



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – SEPTEMBER 22, 2023

TAMIL NADU

➤ Co-creation Fund

- ✓ The government of Tamil Nadu will set up a 100 crore 'Co-creation Fund', a unique model designed to participate in private sector venture capital (VC) funds.



- ✓ According to details in the 'Tamil Nadu Startup and Innovation Policy 2023' that was released by Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Wednesday, the fund, to be managed by investors and coordinated by The Tamil Nadu Startup and Innovation Mission (StartupTN), is inspired by the Yozma (meaning 'initiative') model, established by the Israeli Government in the 1990s to kick-start innovative industries by investing in new venture capital funds.
- ✓ The State government will contribute 40% (with a ceiling of 10 crore) in regional, rural impact, women and climate action-focused funds and 20% (with a ceiling of 5 crore) in other thematic funds promoted by the private sector.

SCIENCE, ENVIRONMENT & TECHNOLOGY

- Pterygotrigla intermedica

- ✓ Scientists from the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) have discovered a new species of deep-water marine fish in Digha Mohana, West Bengal. Named *Pterygotrigla intermedica*, it shares similarities with species like *Pterygotrigla hemisticta*.



- ✓ This discovery marks the fourth species of the *Pterygotrigla* genus reported in India and adds to the total of 178 species in the Triglidae family worldwide. The findings were published in the marine science journal *Thalassas* on September 20, 2023.
- ✓ The newly discovered species belongs to the family Triglidae, commonly known as gurnards or sea-robins.

REPORT

➤ **World's Freest Economy**

- ✓ In a significant shift, Singapore has surpassed Hong Kong to claim the title of the world's freest economy, marking the end of Hong Kong's 53-year reign at the top.



- ✓ This shift is according to a report released by the Canadian think tank Fraser Institute.
- ✓ The Economic Freedom of the World Index, which has been tracking economic freedom since 1970, placed Hong Kong in second place for the first time.
- ✓ The report highlights how Hong Kong's recent shift is closely linked to civil and political freedom.

IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ **World Rose Day**

- ✓ World Rose Day, also known as The Welfare of Cancer Patients Day, is an annual observance held on September 22nd.



- ✓ It is a day dedicated to honouring and supporting individuals worldwide who are courageously battling cancer.
- ✓ World Rose Day finds its roots in the touching story of Melinda Rose, a 12-year-old Canadian cancer patient.

➤ **World Rhino Day**

- ✓ World Rhino Day, observed annually on September 22nd, is a global initiative aimed at raising awareness about the critical plight of the rhinoceros species and advocating for their protection. This special day serves as a platform to highlight the challenges these magnificent creatures face and the urgent need for conservation efforts to prevent their extinction.



- ✓ World Rhino Day serves as a crucial platform for various organizations, wildlife enthusiasts, and concerned individuals to amplify their voices and educate the public about the dire situation faced by rhinoceroses.
- ✓ It emphasizes the significance of collective efforts in safeguarding these magnificent creatures.

