

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – NOVEMBER 13, 2023

STATE

- **Uniform Civil Code (UCC) - Uttarakhand**
- ✓ Uttarakhand is on the brink of making history as it prepares to become the first state in India to implement the Uniform Civil Code (UCC).



- ✓ The move is part of a broader effort to create a legal framework that ensures fair treatment and opportunities for all citizens, regardless of their gender, sex, religion, or sexual orientation.
- ✓ As of now, Goa stands as the only state with a civil code, introduced during Portuguese rule.
- ✓ Kerala is the first state in the country to formally oppose the UCC, showcasing the diversity of opinions and perspectives on this crucial legal reform.

NATIONAL

- **Nayi Chetna – 2.0**
- ✓ National Campaign against Gender Violence 'Nai Chetna' to be launched.
- ✓ Ministry of Rural Development announced its plans for the second year of its National Campaign Against Gender-Based Violence – 'Nayi Chetna – 2.0'.



- ✓ It will be launched on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women i. e. 25 November.
- ✓ It will be observed across 34 states and UTs till 23 December 2023.
- ✓ Campaign activities will deepen awareness on gender violence.

CONFERENCES & SUMMITS

- **33rd Conference - The WOAHA Regional Commission For Asia And Pacific**
- ✓ In a significant stride towards advancing animal health and husbandry, India is playing host to the 33rd Conference of the **World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH)** Regional Commission for Asia and the Pacific.



- ✓ The event, slated from November 13 to 16, 2023, is unfolding in the city of New Delhi. The conference will foster valuable discussions and build essential networking relationships for a week.
- ✓ The conference serves as a platform for exchanging insights, sharing best practices, and collectively strategizing for a more robust future in animal health and husbandry.

AWARDS

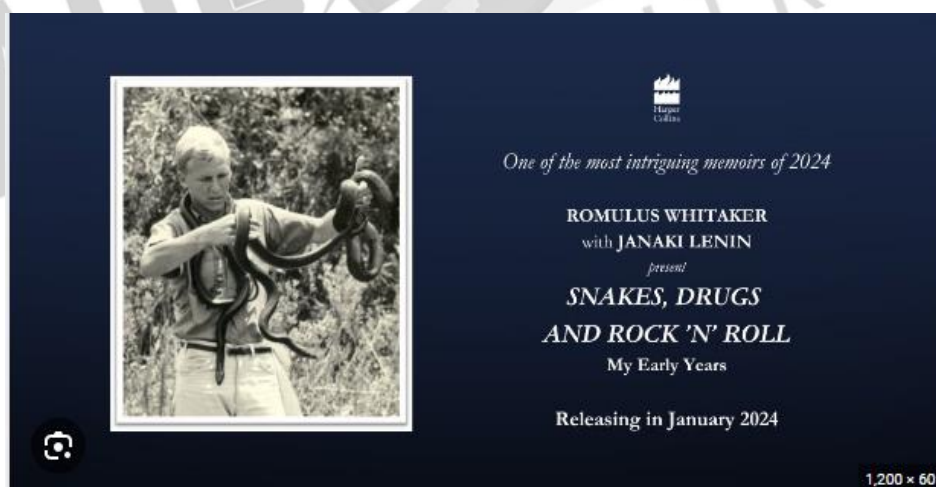
- **Abundance in Millets**
- ✓ A song on millets featuring Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been nominated for a Grammy award in the best global music performance category.



- ✓ The song "**Abundance in Millets**" celebrates the International Year of the Millets, which was declared by the United Nations this year.
- ✓ It is composed by Mumbai-born singer-songwriter Falguni Shah and her husband and singer Gaurav Shah.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

- **Snakes, Drugs and Rock 'n' Roll**
- ✓ 'Snakeman of India' Romulus Whitaker's memoir to release in January.



- ✓ Wildlife conservationist Romulus Whitaker will come out with his memoirs in January in which he talks about how his love affair with 'fierce creatures' began at a tender age when he kept a pet python in a tin trunk under his bed in boarding school.
- ✓ "Snakes, Drugs and Rock 'n' Roll" is the name of his memoir.
- ✓ The book is being published by HarperCollins India.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

➤ First Chikungunya Vaccine - Ixchiq

- ✓ Ixchiq, the first chikungunya vaccine, has been approved by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for individuals 18 years of age and older who are at increased risk of exposure to mosquito-borne virus.

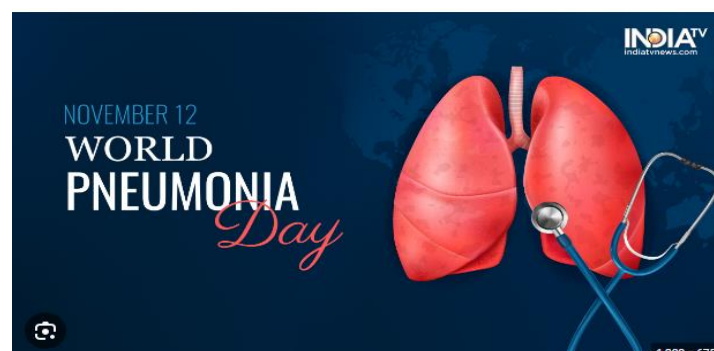


- ✓ Chikungunya is an emerging global health threat with at least 5 million cases of chikungunya virus infection reported during the past 15 years.
- ✓ Containing a live, weakened version of the chikungunya-causing virus, Ixchiq is administered as a single dose by injection into the muscle and may cause symptoms in the recipient.

IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ World Pneumonia Day – November 12

- ✓ World Pneumonia Day was first observed on 12 November 2009, under the "Stop Pneumonia" initiatives by Global Coalition Against Child Pneumonia.



- ✓ Every Breath Counts Coalition is one of first such public-private partnership Coalition came into existence in 2017.
- ✓ Theme: "Every Breath Counts: Stop Pneumonia in Its Track".

➤ World Kindness Day – November 13

- ✓ World Kindness Day is observed globally to promote and celebrate acts of kindness.



- ✓ World Kindness Day was first introduced by the World Kindness Movement (WKM) back in 1998.
- ✓ On November 13th, 1998, in Japan and Singapore, the first World Kindness Day was observed.
- ✓ The theme for the year 2023 is a powerful reminder – “Be Kind Wherever Possible.”

