

DESCRIPTIVE SESSION

❖ International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons

- The United Nations observes 26 September every year as the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons.
- In 1946, the General Assembly's first resolution established that the Atomic Energy Commission has the mandate to make specific proposals for the control of nuclear energy and the elimination of not only atomic weapons but also all other major weapons adaptable to mass destruction.
- On July 7, 2017, the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons was adopted. This Treaty is so important since it is the first multilateral legally-binding instrument for nuclear disarmament to have been negotiated in 20 years.

❖ Antyodaya Divas

- Antyodaya Diwas is celebrated annually on 25th September in India.
- It marks the birth anniversary of Indian leader Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya and is celebrated in his honour to remember his life and legacy. He was one of the most prominent personalities in the history of Indian politics.
- This year, the Antyodaya Diwas marks the 105th birth anniversary of Upadhyaya. He was the co-founder of Bharatiya Jana Sangh (BJS) and a Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) thinker.
- Antyodaya means uplifting the poorest of the poor, the special day aims at reaching the weakest section of the society. On this day, Upadhyaya is remembered for his contribution to society and politics that he played in the upliftment of the poor.

❖ **Dilip Tirkey elected new Hockey India president**

- Olympian and Asian Games medalist Dilip Tirkey has been elected unopposed as the president of Hockey India, the governing body of the sport in the country.
- Dilip Tirkey is one of the most decorated hockey players in the country with as many as 412 caps.
- The 44-year-old, who led India men's hockey team in the past, was part of the Olympics teams in 1996, 2000 and 2004.
- He also was part of the Asia Cup-winning teams in 2003 and 2007.
- Meanwhile, Bola Nath Singh was appointed as the Secretary-General of Hockey India.

❖ **ICMR and AIIMS, DELHI**

- Dr. Rajiv Bahl, who currently is with the World Health Organisation has been appointed as Director General of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Secretary of the Department of Health Research for a period of three years.
- Bahl is currently the Head of Research on Maternal, Newborn Child and Adolescent Health-cum-Newborn Unit Head, Department of Maternal Newborn Child and Adolescent Health and Ageing, at the WHO in Geneva.
- M. Srinivas, Dean, ESIC Medical College and Hospital, Sanathnagar, Hyderabad was appointed Director, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi.
- All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, also known as AIIMS Delhi, is a globally acclaimed public medical research university and hospital based in New Delhi, India. The institute is governed by the AIIMS Act, 1956 and operates autonomously under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), the apex body in India for the formulation, coordination and promotion of biomedical research, is one of the oldest and largest medical research bodies in the world. The ICMR is funded by the Government of India through the Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

❖ **Indian activist-writer Meena Kandasamy wins 'Herman Keston Prize 2022'**

- Indian activist-author-poet Meena Kandasamy has been announced as the recipient of the Hermann Kesten Award 2022, which is given by the PEN Centre in Darmstadt, Germany.
- The award is given to Kandasamy in honour and recognition of her support for the rights of victimized writers.
- She won award for the books "The Gypsy Goddess," (2014) and "When I Hit You: Or, A Portrait of the Writer as a Young Wife" (2017).
- She has also published anthologies of her poems, most notably "Ms Militancy" (2010) and "# This Poem Will Provoke You and Other Poems" (2015).
- The PEN Center, Germany, will present the award to the Indian author at a ceremony in Darmstadt on November 15 this year. The winner will receive an amount of €20,000 (\$19,996) as prize money.

❖ **Indian-origin minister Suella Braverman wins first Queen Elizabeth II award**

- Britain's Indian-origin Home Secretary Suella Braverman has been named winner of the first-ever Queen Elizabeth II Woman of the Year award at Asian Achievers Awards (AAA) 2022 ceremony in London.
- Other Indian-origin winners across the different categories included broadcaster Naga Munchetty in the media category, chairman and CEO of celebrated visual effects firm DNEG Namit Malhotra in the Arts and Culture category, and Captain Harpreet Chandi in the Uniformed and Civil Service category for her solo expedition across the Antarctic to the South Pole earlier this year.
- Professor Sir Shankar Balasubramanian was named Professional of the Year for his pioneering DNA sequencing discovery and Karenjeet Kaur Bains won Sports Personality of the Year as the first female Sikh powerlifter to represent Britain on the global stage.
- Sherry Vaswani, CEO of IT services firm Xalient, won Entrepreneur of the Year and restaurateur brothers Shamil and Kavi Thakrar were named Business Persons of the Year as the founders of the successful Dishoom chain of restaurants.

➤ The Lifetime Achievement Award went to Kartar Lalvani, the founder of the UK's well-known health supplements brand Vitabiotics.

❖ **'Make in India' completes 8 years**

➤ Make in India, the flagship program of the Government of India that aspires to facilitate investment, foster innovation, enhance skill development, and build best-in-class manufacturing infrastructure, completes 8 years of path-breaking reforms on 25th September 2022.

➤ It was Launched in 2014. FDI inflows in India stood at US \$ 45.15 billion in 2014-2015. The year 2021-22 recorded the highest ever FDI at \$83.6 billion.

➤ "This FDI has come from 101 countries and invested across 31 UTs and States and 57 sectors in the country.

❖ **Gujarat gets over ₹2,832 crore loan from World Bank for health care**

➤ World Bank has approved a USD 350 million or over ₹2,832 crore loan to Gujarat for augmenting health services with a special focus on adolescent girls and disease surveillance in the state.

➤ The funding will come from the World Bank arm International Bank of Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), carrying a maturity of 18 years including a grace period of 5.5 years.

➤ Currently, Gujarat provides seven health services to its citizens including reproductive, maternal, and newborn, child and adolescent health, communicable and non-communicable diseases (NCDs).

➤ The loan will be utilised through the state government's Systems Reform Endeavours for Transformed Health Achievement in Gujarat (SRESTHA-G) Programme.

❖ **UCO Bank becomes first lender to get RBI's approval for rupee trade**

➤ Public sector lender UCO Bank has received the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) approval to open a special vostro account with Gazprombank of Russia for trade settlement in Indian rupees.

➤ The Kolkata-based lender is the first bank to receive regulator's approval following the RBI's decision to allow Indian banks to settle trade in Indian currency in July.

➤ UCO Bank was chosen by the Union government in 2012 as the payment bank for oil imports from Iran, after the United State tightened the earlier rounds of sanctions.

❖ **British Novelist and Booker Prize Winner Hilary Mantel Passes Away**

➤ Booker Prize winning novelist Dame Hilary Mantel passed away at the age of 70.

➤ The author of the Wolf Hall trilogy was regarded as one of the greatest English novelists of this century.

➤ She won the Booker Prize twice, for Wolf Hall and its sequel, Bring Up the Bodies, which also won the 2012 Costa Book of the Year.

➤ She was the author of 17 books.