

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – OCTOBER 17, 2024

DEFENCE

➤ **Maritime Exercise IBSAMAR**



- ✓ Indian Navy's frontline stealth frigate, INS Talwar, arrived at Simon's Town, South Africa, on 06 Oct 24 to participate in the eighth edition of IBSAMAR, a joint multinational maritime exercise among Indian, Brazilian, and South African Navy scheduled from 06 to 18 October 2024.
- ✓ Held every two years, the exercise rotates leadership among the three participating nations, with South Africa serving as the permanent host due to its strategic geographical location.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **Kaziranga Named India's Second Largest Butterfly Diversity Hub**
- ✓ Kaziranga National Park in Assam renowned for its iconic one-horned rhinoceros, has now gained recognition as India's second-largest butterfly diversity hub.



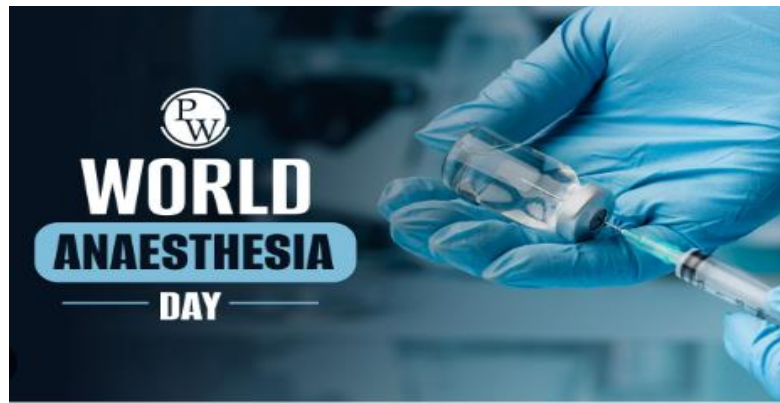
- ✓ Following Namdapha National Park in Arunachal Pradesh, Kaziranga is home to an impressive 446 butterfly species.
- ✓ This newfound distinction highlights the park's rich biodiversity.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **Global Handwashing Day – October 15**
- ✓ Global Handwashing Day is celebrated annually on October 15.



- ✓ Objective – To encourage people worldwide to wash their hands with soap when needed.
- ✓ Theme 2024 – **Why are clean hands still important.**
- **World Anaesthesia Day – October 16**
- ✓ World Anaesthesia Day is celebrated annually on October 16 to highlight the vital role of anaesthesia in modern medicine.



- ✓ The day serves as a reminder of how anaesthesia has transformed medical care by making surgeries painless, enhancing patient safety, and improving outcomes.
 - ✓ The theme for World Anaesthesia Day 2024 is “Workforce Well Being.”
- **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty – October 17**
- ✓ The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is a significant global observance held annually on October 17th, aimed at raising awareness about the importance of eradicating poverty in all its forms.



- ✓ This day encourages collective efforts toward a more just, inclusive, and equitable world, with a particular focus on the plight of those living in extreme poverty.

