



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **Batillipes Kalami**
- ✓ In a tribute to 'Missile Man' Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, researchers from the Marine Biology department of Cochin University of Science and Technology (Cusat) named a new species of marine tardigrade that they discovered after the former President.

**New marine tardigrade
species named
after former
President
A.P.J. Abdul Kalam**



- ✓ Named 'Batillipes kalami', the new species of tardigrades was found by researchers in the intertidal beach sediments of Mandapam coast, close to Kalam's birthplace in Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ The researchers' move aims to honour Dr Kalam's legacy, his unwavering commitment to science and technology, and his inspirational role in fostering scientific curiosity among young Indians.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **World Rivers Day – September 24**
- ✓ **World Rivers Day**, observed on the **fourth Sunday in September** each year, is a global celebration that underscores the immense value of our rivers and aims to raise public awareness about their significance.



- ✓ This year it will be marked on **September 24**. This annual event also advocates for the conservation and sustainable management of these vital natural resources.
- ✓ World Rivers Day carries profound significance, serving as a poignant reminder of the pivotal role rivers play in sustaining life on Earth.
- ✓ The 2023 theme for World Rivers Day is once again "waterways in our communities."

