



## EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

### TAMIL NADU

- **Tamil Nadu Leads India In Electric Vehicle Manufacturing**
- ✓ Tamil Nadu Leads India In Electric Vehicle Manufacturing, Accounting For 40% Of The Country's Production
- ✓ Tamil Nadu has emerged as a prominent Electric Vehicle (EV) producer in India. In the current year, out of the ten lakh EVs sold in the country, more than four lakh were manufactured in Tamil Nadu.



- ✓ These electric vehicles encompass a variety of types, including two-wheelers, four-wheelers, and cars, produced by ten different companies located within the state.
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### SPORTS

➤ **Asian Games 2023, India Team Take Gold In 10m Air Pistol Men's Team Event**

- ✓ Indian shooters have continued to make their mark at the Asian Games, clinching their 6th gold medal in the Men's 10m Air Pistol Team event.



- ✓ Sarabjot Singh, Shiva Narwal, and Arjun Singh Cheema displayed exceptional prowess, securing victory by a single point over the home Chinese team.
- ✓ This remarkable achievement not only added another gold to India's tally but also secured individual final berths for Sarabjot and Arjun in the 10m Air Pistol category.

## OBITUARY

➤ **Father Of India's 'Green Revolution,' M.S. Swaminathan Passes Away At 98**

- ✓ Mankombu Sambasivan Swaminathan, fondly known as M.S. Swaminathan, a legendary figure in the field of agriculture and a true humanitarian, passed away at the age of 98. Born on August 7, 1925, in Tamil Nadu's Thanjavur district.
- ✓ He dedicated his life to improving the lives of India's low-income farmers and revolutionizing the nation's agricultural landscape.

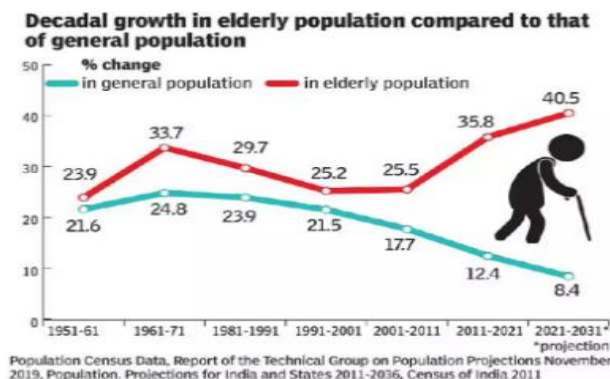


- ✓ During a critical juncture in India's history, when the country was on the brink of a mass famine and faced severe food shortages, Swaminathan collaborated with fellow scientist Norman Borlaug and others to develop high-yielding varieties of wheat and rice. This marked the inception of the 'Green Revolution.'
- ✓ In 1987, he was honored with the first-ever World Food Prize for his role in introducing high-yielding wheat and rice varieties to India.

# REPORT

## ➤ India Ageing Report 2023

- ✓ India is set to experience a rapid aging of its population in the coming decades, with the elderly projected to comprise over 20% of the total population by the year 2050.

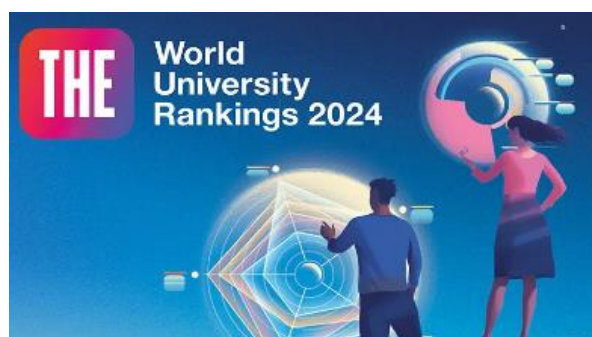


- ✓ This significant demographic shift is highlighted in the India Ageing Report 2023, jointly released by the International Institute for Population Sciences and the United Nations Population Fund.
- ✓ This report sheds light on various aspects of this aging trend, including the changing ratio of elderly to working-age individuals, gender disparities in life expectancy, and its implications for social and economic policies.
- ✓ The report reveals that India's elderly population has been steadily increasing over the years, with a medium-to-high rate of growth since 1961. While the pace of this increase was relatively slow until 2001, it is expected to accelerate significantly in the coming decades.

