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TODAY'S IMPORTANT CURRENT AFFAIRS

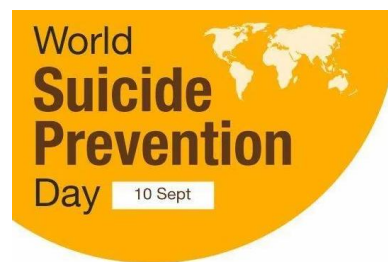
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IMPORTANT DAYS

10th Sept - World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD)

- ❖ Established in 2003 by the International Association for Suicide Prevention in association with the World Health Organization (WHO).
- ❖ The triennial theme for 2024-2026 is - "Changing the Narrative on Suicide" with the call to action "Start the Conversation".



World suicide prevention day is a global awareness event observed on the 10th of September every year for the last two decades, commemorating the awareness of suicide prevention and celebrating the counteractions made to abolish it.



DEFENCE

INDIA TODAY

YUDH ABHYAS 20 BEGINS

INDIA-US
JOINT MILITARY
EXERCISE



INDIA- USA Joint Military Exercise YUDH ABHYAS -2024

- ❖ The 20th edition of India-USA Joint Military Exercise YUDH ABHYAS-2024 commenced, at Foreign Training Node in Mahajan Field Firing Ranges, Rajasthan.
- ❖ The exercise is scheduled to be conducted from 9th to 22nd September 2024. Exercise YUDH ABHYAS has been held annually since 2004.
- ❖ The Indian Army contingent comprising 600 personnel is being represented by a battalion of the RAJPUT Regiment along with personnel from other arms and services.
- ❖ For the first time in this military exercise, America's High Mobility Artillery Rocket System is being demonstrated.

Indian Army and Indian Air Force signs MoU with Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya, Vadodara

- ❖ To enhance the skills and capability building of personnel in logistics operations.
- ❖ **Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya** will serve as a vital partner in empowering the Armed Forces with cutting-edge logistics education, research and innovation.



MEETING

FM Nirmala Sitharaman chaired 54th GST Council meeting in New Delhi

- ❖ Attended by state finance ministers and tax officials. New system for GST invoice management from October 1.
- ❖ GST Council reduces GST rate on **cancer drugs** from **12% to 5%**.
- ❖ Funds given for research to Central & State universities, and those who have obtained income tax exemption, are exempted from GST.
- ❖ GST on religious travel via **helicopter** reduced from **18% to 5%**. Rate on **car seats** up from **18% to 28%**.
- ❖ The **Constitution (101st) Amendment Act, 2016** allows both the centre and states to levy the Goods and Services Tax (GST).
- ❖ GST replaced various central and state taxes such as **excise duty, service tax, sales tax, entry tax and entertainment tax**.

AWARD & HONOR

Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav and Chief Minister of Rajasthan Bhajan Lal Sharma presented Swachh Vayu Survekshan Award, 2024



- ❖ The **Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board** hosted the **5th International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies** or **Swachh Vayu Diwas** on 7th September 2024 in the pink city of Jaipur.
- ❖ 4th meeting of the Apex Committee of the **National Clean Air Programme (NCAP)** was also held in Jaipur on 7th September.

- ❖ It was chaired by **Bhupendra Yadav**, the Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- ❖ The government of India launched the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) in January 2019 to reduce air pollution in identified cities.

Winners of 2024 Swachh Vayu Survekshan Award

This award was given to cities participating in the National Clean Air Programme for their performance in reducing air pollution and improving air quality in their cities.

➤ **Category 1 Award (for cities with a population of over 10 lakhs)**

Winner Cities - Surat (Gujarat), Jabalpur (Madhya Pradesh) and Agra (Uttar Pradesh)

➤ **Category-2 (population between 3 and 10 Lakhs)**

Winner cities -Firozabad (Uttar Pradesh), Amravati(Maharashtra) and Jhansi (Uttar Pradesh)

➤ **Category-3 (population under 3 Lakhs)**

Winner cities - Raebareli (Uttar Pradesh), Nalgonda (Telangana) and Nalagarh (Himachal Pradesh).

I&B Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw Named by TIME Magazine as one of most influential People in Technology and AI



- ❖ **Ashwini Vaishnaw** has been named by **TIME Magazine**, as one of the most influential people in the field of **Technology** and **Artificial Intelligence**.
- ❖ Mr Vaishnaw's name figures under the "**Shapers**" category of the list.
- ❖ Under his leadership, **India** is hoping to become **one of the top five countries** for **semiconductor manufacturing** in the **next five years**.

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