

CURRENT AFFAIRS OF SEPTEMBER 2023

Awards

The veteran Hindi film actress who has been chosen for the 53rd Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2023 – **Waheed Rehman**

Defence

The Air Force station at which Bharat Drone Shakti 2023, a first-of-its-kind drone exhibition cum display was jointly organised by Indian Air Force (IAF) and Drone Federation of India (DFI) – **Hindon, U.P.**

The 19th edition of joint military exercise conducted by Indian Army and US Army from 25th September to 8th October 2023 in Fort Wainwright, Alaska, USA is named – **Exercise Yudh Abhyas**

The bilateral naval exercise conducted by Indian Navy and Singapore Navy from 21 to 24 September at Singapore is named – **SIMBEX-2023**

The transport aircraft manufactured by Airbus Spain which was inducted into the Indian Air Force to replace Avro HS-748 aircraft at Hindon AF Station – **Airbus C295**

Persons

The Indian agricultural scientist acclaimed as the Father of Green Revolution in India, winner of World Food Prize (1987), Ramon Magsaysay award (1971) who passed away on 28 Sep 2023 – **Dr. MS Swaminathan**

The well-known political cartoonist associated with The Times of India and India Today who passed away on 08 September 2023 – **Ajit Ninan**

The actor, writer and director of Hindi movies who has been appointed the President of Film and Television Institute of India – **R. Madhavan**

The Singaporean politician, economist and statesman who has been elected to be the new President of the country from 14 September 2023 – **Tharman Shanmugaratnam**

The Indian Railway Traffic Service officer who has become the first woman CEO and Chairperson of the Railway Board – **Ms. Jaya Verma Sinha**

Places

The place in Uttarakhand where India's first Cartography Museum was inaugurated recently – **Mussoorie**

The place in Goa, at which India's first lighthouse festival, Bharatiya Prakash Sthamb Utsav was inaugurated by Union Minister Shri Sarbananda Sonowal – **Fort Aguada, Panjim**

The place in Madhya Pradesh which has become India's first solar city with its 3 MW solar power plant becoming operational – **Sanchi**

The country which has launched the Smart Lander for Investigating Moon (Slim) nicknamed Moon Sniper aboard its rocket H-IIA on 07 September 2023 – **Japan**

The venue of 20th ASEAN-India Summit on 07 September 2023 attended by Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi – **Jakarta, Indonesia**

Sports

The tennis player from Romania who has been banned by the International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA) for four years for doping – **Simona Halep**

The Indian badminton player who has won the Indonesia Masters Super 100 men's singles title defeating Japan's Koo Takahashi in the finals – **Kiran George**

The team which has won the 2023 FIBA Basketball World Cup for the first time (defeating Serbia in the finals) – **Germany**

The team which has won the Hockey 5s Asia Cup 2023 by defeating Pakistan in the finals at Salalah, Oman – **India**

The team which has won the Durand Cup 2023 football tournaments defeating East Bengal in the finals – **Mohun Bagan SG**

Miscellaneous

The Malayalam film which has been chosen to be India's official entry at the Academy Awards 2024 – **2018: Everyone is a Hero**

The rank of India in the Global Innovation Index 2023 published by the World Intellectual Property Organization – **40**

The state which has notified the establishment of Durgavati Tiger Reserve as its 7th tiger reserve (country's 54th tiger reserve) – **Madhya Pradesh**

The new name of Udhampur railway station as decided by Jammu and Kashmir administration – **Martyr Tushar Mahajan Railway Station**

The US state which has declared October as the Hindu Heritage month – **Georgia**

UNESCO World Heritage Sites

The following place in India have been added to the UNESCO World Heritage Sites list

1. **Sacred Ensembles of Hoysalas:** They are a group of 3 temples built by the Hoysala dynasty between 12th and 13th centuries in Karnataka. The temples are:

1. Chennakeshava Temple is located in Belur (Hassan)
2. Hoysaleswara Temple is located in Halebidu (Hassan)
3. Keshav Temple in Somnathpura (Mysuru)

2. **Santiniketan**: Santiniketan was founded as an ashram by Debendranath Tagore, father of Rabindranath Tagore in the 19th century. It is connected to the life and philosophy of Rabindranath Tagore, the leading figure of the Bengali Renaissance.

Launch of Solar Observation Satellite Aditya-L1

Aditya-L1 is a solar observation satellite launched by Indian Space Research Organisation. The Aditya-L1 mission will take around 109 Earth days after launch to reach the halo orbit around the L1 point, which is about 1,500,000 km from Earth. The planned mission duration is 5.2 years from the date of launch.

Launch date: 02 Sep 2023, 11.50 IST

Launch vehicle: PSLV-XL

Launch site: Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota

What is point L1?

Ans: L1 or Lagrange Point 1 is one of the 5 points located between the sun and the earth where the gravitational pull of two large masses precisely equals the centripetal force required for a small object to move with them. They have been named after the Italian-French mathematician Joseph-Louis Lagrange. WIND and SOHO are other spacecraft positioned at L1 point. The L1 point of the Earth-Sun system affords an uninterrupted view of the sun.

