



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – OCTOBER 13, 2023

TAMIL NADU

- **Protected Agricultural Zone - Mayiladuthurai**
- ✓ The Tamil Nadu Assembly on Wednesday adopted a Bill to make the newly formed Mayiladuthurai district a protected agricultural zone.



- ✓ The government had enacted the Tamil Nadu Protected Agricultural Zone Development Act, 2020, to convert Thanjavur, Nagapattinam and Tiruvarur districts and a few blocks of Pudukottai and Cuddalore districts into a protected agricultural zone.
- **Project Nilgiri Tahr**
- ✓ Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Thursday launched 'Project Nilgiri Tahr' to promote the conservation of Tamil Nadu's State animal.
- ✓ He also distributed books to school students to create awareness about the Nilgiri Tahr.



- ✓ The project, with an outlay of 25 crore, aims to facilitate a better understanding of the Nilgiri Tahr population, their distribution and ecology.
- ✓ Reintroducing the animals to their historic habitats, addressing proximate threats to them, increasing public awareness on the species, and developing ecotourism at select sites are among the other aims.

STATE

- **India's First Wetland City**
- ✓ The Rajasthan government, in collaboration with the Environment and Forest Department, is making concerted efforts to elevate Udaipur, also known as the 'City of Lakes,' to international prominence by aiming to become India's first wetland city.



- ✓ Udaipur, with its striking natural beauty and ecological significance, is poised to fulfill all the requirements stipulated by the Ramsar Convention. Covering an area of 37 square kilometers, the city is graced by five major lakes – Pichola, Fateh Sagar, Rang Sagar, Swaroop Sagar, and Doodh Talai.
- ✓ The Ramsar Convention, officially known as the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat, is a global treaty designed to protect and sustainably utilize wetlands of international importance.

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **India, France Defence Ministers Hold Fifth Dialogue**

- ✓ Shri Rajnath Singh, the Indian Defence Minister, concluded his two-nation European tour with a significant meeting in Paris with the French Minister of Armed Forces, Mr. Sebastien Lecornu. The 5th Annual Defence Dialogue between the two ministers was marked by discussions spanning various aspects of defense cooperation.



- ✓ The ministers assessed the current regional security situation, highlighting the importance of strategic cooperation between India and France in the face of evolving global challenges.
- ✓ Discussions extended to potential collaboration in niche domains such as space, cyber, and Artificial Intelligence, reflecting the need to stay at the forefront of technology.

AWARDS

➤ **Saraswati Samman 2022**

- ✓ Tamil writer Sivasankari was honoured with the prestigious ‘Saraswati Samman’ 2022 for her memoirs, “Surya Vamsam.”
- ✓ The award, presented by the K.K. Birla Foundation, was given to her by former Union Minister M. Veerappa Moily, along with a citation, a plaque, and a prize of 15 lakh.



- ✓ Surya Vamsam, a two-volume work, offers a profound glimpse into the life of an innocent child who evolved into an acclaimed author. Additionally, the book

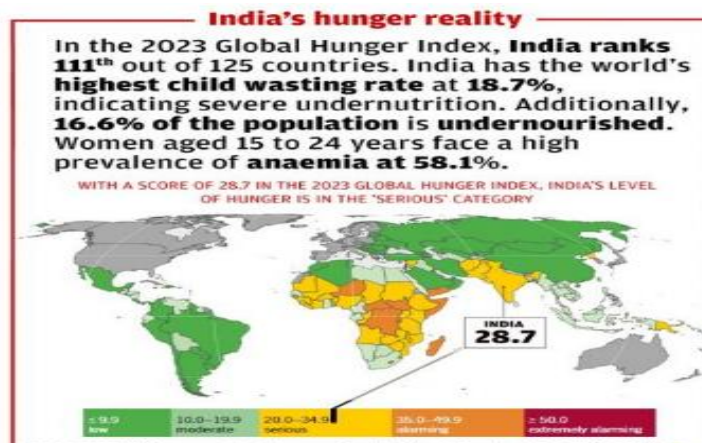
beautifully reflects the societal transformations that have occurred over the past seven decades.

- ✓ The Saraswati Samman is one of India's most prestigious literary awards, recognizing outstanding literary works by Indian citizens.

RANKING

➤ Global Hunger Index 2023: India's Decline to 111th Place

- ✓ In the latest Global Hunger Index (GHI) for 2023, India has been ranked 111 out of 125 countries, marking a decline from its 107th position in 2022.
- ✓ The GHI is an annual assessment of hunger levels globally, published by Irish NGO Concern Worldwide and German NGO Welt Hunger Hilfe.



- ✓ Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Chile, China and Croatia are the top five countries in GHI 2023. Chad, Niger, Lesotho, Congo, Yemen, Madagascar, and Central African Republic are the countries ranked at the bottom of the index.
- ✓ In comparison to neighboring countries, India's GHI ranking appears stark:
- ✓ India: 111th
- ✓ Pakistan: 102nd
- ✓ Bangladesh: 81st
- ✓ Nepal: 69th
- ✓ Sri Lanka: 60th

IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ International Day For Disaster Risk Reduction – October 13

- ✓ The International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction, observed annually on the 13th of October, brings global attention to the critical issues of disasters and inequality.



- ✓ This day serves as a platform for creating awareness, educating communities, and promoting resilience in the face of natural and man-made disasters.
- ✓ The theme of UN International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction 2023 is “Fighting inequality for a resilient future.”
- **National Cinema Day: October 13**
- ✓ National Cinema Day aims to celebrate the magic of the big screen and applaud the success of recent blockbusters.

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CINEMA DAY**

13TH OCTOBER 2023

- ✓ More than 4000 screens all over the country are participating.
- ✓ Film buffs can buy tickets all over the country at just ninety nine rupees.
- ✓ Multiplex Association of India encourages audiences to come back to cinema halls after a long lull caused by Covid-19 Pandemic.

