General Awareness

The week from 25 September 2023 to 01 October 2023

The Asian Games, postponed in 2022 due to the CoVid-19 pandemic, began in Hangzhou, China on 23 Sep 2023. Hangzhou is the third city in China to host the Asian Games after Beijing (1990) and Guangzhou (2010).

The Indian men's hockey team created history by defeating Pakistan 10-2 in a match at the Asian Games. The Indian women's cricket team won the gold medal beating Sri Lanka in the final. India also won an equestrian gold after 41 years, thanks to the Dressage Team.

The Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve, spread across Sagar, Damoh and Narsinghpur districts, has been established in Madhya Pradesh. A green corridor will link Panna Tiger Reserve (PTR) with Durgavati TR, to allow natural movement of tigers between the two reserves.

M S Swaminathan, father of India's Green Revolution, passed away aged 98. Swaminathan was instrumental in developing high-yielding varieties of paddy and wheat that helped ensure India's low-income farmers produce more yield. In 1987 he was awarded the first World Food Prize.

Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) launched the nation's first green hydrogen-powered bus, an initiative to reduce India's dependency on fossil fuels. Green hydrogen is produced through electrolysis of water using electricity from renewable sources.

The George Everest Cartography Museum was inaugurated in the Hathipaon region of Mussoorie, Uttarakhand. The helipad has been named after mathematician Radhanath Sikdar who calculated the height of the world's highest peak, Mount Everest, for the first time in history.

The upcoming Noida International Airport (NIA) in Jewar (UP) has received its own unique international three-letter code, 'DXN,' from the International Air Transport Association (IATA). This airport will augment Delhi's existing. Indira Gandhi Airport (DEL).

India's Asian Games 2023 medal tally, thus far, is 55 medals- 13 gold, 21 silver and 21 bronze. The 655-member squad is well placed to beat the record haul by the 570-strong Jakarta (2018) squad which claimed a total of 70 medals- 16 gold, 23 silver and 31 bronze.

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