

❖ World Tourism Day

- World Tourism Day 2022 is observed on 27 September globally. This day is celebrated every year to focus on promoting tourism in various parts of the world. It was initiated by the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO).
- The theme of World Tourism Day 2022 is 'Rethinking Tourism'. Everyone will focus on understanding the growth of the tourism sector and reviewing and redeveloping tourism after the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) started World Tourism Day in 1979. The celebrations for the same officially began in 1980. It is celebrated on 27 September every year because the date marks the anniversary of the adoption of the Statutes of UNWTO.
- WTO Founded: 1946; Headquarters: Madrid, Spain; Secretary-General; Zurab Pololikashvili.

❖ World Environmental Health Day

- September 26 is observed annually as World Environmental Health Day across the globe.
- It was established that year by the International Federation of Environmental Health (IFEH), a body of 44 member states, to raise awareness regarding the health of our environment.
- World Environmental Health Day theme 2022 is "Strengthening Environmental Health Systems for the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals"
- The International Federation of Environmental Health (IFEH) recognized September 26 as World Environmental Health Day in 2011.

❖ **“Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay – Jeevan Darshan Aur Samsamyikta” (five volumes)**

- The Vice President, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar has released the book titled “Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay – Jeevan Darshan Aur Samsamyikta” (five volumes) in New Delhi.
- Chief Editor of the book, Dr Bajrang Lal Gupta.

❖ **Breakthrough Prize 2023**

- The 2023 winners of the Breakthrough Prizes, dubbed the “Oscars of Science,” were announced and will split a total of more than \$15 million.
- 2023 Breakthrough Prize laureates, recognized for their game-changing discoveries in Fundamental Physics, Life Sciences and Mathematics, along with early-career scientists who have made significant contributions to their fields.
- Daniel A. Spielman has been honoured with the 2023 Breakthrough Prize in Mathematics for multiple discoveries in theoretical computer science and mathematics.
- Link: <https://breakthroughprize.org/News/73>

❖ **K Raja Prasad Reddy elected Indian Newspaper Society president**

- K Raja Prasad Reddy from Telugu daily Sakshi has been elected as the president of the Indian Newspaper Society (INS).
- Reddy succeeds Mohit Jain of the Economic Times.
- Rakesh Sharma from Aaj Samaj, a Hindi language newspaper, was elected as the INS deputy president and Mathrubhumi Arogya Masika's M V Shreyams Kumar the society's vice president at its 83rd annual general meeting.

❖ **RailTel Corp appoints Sanjai Kumar as its MD & chairman**

- RailTel Corporation of India Limited announced the appointment of Sanjai Kumar as Chairman & Managing Director of the company.
- He is an officer of the Indian Railway Service of Signal Engineers (IRSSE) with around 30 years of varied experience in Railway functioning, Project Management and marketing.

➤ RailTel, a Mini Ratna (Category-I) Central Public Sector Enterprise, is an Information and Communication Technology (ICT) provider and one of the largest neutral telecom infrastructure providers in the country.

❖ Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel launched 'Hamar Beti Hamar Maan' campaign

- Chhattisgarh government has decided to launch a campaign on women's safety titled 'Hamar Beti Hamar Maan' (our daughter, our honour).
- The focus of the campaign is creating awareness on safety measures among school- and college-going girls and prioritising registration and investigation of women-related crimes. The launch of the campaign was announced by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel.
- Under the campaign, lady police officers and personnel will visit schools and colleges in the state to hold discussions and give guidance on legal rights, good touch-bad touch and preventive measures against sexual harassment and exploitation, cybercrime and social media-related crime, to girl students.
- A helpline number will also be issued under the Hamar Beti Hamar Maan campaign. Details on the women's safety app and its use will also be shared with the school- and college-going girls.

❖ WORLD'S LARGEST ENCYCLOPAEDIC SANSKRIT DICTIONARY

- After several years, the doors of the scriptorium and the editorial room of the prestigious Encyclopaedic Sanskrit Dictionary at Pune's Deccan College Post-Graduate and Research Institute in Pune were opened for students and the general public.
- The year of completion of this gigantic dictionary project, which commenced in 1948, remains unknown. But the final word count is estimated to touch 20 lakh and would be the world's largest dictionary of Sanskrit.
- Linguist and Sanskrit Professor SM Katre, founder of India's oldest Department of Modern Linguistics in Deccan College, conceived this unique project in 1948 and served as the dictionary's first General Editor. It was later developed by Prof. AM Ghatage.

➤ The Project, KoshaSHRI, under which the website for online access of the Dictionary will be made, also consists of a customised software which is presently under testing and development.

❖ **World Bank approves 150 million dollars loan for Punjab to improve finances & service delivery**

➤ The World Bank (WB) has approved a loan of \$150 million (nearly ₹1,200 crores) to Punjab to help it better manage its financial resources and improve access to public services.

➤ The WB would support Punjab's efforts to strengthen the institutional capabilities of various government departments, manage fiscal risks, and make informed policy choices to support sustainable growth.

➤ The project will pilot two initiatives that will introduce a performance-based grants system to incentivize municipal corporations to improve service delivery, and it will demonstrate the delivery of 24×7 water supply in select areas in the cities of Amritsar and Ludhiana.

➤ The new project will support Punjab's development goals by strengthening planning, budgeting, and monitoring functions and leveraging digital technology.

➤ The WB is the collective name for the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and International Development Association (IDA).

❖ **Super Typhoon Noru hits the Philippines**

➤ Super Typhoon Noru slammed into the Philippines Sunday, battering the heavily populated main island of Luzon with strong winds and heavy rain that have forced hundreds of people to flee their homes.

➤ Noru, known locally as Karding, first made landfall as a super typhoon, but later weakened at 20:20 local time (12:20 GMT) on Sunday.

➤ It was last located over the coastal waters of Zambales province in central Luzon and headed to the South China Sea on its way to Vietnam.

❖ BATHUKAMMA festival

- This festival is celebrated for nine days during Durga Navratri in Telangana.
- 'Bathuku' means the life and Amma means the Mother. On a whole, it is a festival to worship the 'Life Giver', the universal energy - Goddess Shakti.
- Bathukamma is made up of seven concentric layers of flowers that are arranged in a pyramid shape. The arrangement signifies the mother goddess.
- As it is a festival of women, they dance around it singing Bathukamma Paatalu (i.e. songs praising Bathukamma).
- The Goddess is worshipped for the nine days and on the tenth day of the celebration, the goddess is immersed in the local waters after performing the rituals.

❖ Indian women's cricket great fast bowler Jhulan Goswami retires from international cricket

- Legendary Indian women's cricket fast bowler Jhulan Goswami has retired from international cricket on 24 September 2022. She has recorded his last match as a win against England.
- She was born in 1982 in West Bengal.
- It was her last International cricket match. Jhulan Gowswami started her International career against England in 2002 as a fast bowler. At one time she was the fastest bowler in international women cricket.
- The 39-year-old Jhulan has played 12 Tests, 203 ODIs and 68 T20Is for India, and has picked up 353 wickets across formats. Of those, 253 wickets have come in ODIs where she is the highest wicket-taker in women's cricket.
- She is at present the only women cricketer who has more than 200 wickets in ODI.
- She is a recipient of Arjuna Award (2010) and Padma Shri (2012).