



### World Rabies Day

It is celebrated annually to raise awareness about rabies prevention and to highlight progress in defeating this horrifying disease.

- ❖ 28 September this year is marking the 18th World Rabies Day.
- ❖ This year's World Rabies Day theme is: "Breaking Rabies Boundaries".
- ❖ 28 September also marks the anniversary of Louis Pasteur's death, the French chemist and microbiologist, who developed the first rabies vaccine.

### World Tourism Day

As the world celebrates World Tourism Day, this year the theme "Tourism and Peace" takes center stage, highlighting the sector's crucial role in fostering global harmony and understanding.

- ❖ World Tourism Day, established in 1980 by the UNWTO, celebrates the global impact of tourism and raises awareness about its economic, social, and cultural significance.
- ❖ The date, September 27, was chosen to commemorate the adoption of UNWTO statutes in 1975.

### Tourism Ministry Launches 'Paryatan Mitra' and 'Paryatan Didi' on World Tourism Day

On the occasion of World Tourism Day, the Ministry of Tourism has launched a national responsible tourism initiative titled Paryatan Mitra and Paryatan Didi. The primary aim of this initiative is to elevate the overall experience for tourists in destinations, by having them meet 'tourist-friendly' people who are proud Ambassadors and Storytellers for their destination.

- ❖ As of September 27, 2024, the Minister of Tourism in India is Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.

### Shigeru Ishiba to become Japan's next Prime Minister:

Shigeru Ishiba has secured his place as Japan's 102nd Prime Minister, a significant milestone achieved after five attempts to lead the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP).

- ❖ His appointment follows a highly competitive race involving nine candidates to succeed the outgoing Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, who resigned amid political scandals and growing calls for his departure.

- ❖ Ishiba's leadership victory marks a pivotal moment in Japan's politics, and his upcoming debut on the global stage will be at the G20 Summit in November, where he is expected to meet Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

- ❖ This marks an improvement from last year, when the country was ranked 40th.
- ❖ Piyush Goyal is the current Minister of Commerce and Industry in India.

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