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1. World Tourism Day (Sept. 27, 2022)

World Tourism Day is celebrated across the world on **27 September** every year.

Important facts

- This day is observed every year to focus on promoting tourism in various parts of the world.
- The theme of Tourism Day 2022 - "**Rethinking Tourism**".
- The theme provides an opportunity to rethink how the tourism sector can be more sustainable, inclusive and resilient.
- The purpose of this day is to make people around the world aware of tourism.

Background of the day

- It was initiated by the **United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)** in **1980**.
- The reason for celebrating this day is that on this day in the **year 1970** the statutes of the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) were adopted.
- **UNWTO** was established in **1975** and five years after this, **World Tourism Day** started.
- In 1997, at its **fifth session in Istanbul, Turkey**, the UNWTO decided that one country would **host World Tourism Day** every year.
- The hosting of World Tourism Day, 2022 has been handed over to **Indonesia**.

2. International Day for Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons (Sept. 26, 2022)

The United Nations observes **26 September** every year as the **International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons**.

Important facts

- The day aims to raise public awareness of the danger posed to humanity by nuclear weapons and the need for their complete elimination.
- It provides an opportunity to educate the public and their leaders about the real benefits of eliminating such weapons and the social and economic costs of maintaining them.

Background of the day

- The United Nations General Assembly, under its **resolution 68/32**, at the High Level Meeting of the General Assembly on Nuclear Disarmament, held in **New York on 26 September 2013**, announced the observance of this day in **December 2013**.
- International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons has been observed annually **since 2014**.
- On July 7, 2017, the Treaty on the **Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons** was adopted.
- The treaty is significant because it is the first legally binding multilateral instrument for nuclear disarmament in 20 years.

Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone

- In 1967 Nuclear weapons in **Latin America and the Caribbean** (Treaty of Tlatelolco), which established the first nuclear weapons-free zone in a highly populated region.
- In 1985 the **South Pacific** became the second nuclear-weapon-free zone (Treaty of Rarotonga).
- In 1995 **Southeast Asia** became the third nuclear-weapon-free zone (Bangkok Treaty).
- In 1996 **Africa** became the fourth nuclear-weapon-free zone (Pelindaba Treaty).
- In 2006 **Central Asia** became the fifth nuclear-weapon-free zone (Treaty on a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Central Asia).

3. World Rivers Day (Sept. 26, 2022)

World Rivers Day is celebrated every year on **25 September (last Sunday of September)** all over the world.

Important facts

- The purpose of this day is to reduce the increasing water pollution in the rivers because rivers are an integral part of our life, on which animals, trees and plants depend.
- According to World River Day, "**It is a celebration of the world's waterways.**"
- The **theme** of 2022 - '**The importance of Rivers to Biodiversity**'.
- This year's theme is the need for rivers to sustain any civilization.
- The day highlights the importance of rivers and seeks to raise public awareness and encourage better monitoring of rivers around the world.

Background of the Day

- In 2005, the United Nations declared Water for **Life Decade (World River Day)** by all countries to take care of water resources or to make people aware of water.

- Since then International River Day is celebrated every year on **25 September**.
- **Mark Angelo**, an internationally renowned river activist, started the Thompson River clean-up program in **British Columbia in September 1980**.
- Following the success of this event, Angelo proposed to celebrate World River Day.

4. Antyodaya Diwas 2022 (Sept. 26, 2022)

Antyodaya Diwas is celebrated every year on **25 September** to mark the birth anniversary of **Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya**, one of the prominent personalities in the history of Indian politics.

Important facts

- This year Antyodaya Diwas is the **106th birth anniversary** of Upadhyay.
- Antyodaya means "**uplifting the poorest of the poor**" or "**rise of the last person**".
- The day was declared by the Government of India on **September 25, 2014** and is being officially celebrated since the **year 2015**.

About Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya

- He was born on September 25, 1916 in **Chandrabhan village near Farah town in Mathura district**, now known as Deendayal Dham.
- His father's name was **Bhagwati Prasad** and he was an astrologer, mother's name was **Rampyari**.
- The philosophy presented by him is called '**Integral Humanism**'.
- Its objective was to present an '**indigenous socio-economic model**' in which human beings are at the centre of development.
- Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay opposed western '**capitalist individualism**' and '**Marxist socialism**' and welcomed modern technology and western science.

5. World Maritime Day (Sept. 24, 2022)

Every year, on **24 September**, **World Maritime Day** is observed by the **International Maritime Organization (IMO)** and other international organizations.

Important facts

- World Maritime Day was first observed in **March 1978**. At that time it was celebrated to mark the IMO Convention.

- The IMO Convention was adopted in **1948 at the International Conference held in Geneva.**
- Earlier the IMO was called the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization.

Significance of the day

- About 80 percent of the world's trade takes place through the sea.
- It provides low-cost transportation of goods and is thus vital for promoting sustainable maritime development.
- **India** celebrates its Maritime Day on **5th April**. It was celebrated for the first time in 1964.
- The Indo-Pacific Initiative is India's current maritime initiative. The initiative is supported by Australia, Japan and Thailand.