# RANKING

## ➤ World University Rankings 2024

- ✓ The 20th edition of the World's Best Universities by the Times Higher Education (THE) rankings has been unveiled, showcasing the top higher education institutions globally.



- ✓ The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore has made history by securing the top position among Indian universities.
  - ✓ This achievement marks the first time since 2017 that IISc has claimed the top spot, underscoring its dedication to research and academic prowess.
  - ✓ Oxford University in the United Kingdom has clinched the coveted first place for an unprecedented eighth consecutive year, with Stanford University in the United States securing second place.
  - ✓ The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) is third in the rankings. The 2024 edition is the largest to date, featuring 1,904 universities from 108 countries and regions, evaluated across 18 performance indicators reflecting their core missions.
- **India Ranks 40th In Global Innovation Index 2023**
- ✓ India retains 40th rank out of 132 economies in the Global Innovation Index 2023 rankings published by the World Intellectual Property Organization.



- ✓ India has been on a rising trajectory, over the past several years in the Global Innovation Index (GII), from a rank of 81 in 2015 to 40 in 2023.
- ✓ This year, the NITI Aayog, in partnership with the CII and the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO), is hosting, virtually, the India Launch of the (Global Innovation Index) GII 2023 on 29th September 2023.
- ✓ For the 13th year in a row, Switzerland is the most innovative economy in 2023 followed by Sweden, the United States, the United Kingdom and Singapore. Discover how other economies are performing in the Global Innovation Index 2023 rankings.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **World Maritime Day - September 28**
- ✓ World Maritime Day is celebrated on the last Thursday of every September, on September 28 this year, to honor the tireless work of the international maritime industry workers.



- ✓ The World Maritime Day 2023 takes place on 28 September 2023. The word 'maritime' comes from the Latin word 'maritimus,' which means 'of the sea.'
- ✓ The day illuminates the role that every maritime officer, service agent, and seafarer plays in our individual lives.
- ✓ This year's World Maritime theme is "MARPOL at 50 – Our commitment goes on".

➤ **World Rabies Day: September 28**

- ✓ The 17th World Rabies Day was celebrated on 28 September 2023. This year's World Rabies Day theme is: "All for 1, One Health for All".



- ✓ This day is also observed to mark the death anniversary of Louis Pasteur, who developed the first rabies vaccine.
- ✓ The theme emphasizes the importance of equality, and strengthening overall health systems by ensuring One Health for everyone.
- ✓ Nearly 60,000 people die from the disease around the world each year.

➤ **World Heart Day – September 29**

- ✓ Every year on September 29th, people around the world come together to observe World Heart Day. This global initiative aims to raise awareness about heart disease and promote preventive measures to combat cardiovascular diseases.



- ✓ Heart disease is the leading cause of mortality worldwide, and this day serves as a crucial reminder of the importance of heart health.
- ✓ In 2023, the theme “Use Heart, Know Heart” emphasizes the use of emojis to convey the significance of the day and the importance of heart knowledge.
- **International Day Of Awareness Of Food Loss And Waste – September 29**
- ✓ On September 29th, the world comes together to observe the International Day of Awareness on Food Loss and Waste Reduction. It is an opportunity to raise awareness of the issue of food loss and waste, and to promote actions to reduce it.



- ✓ Food loss and waste is a major global problem. According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), about one-third of all food produced for human consumption is lost or wasted each year.
- ✓ The theme for the International Day of Awareness on Food Loss and Waste in 2023 is “Reducing food loss and waste: Taking Action to Transform Food Systems.”

