓ With a length of 77 meters, a displacement of 900 tons, and a maximum speed of 25 knots, the ASW SWC ships boast an impressive endurance of approximately 1800 nautical miles.

## SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **Cyclonic storm 'Midhili'**



- ✓ The deep depression over the Bay of Bengal on Friday intensified into a cyclonic storm and will graze past the Sunderbans before making landfall on Bangladesh

coast with a maximum wind speed of 80 kmph, India Meteorological Department (IMD) said in a bulletin.

- ✓ The cyclonic storm named 'Midhili' will cross the Bangladesh coast during November 17 night.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### ➤ International Students Day – November 17

- ✓ International Students' Day 2023, observed worldwide on Friday, November 17, is a special occasion that acknowledges the resilience and contributions of students globally.



- ✓ This celebration is particularly significant for those studying abroad, facing the challenges of navigating new cultures, languages, financial hurdles, and homesickness.

### ➤ National Epilepsy Day – November 17

- ✓ National Epilepsy Day is observed on November 17 in India to raise awareness about epilepsy and its impact on individuals, families, and society.



- ✓ Epilepsy is a condition where unexpected and distressing seizures occur, impacting a person's control over their movements, sounds, and sensations.
- ✓ Globally, about 50 million people grapple with epilepsy, with India contributing 10-20 percent to this burden.

- ✓ The World Health Organization reports that 70 percent of epilepsy cases can be successfully managed with medication and certain surgeries.

