

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – SEPTEMBER 26, 2024

SCHEMES

- **Wildlife Habitats Development Scheme**
- ✓ The Union Cabinet has approved the Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats scheme for the 15th Finance Commission Cycle.



- ✓ The scheme supports key initiatives like Project Tiger, Project Elephant, and Development of Wildlife Habitat.
- ✓ The initiative focuses on boosting technological interventions, including the use of AI, camera traps, and conservation genetics for wildlife monitoring.
- ✓ The scheme benefits 55 tiger reserves, 33 elephant reserves, and 718 protected areas, contributing to both wildlife conservation and climate resilience.

RANKING

- **India Surpasses Japan, Ranks Third in Asia Power Index**
- ✓ India has risen to third place in the Asia Power Index, according to the Lowy Institute, reflecting its strong economic recovery after the COVID-19 pandemic.



- ✓ This rise has allowed India to surpass Japan, highlighting its growing role in regional power.
- ✓ The Asia Power Index measures the influence and power of 27 countries in Asia and the Pacific region.
- ✓ Here are the top three countries and their scores in the Asia Power Index – 1) United States – Score: 81.7, 2) China – Score: 72.7, 3) India – Score: 39.1.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **World Maritime Day – September 26**
- ✓ World Maritime Day 2024, celebrated on 26 September 2024, embraces the theme “Navigating the Future: Safety First!”.



- ✓ This theme underscores the International Maritime Organization’s (IMO) commitment to enhancing maritime safety and security, protecting the marine environment, and ensuring that regulatory developments keep pace with technological advancements.

- **World Environmental Health Day - September 26**
- ✓ Every year on 26 September, World Environmental Health Day is celebrated.



- ✓ It is celebrated to raise awareness about the impact of environmental health on human lives.
- ✓ The theme of World Environmental Health Day 2024 is “Environmental Health: Creating Resilient Communities through Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation.”

