

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – MAY 18, 2024

AWARDS

- **IN-SPACE honoured with Geospatial World Forum Leadership Award**
- ✓ The Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (**IN-SPACE**) has been **honoured** with the **Geospatial World Forum (GWF) Leadership Award** for “Public Policy: Enabling Industry Development” at the 2024 event in Rotterdam, Netherlands.
- ✓ The award recognizes their ground-breaking efforts in advancing India’s space sector and supporting non-government entities.
- ✓ GWF Leadership Awards commend innovation and contributions to the global geospatial field since 2007.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **Mangalyaan-2 Unveiled**
- ✓ India Set to Become the Third Nation to Land on Mars.
- ✓ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is gearing up for a landmark mission that aims to land a rover and helicopter on Mars.
- ✓ This historic endeavor, named Mangalyaan-2, seeks to place India alongside the US and China as a significant player in interplanetary exploration.
- ✓ The project was unveiled during a presentation at the Space Application Centre on National Technology Day.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **International Museum Day – May 18**

- ✓ International Museum Day, celebrated annually on May 18th in the world to raise public awareness of the invaluable role museums play in preserving artistic, cultural, and historical artifacts.
- ✓ This day highlights the educational and cultural contributions of museums, showcasing their importance as repositories of knowledge and history.
- **World's AIDS Vaccine Day – May 18**
- ✓ World AIDS Vaccine Day, also known as HIV Vaccine Awareness Day, is observed annually on May 18th.
- ✓ This day is dedicated to raising awareness about the urgent need for AIDS vaccines and acknowledging the efforts of individuals, including doctors, scientists, and community members, who are committed to developing vaccines to combat HIV/AIDS.

