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September 29th

INTERNATIONAL

1) Global Innovation Index 2023

- The Global Innovation Index 2023 is published by the World Intellectual Property Organisation.
- India retains 40th rank out of 132 economies in the Global Innovation Index 2023.
- Switzerland is the most innovative economy in 2023 followed by Sweden, the United States, the United Kingdom and Singapore.

NATIONAL

1) Dornier Do-228 aircraft

- The Indian Air Force has celebrated the arrival of the first of six state-of-the-art Dornier Do-228 aircraft, exclusively manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).
- The foundation for this crucial development was laid in March when the Ministry of Defence inked a deal with HAL for the procurement of six Dornier-228 aircraft, allocating a budget of Rs 667 crore.

2) UPSRTC Model Driving Training and Research Institute

- SP Singh, the principal of the UPSRTC Model Driving Training and Research Institute, has earned a remarkable distinction by securing a place in the prestigious India Book of Records.
- The primary objective of this initiative is to provide essential tools for maintaining cleanliness in various surroundings.















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3) Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit

- Narendra Modi, inaugurated the 20th anniversary of the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit. This prestigious event took place at Science City in Ahmedabad.
- The inception of the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit occurred two decades ago.

4) "India-UN Capacity Building Initiative"

- India and the United Nations have jointly introduced a significant capacity-building initiative known as the "India-UN Capacity Building Initiative."
- The initiative is designed to facilitate the sharing of India's development experiences, best practices, and expertise with partner countries in the Global South.

5) "CRIIIO 4 GOOD"

- Union Minister for Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Dharmendra Pradhan, unveiled a new online life skills learning module called 'CRIIIO 4 GOOD.'
- The program's primary aim is to promote gender equality among girls and boys.
- It was launched in collaboration with the International Cricket Council, UNICEF, and the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) International Day of Awareness on Food Loss and Waste Reduction

- Every year 29th September, International Day of Awareness on Food Loss and Waste Reduction is observed.
- It is an opportunity to raise awareness of the issue of food loss and waste, and to promote actions to reduce it.















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Theme of 2023: "Reducing food loss and waste: Taking Action to Transform Food Systems."

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1) Angiostrongylus cantonensis

- Angiostrongylus cantonensis, also known as Rat lungworm, is creating panic conditions in southeastern America.
- Traditionally found in Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands, this invasive parasite is now making its presence felt in Texas, Louisiana, Alabama, Florida, and, most recently, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Rat lungworm is transmitted through the consumption of contaminated food, including fresh produce and escargots.
- It can cause inflammation in the brain or spinal cord.

2) 371-day stay in space

- Nasa astronaut Frank Rubio, accompanied by fellow crew members, made a historic return to Earth after an extraordinary 371-day stay in space.
- Rubio's journey back to Earth commenced with his departure from the International Space Station (ISS), alongside Roscosmos cosmonauts Sergey Prokopyev and Dmitri Petelin.

GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENT

- 1) "Methane emissions in livestock and rice systems: Sources, quantification, mitigation, and metrics"
- A report published by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations highlights the significant impact of methane emissions from ruminant livestock and rice paddies on the environment.















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The report, titled "Methane emissions in livestock and rice systems: Sources, quantification, mitigation, and metrics," emphasizes the need for effective strategies to manage these emissions and mitigate their effects on climate change.

OBITUARY

1) M.S. Swaminathan

- Mankombu Sambasiyan Swaminathan, also known as M.S. Swaminathan, was a legendary figure in the field of agriculture and a true humanitarian, passed away at the age of 98.
- Swaminathan collaborated with fellow scientist Norman Borlaug and others to develop high-yielding varieties of wheat and rice. This marked the inception of the "Green Revolution".
- In 1987, he was honored with the first-ever World Food Prize for his role in introducing high-yielding wheat and rice varieties to India.















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