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### **1. International Day for South-South Cooperation ( Sept. 12, 2022 )**

**Every year 12 September is observed by the United Nations as the International Day for South-South Cooperation.**

#### **IMPORTANT FACTS -**

- This day highlights the efforts made by the United Nations for cooperation among developing countries.
- It is an initiative for the economic, social and political development of the countries located in the southern region.
- It refers to "**technical cooperation**" between developing countries.
- It helps developing countries to share knowledge, expertise, skills and resources to meet their development goals through concerted efforts.
- The day commemorates the adoption of the "**Buenos Aires Plan of Action**".
- The Buenos Aires Action Plan was adopted in 1978 by 138 member countries to promote and implement technical cooperation among developing countries.

### **2. World Suicide Prevention Day ( Sept. 10, 2022 )**

**World Suicide Prevention Day is observed every year on 10 September.**

#### **IMPORTANT FACTS -**

- Its objective is to spread awareness about mental health among the people and prevent the increasing cases of suicide.
- According to an estimate by WHO, around the world 7,03,000 suicides occur every year.
- By raising awareness we can reduce the incidence of suicide around the world.
- The theme of the year 2022 - '**Creating hope through action**' means "Creating hope through action among people".
- Through this theme, a message has been given that those thinking of committing suicide should not give up their hope in any way.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -**

##### ***Background :***

- The day was started in 2003 by the International Association for Suicide Prevention and the World Health Organization.
- This day is sponsored by the World Federation for Mental Health and World Health Organization.

### **3. International Literacy Day ( Sept. 8, 2022 )**

**Every year 8 September is observed as International Literacy Day.**

It is observed to remind the public of the importance of literacy as a matter of dignity and human rights, and to advance the literacy agenda towards a more literate and sustainable society.

#### **IMPORTANT FACTS -**

##### ***Background :***

- The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) declared the day on October 26, 1966, at the 14th session of UNESCO's General Conference.
- The International Literacy Day was first celebrated in 1967.

##### ***Theme 2022 :***

- The theme of the International Literacy day 2022: **Transforming Literacy Learning Spaces**
- UNESCO will organise a two day hybrid International event on 8 and 9 September 2022, in the African country of **Côte d'Ivoire** to observe the International Literacy Day. .

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -**

##### ***UNESCO (United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization) :***

- It is a specialised agency of the United Nations.
- It was set up on 16 November 1945.
- Its Headquarters : Paris, France
- Director General: Audrey Azoulay
- The organisation has 193 members and 11 Associate members.

### **4. World Physical Therapy (PT) Day ( Sept. 8, 2022 )**

**World Physical Therapy (PT) Day is observed on 8 September every year.**

- This day is observed in order to raise awareness about the contribution of Physiotherapists in health and chronic pain care.

**IMPORTANT FACTS -*****Background :***

- On 8 September 1951 World Confederation for Physical Therapy (WCPT) was founded. Later its name was changed to World Physiotherapy.
- In 1996 the WCPT designated 8th September as World PT Day.
- It is based in London, Britain.

***Theme 2022 :***

- The theme of the World Physical Therapy 2022 : **Osteoarthritis and the role of Physiotherapist**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -*****Osteoarthritis :***

- Osteoarthritis is **the most common form of arthritis**. It is also known as degenerative joint disease
- It occurs when the cartilage that cushions the ends of the bones wears down over time.
- Although osteoarthritis can damage any joint, the disorder most commonly affects joints in hands, knees, hips and spine.
- It is a common ailments which can affect anyone but more prominent in middle age persons.

**5. International day of Clean Air for Blue Skies ( Sept. 7, 2022 )**

**The International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies is observed globally on 7 September to improve air quality.**

**IMPORTANT FACTS -**

- It is a day recognized by the United Nations that aims to raise public awareness at all levels (individual, community, corporate and government) that clean air is important for health, productivity, the economy and the environment.
- Air pollution is a global problem with far-reaching effects due to its trans-boundry nature.
- It is one of the greatest environmental risks to human health and one of the main causes of death and disease globally, causing an estimated 7 million premature deaths each year.
- To address air pollution, the United Nations General Assembly designated 7 September as the International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies.
- This year's theme is '**The air we Share**'.

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

- From the year 2020, this day is celebrated every year.
- In December 2019, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution to celebrate International Clean Air Day for blue skies.
- The United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) was called upon to celebrate the International Day in collaboration with other relevant organizations.

**6. National Teachers' Day ( Sept. 5, 2022 )**

Teachers' Day is celebrated every year on **5 September** to recognize the work of teachers, researchers and professors in India.

**IMPORTANT FACTS -**

- Teacher's Day is the birth anniversary of **Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan**.
- Dr. Radhakrishnan was born on September 5, 1888, he was the **first Vice President** and **second President of India**.
- He is known for his remarkable work as a teacher, philosopher and scholar.
- Since 1962, 5th September has been celebrated as Teacher's Day in India to honour Radhakrishnan's remarkable vision towards education and students.
- On this day, students show their respect to teachers in their own way.
- **World Teacher's Day** is celebrated on **5 October** every year.
- In the year 1994, UNESCO recognized the celebration of 5 October as World Teacher's Day to appreciate the work of teachers.

**7. World Sexual Health Day ( Sept. 4, 2022 )**

**September 4** is observed as **World Sexual Health Day** annually.

**IMPORTANT FACTS -**

- The day is an initiative of the **World Association for Sexual Health (WAS)** to raise awareness and promote healthy sexual practices.
- WAS is a global organization committed to promoting best practices in sexual health.
- The day has been observed **since 2010**.

