



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

REPORT

➤ India Has 150 Elephant Corridors

- ✓ A recent report by the Union Environment Ministry has shed light on the state of elephant corridors in India. According to this comprehensive report titled “Elephant Corridors of India,” the country boasts at least 150 elephant corridors, spread across 15 range-states, and encompassing four major elephant-bearing regions.



- ✓ This is a significant increase from the 88 corridors identified in the 2010 Elephant Task Force report, known as the “Gajah report.” This expanded understanding of elephant corridors signifies the evolving challenges and the growing awareness of the importance of conserving these vital pathways.
- ✓ West Bengal emerges as the frontrunner in this report, with a staggering 26 elephant corridors, accounting for over 17 percent of the total corridors in India.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

➤ Scrub Typhus

- ✓ Scrub typhus, also known as bush typhus, is a bacterial disease caused by *Orientia tsutsugamushi*.
- ✓ It is transmitted to humans through the bites of infected chiggers, which are tiny larvae that develop into mites. In a surprising development, scrub typhus was detected in North Carolina in July 2023.



- ✓ Scrub typhus can affect individuals of all ages and genders equally. However, certain factors increase the risk of contracting the disease.
- ✓ People are more likely to get scrub typhus if they come into contact with areas where chiggers thrive, such as rural or forested environments with specific conditions.

➤ **Nipah Virus In News**

- ✓ India's southern state of Kerala has once again found itself grappling with the ominous threat of the Nipah virus, a rare and deadly brain-damaging viral disease. In response to the deaths of two individuals from this infection, the state government has taken swift action by shutting down schools and offices and declaring containment zones in certain areas.



- ✓ The Nipah virus, abbreviated as NiV, emerged onto the global stage in 1999 during an alarming epidemic in Malaysia and Singapore. This outbreak left a trail of devastation, with nearly 300 human cases and over 100 fatalities.

IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ Hindi Diwas: September 14

- ✓ Hindi Diwas is celebrated on 14 September every year to promote and preserve the Hindi language.
- ✓ The Constitution of India accepted Hindi as the official language of India on 14 September 1949.
- ✓ India celebrated the first Hindi Day on 14 September 1953.
- ✓ Hindi is also spoken in countries like Mauritius, Nepal, Fiji, Suriname, Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago.

