



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

NATIONAL

➤ **First Green Hydrogen-Run Bus**

- ✓ The Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) achieved a significant milestone in India's transition to clean energy by unveiling the nation's first green hydrogen-powered bus.



- ✓ IOC is leading the charge in harnessing the power of green hydrogen, produced through the electrolysis of water using electricity from renewable sources.
- ✓ This green hydrogen will be utilized to fuel two buses, which are slated for trial runs in the national capital region.
- ✓ Hydrogen is hailed as the fuel of the future and holds immense potential in aiding India's decarbonization efforts.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

➤ **Disease X Looms As A Potential Global Threat**

- ✓ Health experts from around the world are sounding the alarm about a potential global pandemic referred to as "Disease X," which could surpass the lethality of COVID-19 and claim over 50 million lives.



- ✓ They warn that COVID-19 might be just a precursor to more devastating pandemics in the future.
- ✓ In response to the threat of Disease X, UK scientists have initiated vaccine development efforts targeting this unidentified but potentially deadly pathogen.
- ✓ More than 200 scientists are involved in this research, conducted at the high-security Porton Down laboratory complex in Wiltshire.

AWARDS

- **Dadasaheb Phalke Lifetime Achievement Award**
- ✓ On September 26, 2023, Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Anurag Thakur, announced that the seasoned and accomplished actor, Waheeda Rehman, will be honored with the prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke Lifetime Achievement Award, India's highest recognition in the world of cinema.



- ✓ Waheeda Rehman's journey in cinema spans over five glorious decades.
- ✓ She has portrayed her roles with finesse and dedication, earning critical acclaim for her exceptional performances.
- ✓ Additionally, she holds the Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan awards.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **World Environmental Health Day**

- ✓ Every year on September 26, World Environmental Health Day is celebrated to highlight the intricate relationship between humans and their environment.



- ✓ This annual observance emphasizes the profound impact of our surroundings on our well-being and aims to promote healthier and safer communities worldwide.
 - ✓ The theme for this year's World Environmental Health Day is "Global Environmental Public Health: Standing up to protect everyone's Health each and every day" underscores the collective responsibility to safeguard the health of every individual by addressing global environmental challenges consistently.
- **World Tourism Day**
- ✓ World Tourism Day 2023 is observed on 27 September globally. This day is celebrated every year to focus on promoting tourism in various parts of the world. It was initiated by the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO).



- ✓ This day is celebrated to promote tourism and understand its importance. World Tourism Day aims to make people understand the joy of exploring the world. The first World Tourism Day was held in 1980.
- ✓ This World Tourism Day 2023, the UNWTO, under the theme "Tourism and green investment" highlights the need for more and better-targeted investments for the Sustainable Development Goals, the UN roadmap for a better world by 2030.