- Sex and existence go hand in hand, talking about sex has been taboo across nations, religions and cultures.
- In the absence of a free and safe forum to discuss sex, often people – especially the youth – indulge in unsafe practices that are harmful to physical and mental health.

***Theme of 2022 :***

- The theme of World Sexual Health Day of 2022 is **‘Let’s Talk Pleasure’**.
- The topic identifies the role of sexual pleasure in overall sexual health and well-being.
- **"Sexuality"** is one of the strongest energies man possesses.
- It is a drive that fills man with joy and energy.

***What is sexual health?***

- It involves the state of physical, mental and social well-being in relation to sexuality.
- Sexual health isn't just about relationships.
- Our sexual health affects medical issues, education, and sexual behavior.

***Sexual rights :***

- equality and non-discrimination
- autonomy and physical integrity
- To be free from all forms of violence and coercion
- privacy
- Highest attainable standard of health, including sexual health
- accurate information
- education
- decision to have children

**8. World Coconut Day ( Sept. 2, 2022 )**

**September 2** is celebrated as World Coconut Day.

**IMPORTANT FACTS -**

- Theme of 2022 - **"Growing coconut for a better future and life"**.
- This day highlights the importance of coconut in our daily life.

- Coconuts are used before every auspicious occasion in India and their water is considered to be the best source to hydrate the body and provide essential nutrients.
- Since coconut water is low in calories, it is very useful for losing weight.
- Coconut is mostly found in **tropical countries**.
- This fruit is most popular in the **Asia-Pacific region**.
- **Indonesia** is one of the largest producers of coconuts.
- **Indonesia (1st), India (2nd), Philippines (3rd), Brazil (4th) and Sri Lanka (5th)** are the top exporters of coconut.

***Background :***

- The coconut tree is often called the "**tree of life**".
- It is used in various forms such as food, medicine and cosmetics.
- The first World Coconut Day was celebrated on **2 September 2009** by the **Asia Pacific Coconut Community (APCC)** to spread awareness about the importance of coconuts and their impact on society.
- Since then, **UN-ESCAP** (United Nations Economic and Social Commission for the Asia Pacific) has authorised the APCC to celebrate this day on 2 September every year.

**9. National Nutrition Week ( Sept. 1, 2022 )**

National Nutrition Week is observed every year from **1st September to 7th September** by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

**IMPORTANT FACTS**

- It is an annual nutrition program launched by the Food and Nutrition Board, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India.
- The main objective of celebrating Nutrition Week is to raise awareness on the importance of nutrition for better health, which has an impact on growth, productivity, economic growth and ultimately national development.
- The theme of National Nutrition Week 2022 is 'Celebrate World of Flavour' by the Government of India.

***Background :***

- National Nutrition Week was first organised in March 1975 by members of the American Dietetic Association, now known as the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, to raise public awareness of the need for nutrition education as well as to promote the profession of dietitians.

- After this, in the year 1982, India adopted this new mode and decided to start National Nutrition Week every year from 1 to 7 September.

***National Nutrition Mission (Poshan Abhiyaan) :***

- It was launched in 2018 by the Government of India with the aim of tackling the malnutrition problem prevalent in India.
- Its objective is to reduce the level of under-nutrition and also enhance the nutritional status of children in the country.
- Its goal is to remove malnutrition from the country by 2022.
- It improves nutritional outcomes for children, pregnant women and lactating mothers.

***Aims :***

- To reduce stunting and wasting by 2% a year (total 6% until 2022) among children.
- to reduce anaemia by 3% a year (total 9%) among children, adolescent girls and pregnant women and lactating mothers.

**10. National Small Industries Day ( Aug. 30, 2022 )**

National Small Industries Day is celebrated every year across the country on **30th August** to support and promote small industries for their overall growth potential and the opportunities they get for their development in the year.

**IMPORTANT FACTS -**

- It is an annual festival dedicated to encouraging small businesses across the country.
- The day is celebrated with an aim to encourage small businesses and provide job opportunities to the unemployed.

***Background :***

- National Small Industry Day finds mention in its celebration **since 2000** when the then government decided to give an expanded policy package to **Small Scale Industries (SSI)**.
- On August 30, 2000 the Ministry of Small Scale Industries announced that every year this day will be celebrated as National Small Industry Day.
- **World MSME Day** is celebrated every year on **27 June** by the United Nations.
- The theme of World MSME Day for the year 2022 is '**Resilience and Rebuilding: MSMEs for Sustainable Development**'.

***Initiatives related to MSME Sector :***

- The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act was notified in the year 2006 to address policy issues affecting MSMEs as well as the coverage and investment limits of the sector.
- **Prime Minister's Employment Generation Program (PMEGP) :-** It is a credit linked subsidy scheme for setting up new micro enterprises and generating employment opportunities in rural and urban areas of the country. Commencement - 15 August 2008
- **Scheme of Fund for the Upliftment of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) :-** Its objective is to organise artisans and traditional industries into clusters and thus provide financial assistance to make them competitive in the current market scenario.
- **Credit Guarantee Scheme for Micro and Small Enterprises :-** Under this scheme launched to facilitate easy flow of credit, guarantee cover is provided for collateral free loans given to MSMEs.
- **Credit Linked Capital Subsidy and Technology Upgradation Scheme (CLCS-TUS) :-** It aims at facilitating technology up-gradation to Micro and Small Enterprises (MSMEs) by providing 15% capital subsidy for purchase of plant and machinery.
- **CHAMPIONS Portal :-** It aims to help Indian MSMEs to establish themselves as national and global champions by resolving their grievances and providing them encouragement, support.