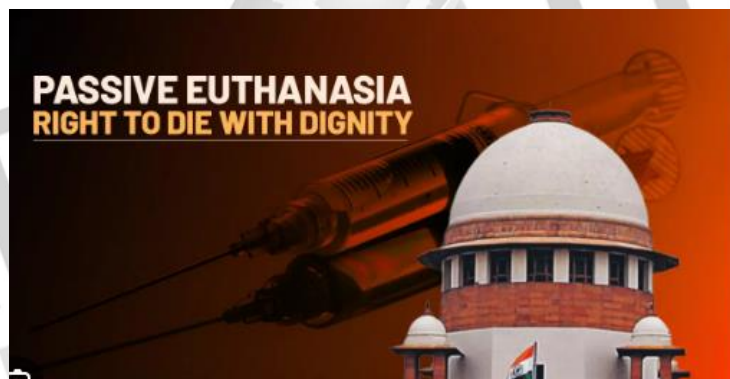


EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

NATIONAL

- **Government Released New Draft Guidelines on Passive Euthanasia**
- ✓ Union Health Ministry released a new draft of guidelines on passive euthanasia.



- ✓ The new guidelines suggest that doctors should make considered decisions on withdrawing life support for terminally ill patients based on specific conditions.
- ✓ The guidelines aim to ensure that decisions have been taken in the best interest of patients by considering factors like brainstem death and informed refusal by the patient or their kin.
- ✓ The 'Draft Guidelines for Withdrawal of Life Support in Terminally Ill Patients' also states that doctors should not consider the decision to not start a life-supporting measure in a terminally ill patient that is unlikely to benefit the patient.

APPOINTMENT

- **Udhayanidhi Stalin became deputy CM of Tamil Nadu**

- ✓ Udhayanidhi Stalin has been appointed as the deputy chief minister of Tamil Nadu. Four other Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) legislators were sworn in as cabinet ministers.



- ✓ The swearing ceremony took place at Raj Bhavan in the presence of Chief Minister MK Stalin.
- ✓ He was serving as the minister for youth welfare and sports development. Under his new role, he will also oversee the planning and development portfolio.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **Women in Space Leadership Programme**
- ✓ Women in space leadership programme has been launched by India to boost gender equality.



- ✓ The programme has been launched as part of the UK-India Education and Research Initiative (UKIERI).
- ✓ It has been launched by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), in collaboration with the British Council, on September 24, 2024.

- ✓ The aim of the initiative is to strengthen gender-inclusive practices within institutions to increase women's leadership in space sciences by the development of a strategic leadership framework.
- **India Becomes Third Largest Ethanol Producer and Consumer**
- ✓ India has recently become the third-largest producer and consumer of ethanol in the world.



- ✓ This change is thanks to important policy changes made by the Indian government to encourage the use of biofuels and improve energy sustainability.
- ✓ The government has launched several programs to increase ethanol production, including financial support for sugarcane farmers and manufacturers.
- ✓ These policies aim to make more ethanol available for blending with fuels, reduce reliance on fossil fuels, and support farmers in rural areas.

