

# 28th September

### INTERNATIONAL

#### 1) World's Best Universities

- The 20th edition of the World's Best Universities by the Times Higher Education (THE) rankings has been released. The top 10 universities are:
- University of Oxford, followed by Stanford University, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).
- The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore has made history by securing the top position among Indian universities.

#### 2) Earthquake Alerts System

- Google has launched its Earthquake Alerts System for Android smartphone users in India. The system was developed in collaboration with the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and the National Seismology Center.
- It offers early warnings of seismic activities and is available in multiple Indian languages.

### 3) World Talent rankings

- The 2023 World Talent Ranking was released by the International Institute for Management Development.
- India's rank: Slipped four spots to the 56th position (Out of 64 economies) compared to its 52nd position in the 2022 ranking.
- In the IMD World Talent Ranking for 2023, Switzerland secured the top position, followed by Luxembourg in second place, and Iceland, Belgium, and the Netherlands rounding out the top five.





## 4) "100 Practical Use Cases of Generative AI in Media"

- The UAE Ministry of Artificial Intelligence, Digital Economy and Remote Work Applications, in collaboration with the Dubai Media Council, has officially launched a groundbreaking guide titled '100 Practical Use Cases of Generative AI in Media.'
- This comprehensive guide represents a treasure trove of insights and applications for media professionals keen on exploring the transformative potential of AI technologies across various industry sectors.

### NATIONAL

### 1) "Smart Cities Mission, India: Localizing Sustainable Development Goals"

- "Smart Cities Mission, India: Localizing Sustainable Development Goals" report, prepared jointly by the Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry and UN-Habitat.
- The report reveals that over 70% of projects under the Smart Cities Mission in India are in sync with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.
- According to the report, while SCM projects have made significant contributions to 15 out of the 17 SDGs, approximately 44% are aligned with the objectives of SDG 11.

#### 2) "Swavlamban 2.0"

- The Indian Navy is set launch 'Swavlamban 2.0', which will provide an update on what has been achieved so far and the way ahead.
- The Navy has surpassed its target set last year to develop 75 futuristic technologies in partnership with domestic Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) and startups, and these will be unveiled at the second edition of the Swavlamban seminar and exhibition to be held on October 4 and 5.





## 3) Eid Milad-un-Nabi

- Eid Milad-un-Nabi, the birthday of Prophet Hazrat Muhammad is being celebrated with religious fervour in various parts of the country.
- "Milaad Mehfils"and "Seerat Conferences" are being held highlighting the different aspects of life and teachings of Prophet Muhammad.

### STATE NEWS

### 1) "Best Tourism Village 2023"

- Kongthong Village in the East Khasi Hills district achieved a remarkable milestone by winning the prestigious title of "Best Tourism Village 2023" at the esteemed National Tourism Awards.
- The award is presented annually by the Ministry of Tourism to foster healthy competition and promote tourism across the country.

### 2) Pitra Paksha Mela

- The world -famous Pitra Paksha Mela was launched in Bihar's Gaya city. The main inaugural function has been organized at Vishnupad Temple.
- Pitra Paksha is dedicated to the departed souls and is meant for pleasing them, asking for forgiveness, and ridding oneself of the Pitra Dosha.

### **SPORTS**

### 1) Asian Games 2023

- India's Naorem Roshibina Devi won the silver medal in the women's 60kg sanda wushu event at the Asian Games 2023.
- It was the Indian's second Asian Games medal in successive editions. She won bronze at the 2018 Games in Jakarta.





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# 2) Badminton World Junior Championships

• At the Badminton World Junior Championships, India's Badminton team recorded impressive 5-0 win over Brazil at Spokane in the United States.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### 1) World Rabies Day

- Every year, World Rabies Day is observed on September 28. The day serves as a global initiative to raise awareness about rabies, a deadly zoonotic disease that claims the lives of thousands of people each year.
- Observed by: Global Alliance for Rabies Control (GARC) and recognized by the World Health Organization
- Theme of 2023: "All for 1, One Health for All".

### 2) World Maritime Day

- Every year, World Maritime Day is observed on the last Thursday of every September, to honor the tireless work of the international maritime industry workers.
- In 2023, the day is observed on September 28.
- The word 'maritime' comes from the Latin word 'maritimus,' which means 'of the sea.
- Theme of 2023: "MARPOL at 50 Our commitment goes on".

### 3) International Day for Universal Access to Information

• Every year, International Day for Universal Access to Information is observed on September 28, to emphasizes the significance of an informed citizenry and highlights the theme of the online space's pivotal role in ensuring access to information.



