

# 26th September

# NATIONAL

#### 1) First green hydrogen-powered bus

- The Indian Oil Corporation inaugurated the first green hydrogen-powered bus. Oil Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, during the ceremonial flag-off of these innovative buses, emphasized that hydrogen is set to become India's transitional fuel, paving the way for a cleaner, more sustainable future.
- The IOC's Research and Development Center in Faridabad is spearheading the production of green hydrogen for the initial pilot run.

### 2) Dadasaheb Phalke Lifetime Achievement Award

• Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Anurag Thakur, announced that the accomplished actor, Waheeda Rehman, will be honored with the prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke Lifetime Achievement Award, India's highest recognition in the world of cinema.

#### 3) "Khamree Mo Sikkim" outreach programme

• Maruti Suzuki India has embarked on a unique journey of collaboration and empowerment by teaming up with the Indian Navy. Their joint mission is to create awareness about career opportunities among the youth of Northeastern India through the 'Khamree Mo Sikkim' outreach programme.



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# **BUSINESS AND ECONOMY**

# 1) RBI Penalty on 3 banks

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed penalties on three prominent stateowned banks, State Bank of India (SBI), Indian Bank and Punjab & Sind Bank, for their non-compliance with various regulatory norms.
- The RBI imposed a monetary penalty of ₹1.30 Crore on the State Bank of India as the bank was found to be in violation of the guidelines pertaining to 'Loans and Advances – Statutory and Other Restrictions' and 'Guidelines on Management of Intra-Group Transactions and Exposures.'
- Punjab & Sind Bank faced a penalty of ₹1.00 Crore for non-compliance
- Indian Bank faced a substantial penalty of ₹1.62 Crore for its non-compliance.

# 2) Amazon To Invest Up To \$4 Billion In AI Startup Anthropic

- Amazon has announced a strategic investment of up to \$4 billion for minority stake in Anthropic, an AI startup to enhance its presence in generative artificial intelligence.
- Anthropic, founded by veterans from OpenAI. It aims to create chatbots and AI applications that prioritize safety and reliability while performing tasks such as summarization, search, question-answering, and coding.

# **APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS**

# 1) Amit Khare

• The Centre has decided to extend the tenure of Amit Khare, a retired IAS officer, as Adviser to the Prime Minister. Amit Khare is a 1985-batch Jharkhand-cadre IAS officer who retired as the higher education secretary.



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# 2) Katrina Kaif

• Japanese clothing giant Uniqlo appointed Bollywood actress Katrina Kaif, as the brand's first ambassador in India. Uniqlo is a key brand within Fast Retailing, Japan's largest fashion group.

# 3) Pramila Malik

- Biju Janata Dal (BJD) party member Pramila Malik became the first woman Speaker of the Odisha Assembly.
- Pramila Malik has been a six-time MLA from the Binjharpur assembly seat in Jajpur district of Odisha. This seat is reserved for the Scheduled Caste community.

# **OBITUARY**

### 1) David McCallum

- David McCallum, British actor, who played a secret agent in the 1960s spy drama 'The Man From U.N.C.L.E.' has died at the age of 90.
- Mr McCallum also starred in films including 'The Great Escape', 'The Greatest Story Ever Told' and 'A Night To Remember'.

# **SPORTS**

#### 1) Asian Games 2023

• India's team, comprising Rudrankksh Patil, Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar, and Divyansh Singh Panwar, secured the gold medal in the highly competitive men's 10m air rifle team event at the Asian Games 2023.

#### 2) Asian Games cricket competition

• In the Asian Games cricket competition, India emerged victorious against the formidable Sri Lankan team, securing the gold medal with a 19-run victory.



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- After winning the toss, they chose to bat first and managed to reach a total of 116-7 in their allotted 20 overs.
- The key partnership of Smriti Mandhana, who contributed with 46 runs, and Jemimah Rodrigues, who added 42, played a pivotal role in setting up a competitive target for Sri Lanka.

# **IMPORTANT DAYS**

### 1) 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.
- The aim of the day is to enhance public awareness about the threat posed to humanity by nuclear weapons and the necessity for their total elimination.

### 2) World Environmental Health Day

- Every year, the World Environmental Health Day is observed on 26th September to highlight the intricate relationship between humans and their environment.
- Theme of 2023: "Global Environmental Public Health: Standing up to protect everyone's Health each and every day"



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