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## ❖ International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons - 26 September

- The United Nations observes 26 September every year as the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons.
- The aim of the day is to enhance public awareness about the threat posed to humanity by nuclear weapons and the necessity for their total elimination.
- It provides an opportunity to educate the public and their leaders about the real benefits of eliminating such weapons, and the social and economic costs of perpetuating them.
- In 2013, the UN General Assembly (UNGA) declared September 26 to be the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons (Nuclear Abolition Day).
- The UNGA resolution establishing the day also calls for progress on a nuclear weapons convention a global treaty involving the nuclear armed states in the prohibition and elimination of nuclear weapons under strict and effective international control.

## ❖ World Environmental Health Day - September 26

- Every year, World Environmental Health Day is celebrated on September 26.
- This year, World Environmental Health Day falls on Tuesday.
- Environmental Health endeavors to create communities that are not only safe but also conducive to promoting overall human and environmental well-being.

➤ By addressing environmental factors, it contributes significantly to improving human health and ensuring a better quality of life for all.

➤ **Theme:** “Global Environmental Public Health: Standing up to protect everyone’s Health each and every day”.

### ❖ **India’s First Lighthouse Festival begins in Goa**

➤ The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal launched the India’s First Lighthouse Festival from the Fort Aguada Lighthouse in Panjim, Goa.

➤ This festival will be celebrated across all the lighthouses in the country in an effort to transform these historic spots as tourist destinations.

➤ Shri Sonowal, earlier launched a campaign ‘Lighthouse Heritage Tourism’ to transform 75 historic lighthouses into Tourism Spots.

➤ The historic lighthouses are being renovated with adequate facilities to act as tourist spots.

➤ The festival also witness historians, archaeologist, cultural anthropologist and many other people with interest in history, culture and society participate in intriguing discussions around our marine history during this event.

### ❖ **Lekh Ram and Babu Lal clinch bronze in men's pair rowing**

➤ In the ongoing 19th Asian Games in China, India's Babu Lal Yadav (bow) and Lekh Ram (stroke) won bronze medal in the men's pair event.

➤ The Indian duo finished third with a timing of 6:50.41 seconds.

➤ Hong Kong China won gold with 6:44.20s while Uzbekistan took silver with 6:48.11s.

➤ Hong Kong, China moved to first place in the race, followed by Uzbekistan and India.

➤ The Indian pair crossed the 1500m mark with a time of 5:05.11s.

➤ Things started to heat up as the three nations fought closely and gave their all to take away the gold medal.

➤ Indian rowers secured second place with a timing of 05:43.01 in the Men's Coxed Eight final event in the Asian Games.

### ❖ **K.G.George, Malayalam director passes away**

➤ Veteran Malayalam filmmaker K. G. George, 77, passed away at an old age home in Kakkanad on the outskirts of Kochi.

➤ He was born in Pathanamthitta in 1946 and went on to complete a diploma at the film institute of India in Pune.

➤ George, known for his contributions to the "new cinema movement", made his directorial debut in 1975 with "Swapnadanam," which brought him critical acclaim and commercial success.

➤ His other notable films include "Yavanika," "Panchavadi Palam," and "Irakal."

➤ George was honored with the National Film Award for Best Feature Film in Malayalam and the JC Daniel Award for his contributions to Malayalam cinema.

### ❖ **India Become First Team In ODI Cricket History To Hit 3000 Sixes**

➤ Sensational centuries by Shubman Gill, Shreyas Iyer and late fireworks by Suryakumar Yadav in slog overs helped India reached 399 for 5 in 50 overs against Australia in the second ODI of three-match series in Indore.

➤ This is India's highest total against Australia in the ODI format. The mammoth total saw Indian batters together hitting a total of 18 sixes.

- No team has hit 3000 sixes in ODIs so far.
- This eventually helped India become the first team in cricket history to cross the 3000-six mark in ODIs.
- West Indies (2953) is the team with the most number of sixes in ODIs after India.
- Pakistan (2566), Australia (2476), New Zealand (2387), England (2032), South Africa (1947), Sri Lanka (1779), Zimbabwe (1303) and Bangladesh (959) are in this list.

### ❖ **Marco Bezzecchi won inaugural race in India Grand Prix 2023**

- Marco Bezzecchi won the inaugural Indian Grand Prix with a dominant performance from start to finish while Ducati's Francesco Bagnaia suffered a crash that blows the world championship contest wide open.
- Pole sitter Bezzecchi lost out on a sprint podium after a collision with team mate Luca Marini, eventually finishing fifth, but there was no rider in the chasing pack who could match the determined Italian's pace up front.
- Pramac Racing rider and sprint winner Jorge Martin, who risked a penalty by unzipping his leathers, finished second while Yamaha's Fabio Quartararo completed the podium after the two were involved in a tense battle on the final lap.

### ❖ **Tamil Nadu, Kerala may join hands to count endangered Nilgiri Tahr**

- Tamil Nadu Forest Department joins hand with Kerala to conduct a synchronized census, as the animal is only found in select habitats in the two States.
- After launching Project Nilgiri Tahr 2022 for the conservation of the State animal, TN is now working on a standardized protocol to count the endangered population of southern India's only mountain ungulate.

- To restore the ecosystem's fragmentation, particularly in the Shola grasslands, where the Tahr thrives.
- For the first time, drones may be incorporated in the census, as the Nilgiri tahr prefers montane grasslands, with steep and rocky terrains at an altitude between 300 and 2,600 metres above sea level.
- There are believed to be a little over 3,100 of the animals living in highly fragmented habitats in the Western Ghats in Tamil Nadu and Kerala, ranging between the Nilgiris in the north and the Kanniyakumari hills in the south, according to a 2015 study by WWF India.

### ❖ 75 per cent Indian villages declared ODF Plus

- According to Jal Shakti minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat about 4.4 lakh or 75 per cent of India's villages have achieved the open defecation free-plus status.
- An 'ODF Plus' village is one which has sustained its Open Defecation Free (ODF) status along with implementing either solid or liquid waste management systems.
- ODF Plus, which is a significant step towards achieving the goals of the second phase of the Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin by 2024-25.
- He added that all villages in 14 states and Union Territories (UT) have achieved ODF Plus Status, of which four have been declared 'ODF Plus Model'.
- The top performing states and UTs which have 100 per cent ODF Plus villages are Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Dadra Nagar Haveli, Goa, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Ladakh, Puducherry, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, and Tripura.
- The achievement of 75% ODF Plus villages is a significant milestone for India, as the country has moved from ODF to ODF Plus in Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin Phase II.

## ❖ Iran-India Joint Chamber of Commerce & FIEO Signed MoU to Boost Trade, Investment

➤ Iran-India Joint Chamber of Commerce signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with New Delhi based federation of Indian Export Organization (FIEO) to develop cooperation in the field of trade, investment, quality standards and technology transfer.

➤ The MoU was signed by Mahdi Rangrona , Vice President of the Iran-India Joint Chamber of Commerce and Ajay Shai, Director General (DG) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of FIEO.

### **About Iran:**

Capital: Tehran

Currency: Iranian Rial

President: Ebrahim Raisi