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### 1. National Cancer Awareness Day ( Nov. 7, 2022 )

National Cancer Awareness Day

**National Cancer Awareness Day** is celebrated in India on **7th November**, the purpose of this day is to focus on prevention and early detection of cancer.

#### Important facts

- According to the WHO, about **70% of cancer deaths** occur in **low- and middle-income countries**.
- Cancer is a **non-communicable disease** and the **second leading cause of death** globally.
- About **1.1 million** new cases of cancer are reported every year in India.
- **Two-thirds of cancer** cases are diagnosed in the late stages, reducing the chances of survival for patients.
- Several programs have been launched to enhance research on cancer prevention and early detection.
- In the case of cancer, the cells of the body grow uncontrollably.

#### Background of National Cancer Awareness Day

- National Cancer Awareness Day is observed on 7 November to commemorate the birth anniversary of **Nobel laureate** scientist **Madame Curie**.
- **Marie Curie**, who was born in **Warsaw, Poland, in 1867**, is known for discovering radium and polonium and for making significant contributions to the fight against cancer.
- Her research resulted in the development of nuclear energy and radiotherapy to treat cancer.

### 2. World Tsunami Awareness Day ( Nov. 5, 2022 )

World Tsunami Awareness Day

**World Tsunami Awareness Day** is observed every year on **November 5**.

#### Important facts

- Its aim is to create awareness about this deadly disaster.
- Japan is credited with starting this day because of the bitter experiences of repeated tsunamis.

- According to the **United Nations**, there have been 58 tsunamis in the past 100 years, killing more than 260,000 people (an average of 4,600 deaths per disaster), more than any other natural disaster.
- The highest number of deaths during this period was in the Indian Ocean tsunami in December 2004.
- The theme of this 2022 day in Asia-Pacific is '**Early warning and early action before every tsunami**'.

### **Background of World Tsunami Awareness Day**

- In **December 2015**, the United Nations General Assembly designated 5 November as World Tsunami Awareness Day.
- The United Nations called on countries, civil societies and international bodies to share innovative strategies to increase tsunami awareness and reduce risk.
- The day was established on the suggestion of the **United Nations Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)** countries which included Japan.
- The first World Tsunami Awareness Day was observed worldwide on **5 November 2016**.
- This awareness day was organised in **New Delhi** in collaboration with the Asian Ministerial Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction 2016 and the United Nations Disaster Risk Reduction in New Delhi.

### **3. Rashtriya Ekta Diwas ( Oct. 31, 2022 )**

#### Rashtriya Ekta Diwas

Every year 31 October is observed in India as Rashtriya Ekta Diwas as a tribute to the first home minister and Deputy Prime Minister of Independent India Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. He was born on 31st October 1875 in Nadiad, Kheda district of present Gujarat.

He was the Home Minister from 15 August 1947 to 15 December 1950 and played a vital role in integrating the Princely states in India after Independence. For his role in integrating the princely states he is also called the **Iron Man of India, Bismarck of India** or **Mazzini of India**.

#### **Background to the Day**

In 2014 the Prime Minister Narendra Modi government decided to observe 31st October as Rashtriya Ekta Diwas to reinforce our dedication to preserve and strengthen the unity, integrity and security of the nation.

#### **Prime Minister observe Rashtriya Ekta Diwas 2002 at Kevadia, Gujarat**

The Prime Minister participated in the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas celebrations 2022 at the Status of Unity, Kevadia, Ekta Nagar . The celebrations witnessed the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Parade, which included contingents of BSF and of five State Police Forces, one each from the Northern

Zone (**Haryana**), Western Zone (**Madhya Pradesh**), Southern Zone (**Telangana**), Eastern Zone (**Odisha**) and North Eastern Zone (**Tripura**).

### **Statute of Unity**

The Statue of Unity dedicated to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel is the world's tallest statue.

It is **182 meters (597 feet) tall** and located on the island of **Sadhu -Betu** in river Narmada in Kevadiya, Gujarat. The statue has been designed by **Ram Suttar**.

The statue was inaugurated by PM Modi on 31 October 2018.

## **4. World Cities Day ( Oct. 31, 2022 )**

World Cities Day

Every year 31st October is observed as World Cities day. It brings the end of Urban October . Urban October was launched by UN Habitat in 2014 to emphasize the world's urban challenges and engage the international community towards the New Urban Agenda.

### **Background to the day**

The United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution on 27 December 2013 to designate 31st October as World Cities Day. The Day is observed to promote the international community's interest in global urbanization, addressing challenges of urbanization and contributing to sustainable urban development around the world.

**The first World Cities Day was observed in 2014.**

### **Theme of the World Cities Day 2022**

The Theme of the World Cities Day 2022: **Act Local to Go Global**

Every year the United Nations organises the World Cities day function in a city. This year it will be held in **Shanghai, China** under the theme "Act Local to Go Global."

## **5. World Development Information Day ( Oct. 24, 2022 )**

World Development Information Day

Every year [24 October](#) is observed as World Development Information Day. This day was established to draw the attention of the world to development problems and the need to strengthen international cooperation to solve them. This day is observed on the same day, 24 October, which is also observed as the United Nations Day.

### **Background to the Day**

In 1972, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution to observe 24 October as the World Development Information Day. The Assembly decided that the date for the Day should coincide with United Nations Day, 24 October, which was also the date of the adoption,

in 1970, of the [International Development Strategy](#) for the Second United Nations Development Decade.

The Assembly deemed that improving the dissemination of information and the mobilization of public opinion, particularly among young people, would lead to greater awareness of the problems of development, thus, promoting efforts in the sphere of international cooperation for development.