6. Haifa Day (Sept. 24, 2022)

Every year 23 September is celebrated as Haifa Day by the Indian Army. September 23 2022 marks the 104th anniversary of the Battle of Haifa.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- The Indian Army celebrates 23 September every year as Haifa Day to pay respect to the three Indian Cavalry Regiments - **Mysore, Hyderabad and Jodhpur Lancers.**
- Its main purpose is to show respect to the Indian soldiers who fought in the Battle of Haifa.
- The Battle of Haifa took place on **23 September 1918.**
- In the war, soldiers from Jodhpur, Mysore and Hyderabad, (part of the 15 Imperial Service Cavalry Brigade) participated in the First World War on behalf of the Allies and liberated the Israeli **city of Haifa**, occupied by **Germany and Turkey.**
- The **Teen Murti Memorial** in Delhi was renamed as **Teen Murti Haifa Memorial** by the Government of India to honour the soldiers who fought in this war.
- Teen Murti Memorial was built in **1922 in memory of Indian soldiers** from the three princely states of Jodhpur, Hyderabad and Mysore.

7. International Sign Language Day (Sept. 23, 2022)

International Sign Language Day is observed every year on 23 September to raise awareness about the importance of sign language.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- It is a day to raise awareness of the sign languages that are recognised for the human rights of deaf people.
- The day provides support for linguistic identity and cultural diversity for all peoples who interact with each other through sign languages.
- People who cannot hear or talk, there are many problems associated with them.
- The theme of this year's Sign Language Day-2022 - "Sign Languages Unite us".
- Sign languages are efficient natural languages that are structurally different from day-to-day spoken language.
- According to the statistics of the World Federation of the Deaf, there are more than 70 million deaf people worldwide.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -***Background of the day :***

- The proposal to celebrate this day was proposed by the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD), a federation of 135 national associations of deaf people.
- The proposal was adopted unanimously on 19 December 2017.
- The first 'International Sign Language Day' was organised globally in the year 2018.
- The World Federation of the Deaf was established on 23 September 1951.

8. International Day of Peace (Sept. 21, 2022)

International Day of Peace is celebrated globally on 21 September.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- The day is dedicated by the United Nations General Assembly to strengthen the ideals of peace through **non-violence and ceasefire, 24 hours**.
- On this day the United Nations invites all countries and peoples to celebrate the day through education and public awareness on issues related to peace.
- According to the United Nations, true peace includes not only the absence of violence but also the building up of society.
- This day seeks to create a world where everyone is treated equally regardless of their caste.

- To commemorate the day, the **United Nations Peace Bell** is rung at the UN Headquarters, New York City.

Theme of 2022 :

- The theme for the International Day of Peace 2022 - **“End racism, Build peace.”**
- This day is being celebrated with the aim of creating a new world free from racism and racial discrimination.

Background of the day :

- International Day of Peace was established in **1981** by the United Nations General Assembly.
- Nearly two decades later, in **2001**, the General Assembly unanimously designated the day as a period of non-violence and ceasefire.

9. 11th Foundation Day of Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI) (Sept. 21, 2022)

The 11th Foundation Day Celebration of Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI) was held on 20 September.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- R K Singh**, Union Minister of Power and New and Renewable Energy graced the occasion as **Chief Guest**.
- Bhagwanth Khuba, Minister of State for New and Renewable Energy and Chemicals and Fertilizers was the Guest of Honour.
- As part of 11th Foundation Day, a series of events were organized including the planting of 1100 trees, blood donation camp in which 88 units were donated.
- Distribution of 2100 food packets, guest lectures for around 2200 school-kids, indoor sports tournament consisting of Table-tennis, Chess, Carom, Football and various team-building activities was the part of the event.

About Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd :

- It is a Central Public Sector Undertaking (CPSU) under the administrative control of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), set up on 20th Sept, 2011.
- It is the only CPSU dedicated to the Solar Energy Sector.
- The company holds Category 1 Power Trading Licence and is active in this domain through trading of Solar Energy from the projects set up under the schemes being implemented by it.

10. World Alzheimer's Day (Sept. 21, 2022)

World Alzheimer's Day is celebrated every year on 21st September by all the countries of the world.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- This day is celebrated to raise awareness about **Alzheimer's disease**.
- On this day, information related to the main symptoms, causes and treatment of Alzheimer's is provided to the people globally.

Theme of 2022 :

- This year the theme for world Alzheimer's month 2022 is - **know dementia, know Alzheimer's**.
- The theme aims to raise awareness about the importance of timely diagnosis, the warning signs of dementia and the need to fight Alzheimer's disease and dementia.

Background of the day :

- Named after **Alois Alzheimer**, a German psychiatrist, the disease is a neurological disorder that affects memory, thinking, and behaviour.
- Alzheimer's Disease International was formed in **1984** and on its tenth founding day in 1994, 21 September, it was decided to start World Alzheimer's Day.
- World Alzheimer's Month started in **2012**.

What is Alzheimer's disease ?

- Alzheimer's is a mental illness that affects older people more, this disease weakens their memory.
- It is the most common type of dementia.
- Alzheimer's occurs when there is a disturbance in the structure of proteins in the brain.