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### US formally notified UN of its Decision to Withdraw from WHO; Serves Notice Period till July 6, 2021



United States of America (USA), as a depository of the 1946 Constitution of the World Health Organization (WHO), has formally notified the United Nations (UN) of its decision of withdrawal from the global health body, WHO. The US, which has been a party to the WHO Constitution since June 21, 1948 is the largest funder to the WHO,

contributing more than USD 450 million per annum.

**Reason behind breaking off tied with WHO**-The US has accused the WHO as ‘puppet of China’ by helping Beijing, China in covering up the origin of COVID-19 in Wuhan province in 2019 and misled the world resulting in deaths of over half a million people globally, including over 130,000 in America.

### Germany to Become First Major Economy to Phase out of Coal, Nuclear Power



Germany became the first industrialized country to phase out of both coal and nuclear energy, both the houses of the German parliament approved the bill for shutting down the coal fired power plant by 2038 and to provide around 45 billion USD (40 billion Euro) for the affected regions.

#### Key Points:

i. This phase out is a part of Germany’s “energy transition” to reduce the use of fossil

fuels and to support the use of renewable resources.

ii. German closed its last coal mine in 2018 and committed to close its nuclear power plants by 2022.

iii. GreenPeace and other environmental groups protest against this plan advocating that this won't speed up the process to achieve the targets of the Paris climate accord by reducing the greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

iv. Germany utilises a great amount of coal which could affect the upcoming generation with 18 years worth of carbon dioxide.

### **“Golden Birdwing” from Uttarakhand surpassed “Southern Birdwing” to become India’s largest butterfly after 88 years**



i. The Himalayan butterfly named “Golden Birdwing (Troides aeacus)” has surpassed the “Southern Birdwing (Troides minos)” after 88 years to become the largest butterfly in India.

ii. The female species of the Golden Birdwing had a wingspan of 194 mm that is 4 mm larger than that of the Southern Birdwing with 190 mm wingspan while the largest wingspan in the male species of the Golden

Birdwing was recorded during the study was of 106 mm.

iii. The female Golden Birdwing was recorded from Didihat in Uttarakhand, the largest male was from the Wankhar Butterfly Museum in Meghalaya capital Shillong.

### **A Book Titled ‘Mahaveer: The Soldier Who Never Died’ Authored by A.K.**

#### **Srikumar & Rupa Srikumar**

The book, titled ‘Mahaveer: The Soldier who never died’ is authored by award winning author A.K. Srikumar and his wife, Rupa Srikumar. The book is a patriotic story about the

courage and selfless love of Jaswant Singh Rawat who is one of the legendary Garhwali soldiers fought in Indo-Chinese battle of Nuranang in 1962. The book is published by Rupa Publications and represented by The Book Bakers.

#### **Essence of the book**

i. The book portrays also a love story about two Monpa girls (Sela and Noora), and their devotion to the Indian soldier, whose devotion in turn is for the motherland.

ii. It is a jam packed story of love, action, adventure, motivation, emotion and suspense.