## **6. United Nations Day ( Oct. 24, 2022 )**

United Nations Day

Every year 24 October is observed as the United Nations Day. On this Day in 1945 the United Nations charter came into force with the ratification of the United Nations charter by majority of the countries including the five permanent members of the UN Security council The United States, France, China, Soviet Union and the United Kingdom.

### **Background to the Day**

On 31st October 1947, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution to observe the day as the United Nations Day to make people aware of the aims and achievements and to gain their support further.

The first UN Day was observed in 1948.

In 1945, representatives of 50 countries met in San Francisco at the United Nations Conference on International Organization to draw up the United Nations Charter.

The United Nations came into being on 24 October 1945. India is the original founder member of the United Nations. It replaced the League of Nations which failed to prevent the First World War.

### **About United Nations**

United Nations member countries **193**.

Official Language of the UN: **Russian, English, French, Arabic, Chinese and Spanish**.

Motto of the UN: **Peace, dignity and equality**

### **On a healthy planet**

Secretary General of the United Nation: [António Guterres](#)

Headquarters: **New York, United States of America**

## **7. Ayurveda Day ( Oct. 23, 2022 )**

Ayurveda Day

The 7th [Ayurveda](#) Day is being observed all over India on 23 October 2022. Ayurveda day is observed on Dhanwantari Jayanti and this year it is being observed on 23 October 2022. All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), under the Ministry of Ayush, is the nodal agency for

implementing the Ministry of Ayush's mandate for Ayurveda Day this year. The first Ayurveda day was observed in 2016.

### **Ayurveda Day 2022**

As part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav the Government of India organized a six week long programme (12th September-23rd October) to interact with and sensitize the people so that the message of Ayurveda can percolate down to all levels.

The main event on Ayurveda Day was held in **New Delhi** by the Ministry of Ayush and the Union Minister for Tribal Affairs **Arjun Munda** was the Chief Guest.

### **Theme of the Ayurveda Day 2022**

The theme of Ayurveda Day 2022 is "**Har Din Har Ghar Ayurveda**" so as to propagate benefits of Ayurveda to larger and grass root communities.

### **Who was Dhanwantari?**

The original conception of Ayurveda in its entirety is essentially linked to Dhanwantari who is considered as God of Hindu Medicine.

Dhanwantari is considered a mythical deity born with ambrosia (Amrit) in one hand and Ayurveda on the other at the end of the churning of milk ocean (Samudra Manthan). He reincarnated himself in the Chandra dynasty. He was born to King Dhanwa, learnt Ayurveda from Bharadwaja.

His great grandson Divodasa was also known as Dhanwantari, but was specialised only in the surgical branch of Ayurveda. **Sushruta**, is said to have learnt the art of science of surgery from Divodasa Dhanwantara.

## **8. World Iodine Deficiency Day ( Oct. 21, 2022 )**

**Global Iodine Deficiency Disorder Prevention Day (IDD) or World Iodine Deficiency Day** is observed every year on **21 October**.

### **Important facts**

- The theme of World Iodine Deficiency Day, 2022 is '**Thyroid and Communication**'.
- The idea of the theme is to spread awareness of iodine and its importance.
- On this occasion, many activities are organised to create awareness among the general public regarding the prevention of iodine deficiency disorders.
- On this occasion, World Iodine Deficiency Control Week will be celebrated from 21-27 October by the Health Department across the country.

### **Iodine and its importance**

- Iodine is a mineral used by the body to regulate metabolism.
- It is an element that is needed for the production of thyroid hormone.
- The body does not make iodine, so it is an essential part of our diet.

- It also helps control bone growth and brain development in children.
- It is found in seafood, iodized salt, dairy products and some fruits and vegetables.
- Globally, 2 billion people are at risk of iodine deficiency diseases.
- In 1992, iodized salt was made mandatory for human consumption in India.

## **9. Police Commemoration Day ( Oct. 21, 2022 )**

Police Commemoration Day

Every year in India, **October 21** is observed as **Police Commemoration Day**.

### **Important facts**

- This day is celebrated to remember and honour the policemen who laid down their lives while fulfilling their responsibilities.
- On this day events are organised to pay tribute to the soldiers who lost their lives in **Ladakh on the Indo-China border**.
- In 1959, there was a lot of tension between the borders of India and China.
- On 21 October 1959, China opened fire on **20 soldiers** in Ladakh, out of which **10 Indian** soldiers were **killed**.
- The last rites of these policemen took place in eastern Ladakh. Since then October 21 is celebrated as Police Commemoration Day.
- On the occasion of Police Commemoration Day in the year 2018, Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated **India's first National Police Memorial in New Delhi**.

## **10. World Statistics Day ( Oct. 20, 2022 )**

World Statistics Day

**World Statistics Day** is celebrated every year on **20 October** with the aim of highlighting the achievements of the fundamental principles of official statistics around the world.

### **Important facts**

- It is celebrated **every five years**.
- The United Nations Statistical Commission in its 41st session in February 2010 proposed to celebrate 20 October 2010 as World Statistics Day.
- **The theme** of this year's World Statistics Day is '**Data for Sustainable Development**'.

### **Significance of the day**

- The main significance of World Statistics Day is that statistics make things easier and faster. Also, it gives a clear glimpse of your past and present situation.

### **National Statistics Day**

- India celebrates National Statistics Day every year on 29 June in honour of the works and contributions of Professor and Scientist **Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis**.

### **About United Nations Statistical Commission**

- The United Nations Statistical Commission is a functional commission established by the United Nations Economic and Social Council in the year 1947.
- Headquarters - **New York, United States**
- President - **Shigeru Kawasaki**
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