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## EYERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS - OCTOBER 09, 2023

## TAMIL NADU

Passenger Ferry Service between T.N. and Sri Lanka
$\checkmark$ The much awaited resumption of the high-speed passenger ferry service between Nagapattinam in Tamil Nadu and Kankesanthurai in Sri Lanka's Northern Province will begin on October 10 after a gap of nearly four decades.

$\checkmark$ Official sources said the High-Speed Craft (HSC) Cheriyapani, owned by the Shipping Corporation of India (SCI), and a 14member crew arrived at Nagapattinam on Saturday.

## INTERNATIONAL

## > Operation Iron Swords

$\checkmark$ Israel Defense Forces (IDF) on Saturday launched Operation 'Iron Swords' In response to the barrages of rockets launched by Hamas from Gaza at Israel, the IDF is currently striking Hamas targets in Gaza".

$\checkmark$ Operation Iron Swords is Israel's retaliation for a surprise attack by Hamas, a Palestinian Islamist militant organisation, on Israel.

## INDIA \& OTHER COUNTRIES

> India and Saudi Arabia sign MoU in Green Hydrogen \& Supply Chain
$\checkmark$ India and Saudi Arabia signed an MoU in Electrical Interconnections, Green/Clean Hydrogen, and Supply Chains.

$\checkmark$ The MoU aims to establish a framework for cooperation between the two countries in these areas.
$\checkmark$ India is taking significant steps to reduce the emission intensity of its GDP by 45\% by 2030 and achieve Net Zero by 2070.

## AWARDS

> Tata Literature Live! Lifetime Achievement Award
$\checkmark$ Tamil writer Ambai has been selected for the Tata Literature Live! Lifetime Achievement Award that recognises and salutes sustained and outstanding contribution to writing and literature in India.

$\checkmark$ A feminist writer, who questioned the stereotyping of women, Ambai, born C.S. Lakshmi in Coimbatore, won the Sahitya Akademi award for her short story collection Sivappu Kazhutthudan Oru Patchaiparavai in 2021.
$\checkmark$ Her first short story collection Sirakukal Muriyum was published in 1976.
$\checkmark$ Ms. Ambai confined herself to writing short stories.

## SPORTS

> Indian Contingent Finishes with Record 107 Medals
$\checkmark$ India exceeded its previous record of 70 medals at the Asian Games in 2018 by winning a total of 107 medals at the Asian Games in China.

$\checkmark$ This is the 2nd time India has won more than 100 medals in any of the three major Games, including the Olympics, the Commonwealth Games, and the Asian Games.
$\checkmark$ The Indian contingent finished its campaign by living up to the commitment of "Iss baar 100 paar".

## IMPORTANT DAYs

## > World Dyslexia Awareness Day: October 08

$\checkmark$ This day is observed every year on 8th October to shed light on dyslexia, a learning difference that affects millions of individuals worldwide.

$\checkmark$ The Dyslexia awareness week is celebrated annually from 2nd to 8th October. Persons with Dyslexia might struggle with reading, writing,
$\checkmark$ The theme for this year's Dyslexia Awareness Day is Uniquely You.

## > World Post Day - October 09

$\checkmark$ World Post Day is celebrated each year on October 9th to commemorate the creation of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) in 1874.

$\checkmark$ It's a day to recognize the crucial role that post offices play in connecting communities.
$\checkmark$ The theme for World Post Day 2023, "Together for Trust: Collaborating for a safe and connected future."
$>$ Indian Foreign Service (IFS) Day - October 09
$\checkmark$ Indian Foreign Service (IFS) Day is an annual celebration held on October 9th.

$\checkmark$ This special day honors the establishment of the Indian Foreign Service, a critical institution for India's diplomatic, consular, and commercial representation worldwide.
$\checkmark$ It serves as a reminder of the invaluable contributions made by diplomats and Foreign Service officers in promoting India's interests and fostering global cooperation.

