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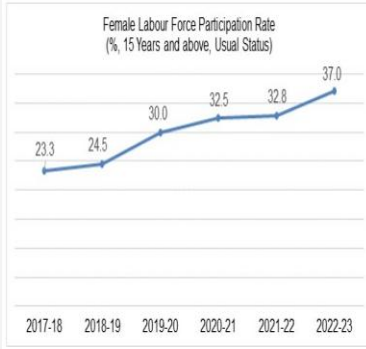
<p>Project Nilgri Tahr</p> 	<p>Context : Government of Tamilnadu launched Project Nilgri Tahr at 25 crore.</p> <p>Nilgri Tahr:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Nilgiri Tahr is the state animal of Tamil Nadu. It inhabits the southern part of the Nilgiri Hills and the Western and Eastern Ghats in the states of Kerala.• The species is classified as "endangered" by the International Union for Conservation of Nature. <p>Nilgri Tahr Day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• October 7 celebrated as 'Nilgiri Tahr Day' in honour of E.R.C. Davidar.• He was responsible for pioneering one of the first studies on Nilgiri Tahr in 1975.
<p>India's first wetland city</p> 	<p>Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Rajasthan government, in collaboration with the Environment and Forest Department, is making concerted efforts to elevate Udaipur. <p>Udaipur:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It is ecological significance poised to fulfill all the requirements stipulated by the Ramsar Convention. Covering an area of 37 square kilometers, the city is graced by five major lakes <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Pichola,2. Fateh Sagar3. Rang Sagar,4. Swaroop Sagar,5. Doodh Talai. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• These stunning bodies of water collectively known as the 'City of Lakes'.
<p>Female labor force participation rate</p>	<p>Context Female Labour Force Participation increased 4.7% compared to previous year according to Periodic Labour Force Survey</p>



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Report.

Periodic Labour Force Survey Report:

- **National Sample Survey Office (NSSO)** launched Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) in **April 2017**.
- The objective of PLFS is to estimate the key employment and unemployment indicators (viz. Worker Population Ratio, Labour Force Participation Rate, Unemployment Rate) in the short time interval of **three months** in both rural and urban areas annually.

Female Labour Force Participation:

- Female Labour Force Participation Rate in the country has improved significantly by 4.2 percentage points to **37.0%** in 2023.

UMMEED



Context

Ministry of Education has released guidelines for schools called UMMEED.

UMMEED:(Understand, Motivate, Manage, Empathise, Empower and Develop)

Key points:

- The guidelines are intended to address the growing concern among students about self-harm and suicide.
- The guidelines, based on the principle that **'every child matters'**, are now open for public comment and provide clear mechanisms for schools to improve the handling of self-harm cases.
- The proposed measures include the establishment of a **School Wellness Team (SWT)** responsible for identifying students showing warning signs and those at risk of self-harm and providing immediate response and support to their needs.

Ferry services

Context

- Ferry Services started between India and Srilanka

Key Points :


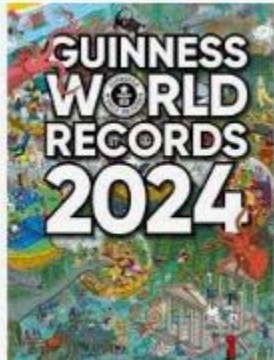
- Central government has started the ferry service between **Nagapattinam in India and Kankesanthurai**



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	<p>in Sri Lanka on October 14.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The service aims to enhance trade, tourism and people-to-people connectivity while creating new employment opportunities for the youth of both countries.
<p>Sathyarjit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award</p> 	<p>Sathyarjit Ray Life Time Achievement Award :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award is an international honor instituted by the International Film Festival of India. The recipient is honored for their "outstanding contribution to the growth and development of World cinema The award was first instituted in the year 1999 from the 30th IFFI(International Film Festival of India) During 52nd International Film Festival of India is name of life time achievement award changed as Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award. <p>Sathyarjit Ray Life Time Achievement Award 2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renowned Hollywood actor Michael Douglas is set to receive the prestigious Satyajit Ray Excellence in Film Lifetime Award at the 54th International Film Festival to be held in Goa.
<p>Guinness Book of World Records 2024</p> 	<p>Context : Sixty India's records placed in 2024 Guinness Book of World Records</p> <p>Guinness Book of World Records:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Guinness Book of World Records, is a British book published every year listing world records both of human achievements and the extremes of the natural world. It is founded by Norris and Ross McWhirter Started publishing from August 1955. <p>Guinness Book of World Records 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every year new records are added and updated in Guinness Book of World Records. Total 2638 records have been entered in 2024. Out of which India's record is 60. Some of them are