US Open 2023

Title	Winner	Runner-up
Men's Singles	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)	Daniil Medvedev (Russia)
Women's Singles	Coco Gauff (USA)	Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus)
Men's Doubles	Rajiv Ram (USA) and Joe Salisbury (UK)	Rohan Bopanna (India) and Matthew Ebden (Australia)
Women's Doubles	Gabriela Dabrowski (Canada) and Erin Routliffe (New Zealand)	Laura Siegemund (Germany) and Vera Zvonareva (Russia)
Mixed Doubles	Anna Danilina (Kazakhstan) and Harri Heliövaara (Finland)	Jessica Pegula and Austin Krajicek (USA)

Note: **Novak Djokovic** now has the maximum number of Grand Slam Men's Singles titles i.e. 24.

Anthem for ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023

Title: **Dil Jashn Bole**

Composer: **Pritam**

Lyricist: **Shloke Lal and Saaveri Verma**

Vocal artists: **Nakash Aziz, Sreerama Chandra, Amit Mishra, Jonita Gandhi, AKASA, and Charan.**

Featuring: **Ranveer Singh, Dhanashree Verma**

ICC Asia Cup 2023

Held from 30 August to 17 September 2023.

Hosts: **Pakistan and Sri Lanka**

Winners: **India** (8th title)

Runners-up: **Sri Lanka**

Player of the series: **Kuldeep Yadav** (India)

Most runs: **Shubman Gill** (302) (India)

Most wickets: **Matheesha Pathirana** (11) (Sri Lanka)

Teams: India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal and Afghanistan

Finals played at **R. Premadasa Stadium**, Colombo

Player of the match of the finals: **Mohammed Siraj** (India). Mohammed Siraj also became the first Indian bowler to claim 4 wickets in an over in ODI.

65th Ramon Magsaysay Awards

The following have been awarded the 65th Ramon Magsaysay Awards:

Mr. Korvi Rakshand (Bangladesh): For developing inclusive education for the underprivileged children in Bangladesh

Mr. Eugenio Lemos (Timor-Leste): For notable contributions to how young Timorese views nature and their surroundings.

Ms. Miriam Coronel-Ferrer (Philippines): For unwavering belief in the transformative power of non-violent strategies in peacebuilding

Dr Ravi Kannan R (India): Strong devotion to his medical profession, focusing on what medicine is truly for: pro-health and people-centred treatment.

Important Days of September

<p>International Day of Charity: 05 September 2023 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 2013 Note: 05 September is the death anniversary of Mother Teresa</p>
<p>International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies: 07 September 2023 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 2020 Theme: Together for clean air</p>
<p>International Literacy Day: 08 September 2023 Designated by: UNESCO First observed: 1996 Theme: Promoting literacy for a world in transition: Building the foundation for sustainable and peaceful societies</p>
<p>World Suicide Prevention Day: 10 September 2023 Designated by: International Association for Suicide Prevention First observed: 2003 Theme: Creating Hope through Action</p>
<p>International Day of Democracy: 15 September 2023 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 2008 Theme: Empowering the Next Generation</p>
<p>International Day for Preservation of Ozone Layer: 16 September 2023 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 1995</p>
<p>World Patient Safety Day: 17 September 2023 Designated by: World Health Organisation First observed: 2019 Theme: Engaging patients for patient safety</p>
<p>International Day of Peace: 21 September 2023 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 1982 Theme: Actions for peace: Our ambition for the #GlobalGoals</p>
<p>International Day of Sign Languages: 23 September 2023 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 2020 Theme: A World Where Deaf People Everywhere Can Sign Anywhere!</p>
<p>International Day for Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons: 26 September 2023 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 2014</p>
<p>World Tourism Day: 27 September 2023 Designated by: UNWTO First observed: 1980 Theme: Tourism and Green Investment</p>

<p>World Rabies Day: 28 September 2023 Designated by: Global Alliance for Rabies Control First observed: 1980 Theme: All for 1, One Health for All</p>
<p>International Day for Universal Access to Information: 28 September 2023 Designated by: UNESCO First observed: 2016 Theme: The importance of the online space for access to information</p>
<p>World Maritime Day: 28 September 2023 Designated by: International Maritime Organisation First observed: 1978 Theme: MARPOL at 50 — Our commitment goes on Note: Maritime Pollution or MARPOL is the reference to International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships which was adopted on October 2, 1973.</p>
<p>International Translation Day: 30 September 2023 Designated by: Federation of International Translators and UN General Assembly First observed: 1953 (by FIT) and 2020 (by UN)</p>

Constitution (128th Amendment) Bill, 2023

Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam

Aim: To provide reservation to women in Parliament and State Assemblies

Insertions of Articles in the Constitution of India:

Insertion of **Clause ba, bb, bc to Article 239AA** to provide reservation to women in Legislative Assembly of Delhi.

Insertion of **Article 330A (1), (2) and (3)** to provide reservation to women in Lok Sabha.

Insertion of **Article 332A (1), (2) and (3)** to provide reservation to women in Legislative Assembly of every state.

Insertion of **Article 334A (1), (2), (3) and (4)** to provide that the reservation will come into effect after an exercise of delimitation is undertaken after relevant figures for the first census taken after the 128th amendment. Rotation of seats will take place after each subsequent delimitation.

New GI Tags

The following items have been bestowed Geographical Indication (GI) tags recently

Bhaderwah Rajmash from Doda and Ramban districts (J&K)

Sulai honey from Ramban district (J&K)

Salem Sago from Salem district (Tamil Nadu)