

# CURRENT AFFAIRS



## CAC - 17th September 2017:

### International Current Affairs:

- Nepal today began its first-ever survey to remeasure Mount Everest to check if the world's tallest peak's height was altered by the 7.8-magnitude earthquake that struck the country in 2015.

#### Pro Tip:

The official height of Mount Everest, which lies in the Mahalangur Himal sub-range of the Himalayas, is 8,848 metres (29,029 feet), first recorded by an Indian survey in 1954.

- The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), has taken Snow Leopard off the "endangered" list, where it was included in 1972.

#### Pro Tip:

In the new assessment, IUCN has placed the animal under the less-threatened "vulnerable" category.

To be considered endangered, species need to have global populations of fewer than 2,500 adults with a decline rate of 20% over 16 years.

### National Current Affairs:

- To celebrate the 67th birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Bharatiya Janata Party is observing 'Seva Diwas (Day of Service)' today across the country. All the party leaders attending medical camps, blood donation events, and taking part in cleanliness drives.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi today inaugurated Sardar Sarovar Dam at Gujarat's Kevadia.

#### Pro Tip:

This day is India's biggest and the world's second-biggest dam.

The foundation stone for the project was laid by then Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru in 1961, and the project has been completed after 56 years.

The Electricity from the dam will majorly benefit Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, and Gujarat.

- According to a recently released circular by Indian Railways, passengers in reserved coaches of trains will now only be allowed to sleep between 10 pm and 6 am.

The provision comes in place to allow others to sit on seats for the remaining time, after officials reported issues between passengers over sleeping arrangements.

- Over 3,500 people, including 1,000 Coast Guard personnel, on Saturday took part in an annual cleaning drive at three Mumbai beaches to mark the International Coastal Cleanup Day.

### Sports Current Affairs:

- Indian Ace shuttler PV Sindhu became the first Indian to lift the Korea Open Superseries title. In finals she defeated World Championships gold winner, Japan's Nozomi Okuhara.
- Former India captain MS Dhoni completed 100 fifties in international cricket, reaching the milestone in the first ODI against Australia at Chennai today. Dhoni is the 14th batsman to accomplish the feat, with Sachin Tendulkar leading the list with 164 fifties in international cricket.
- Windies' cricketer Chris Gayle became the first batsman to hit 100 sixes in T20I cricket.
- South African all-rounder JP Duminy announced his retirement from Tests and first-class cricket with immediate effect.