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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mukesh Ambani's 27-storey house "Antilia" has the honor of being the tallest and most expensive private house in the world. 2. .Rupa Ganesan from Tamil Nadu has done a mermaid yoga pose for more than 1.15 hours.
<p>World Health Summit</p> 	<p>World Health Summit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The World Health Summit is an international conference that has been held in Berlin every October since 2009. • The World Health Summit brings together stakeholders from politics, science, the private sector, and civil society from around the world to set the agenda for a healthier future by inspiring innovative solutions for better health and well-being for all. <p>World Health Summit 2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The event takes place in Berlin, Germany and online from 15–17 October under the theme "A Defining Year for Global Health Action". <p>Central topics at the World Health Summit 2023 include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Learning from COVID-19 for future pandemic prevention 2. Preparedness and response 3. Recommitting to universal health coverage 4. Sustainable health for people and planet 5. G7/G20 measures to enhance global health equity and security 6. Harnessing the power of digital technologies for global health 7. The World Health Organization's 75th anniversary. 8. Innovations to accelerate the fight against tuberculosis.
<p>World Students' Day</p>	<p>World Students' Day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Students Day, observed on October 15 each year, is a day dedicated to commemorating the birth anniversary of the late Indian President, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. • This day is a tribute to his remarkable contributions to education and his unwavering commitment to the welfare of children and students across India and the



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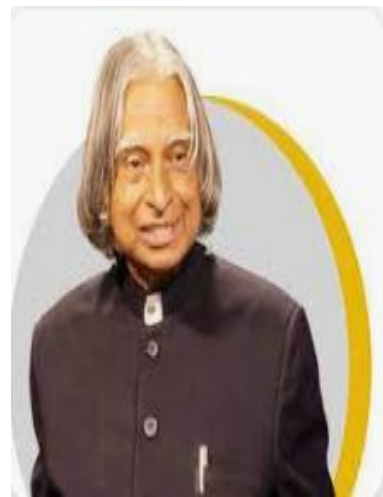
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world.

- The theme for World Students Day 2023 is “**FAIL: stands for First Attempt in Learning.**”
- This theme, introduced by the **Ministry of Education and the Government of India**, aims to motivate students to embrace failure as a learning experience and continue their educational journey.

APJ Abdul Kalam



APJ Abdul Kalam:

- APJ Abdul Kalam, popularly known as the “**Missile Man of India**,” was an eminent scientist, educator, and statesman.
- He was the **11th** President of India from 2002 to 2007.
- He was born on 15th October 1931, in Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu, India.
- His full name was Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam.
- APJ Abdul Kalam played a significant role in the development of India’s missile program.
- He was instrumental in the design and development of the **Agni, Prithvi, and Akash** missiles, which made India self-sufficient in missile technology.
- Kalam was also the chief architect of India’s nuclear weapon program
- He played a crucial role in the **Pokhran-II** nuclear tests conducted in **1998**.
- He wrote books such as
 1. Wings of Fire
 2. Ignited Minds
 3. My Journey
 4. India 2020

International Rural Women's Day

International Rural Women's Day:

- The International Day of Rural Women, celebrated annually on October 15, is a day dedicated to recognizing the vital contributions of rural women worldwide.
- On **18th December 2007**, the United Nations General Assembly passed resolution and acknowledging the crucial role of rural women in agricultural and rural development.



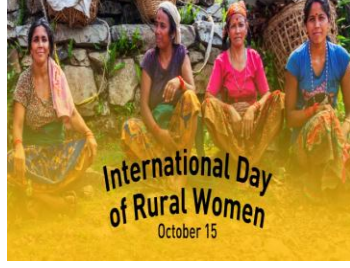
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- On **15th October 2008**, the first-ever International Day of Rural Women celebrated.
- The theme of International Day of Rural Women 2023 is **“Rural Women Cultivating Good For All”**.
- This theme underscores the essential role that all rural women and girls, including indigenous and tribal women, play in agricultural labor, particularly in developing nations



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