

# Testwale Current Affairs PDF

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## **1. World Athletics Day - 7th May ( May 11, 2024 )**

World Athletics Day is celebrated globally on May 7th each year with the goal of encouraging youth participation in athletics.

### **An Overview of the News**

- The primary objective of this day, spearheaded by World Athletics, is to promote awareness about the advantages of physical activity.
- It seeks to inspire young individuals, including schoolchildren, to engage in athletics.
- The theme for the 2024 edition of World Athletics Day is the "**World Mile Challenge.**"

### **Background of World Athletics Day:**

- Initiative: Introduced by the IAAF (now World Athletics) as "Athletics for a Better World" for social responsibility.
- Inception: First observed on 15th May 1996.

### **Kids' Athletics Day 2024:**

- Date: Celebrated on 7th May globally.
- Objective: Encourage children and young people to engage in sports, particularly athletics.
- Importance: Integral part of World Athletics' Kids' Athletics program.

### **About World Athletics:**

- Establishment: Founded on 17th July 1912 in Stockholm, Sweden, after the Olympic Games closing ceremony.
- President: Sebastian Coe.
- Headquarters: Located in Monaco.

## **2. World Asthma Day (WAD) - 1st Tuesday of May ( May 11, 2024 )**

World Asthma Day is observed annually on the 1st Tuesday of May to raise awareness of Asthma, a prevalent chronic non-communicable disease affecting both children and adults.

### **An Overview of the News**

- World Asthma Day (WAD) 2024 was observed on May 7th, 2024.
- The annual observance is led by the Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA).
- The theme for World Asthma Day (WAD) 2024 is "Asthma Education Empowers."

**Background of World Asthma Day:**

- The first World Asthma Day was observed by GINA in 1998.
- It coincided with the first World Asthma Meeting in Barcelona, Spain, which saw participation from over 35 countries.

**About GINA:**

- GINA was launched in 1993 in collaboration with the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, National Institutes of Health, United States of America (USA), and WHO.
- MD and Chair: Arzu Yorgancioglu (Türkiye).
- Headquarters: Wisconsin, United States of America (USA).

**3. International Day for Monuments and Sites - 18 April ( April 18, 2024 )**

The International Day for Monuments and Sites (IDMS), also known as World Heritage Day, is observed across the world on 18 April every year.

**An Overview of the News**

- The purpose of the day is to promote awareness and appreciation of cultural heritage among local communities and individuals globally.
- The day encourages people to acknowledge the importance of cultural heritage in shaping their lives, identities, and communities.

**The theme for IDMS 2024:**

- Theme: "Disasters & Conflicts Through the Lens of the Venice Charter."

**History of IDMS:**

- IDMS was established in 1982 by the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS).
- The establishment of IDMS was approved by UNESCO during its 22nd General Conference in 1983.
- IDMS was first celebrated in 1983 under the auspices of UNESCO.

**About ICOMOS:**

- Non-Governmental Organization: ICOMOS is a non-governmental organization dedicated to the protection and conservation of cultural heritage.
- Establishment: Established in 1965 after the adoption of the Charter of Venice.

Chairman: Teresa Patricio (Belgium)

Secretary General: Jorn Buisman (Netherlands)

Treasurer General: Cyril von Planta (Austria)

Headquarters: Paris, France

#### **4. World Voice Day - 16 April ( April 18, 2024 )**

World Voice Day (WVD) is a global campaign annually observed on 16 April to celebrate the phenomenon of voice and raise awareness about its significance.

##### **An Overview of the News**

- The day serves as a platform for recognizing and appreciating the human voice, as well as promoting preventive care measures for maintaining vocal health.

##### **2024 Campaign Theme: "Resonate. Educate. Celebrate!"**

- The theme for World Voice Day 2024, "Resonate. Educate. Celebrate!" was chosen by the Voice Committee of the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery (AAO-HNS).
- This theme underscores the importance of various aspects of voice care and rehabilitation, emphasizing resonance, education, and celebration.

##### **Background and Origins**

- The concept of dedicating a day to celebrate the voice originated in Brazil in 1999, initiated by the Brazilian Society of Laryngology and Voice (SBLV).
- A multidisciplinary group, including physicians, speech-language pathologists, and singing voice therapists, established the Brazilian National Voice Day on April 16, 1999.
- In 2002, Professor Mario Andrea, a Portuguese laryngologist and then President of the European Laryngological Society, proposed the idea of making the Day a global event.
- The celebration officially became known as "World Voice Day" in 2002, with recognition from the AAO-HNS, led by the Speech, Voice, and Swallowing Disorders committee.

#### **5. World Chagas Disease Day observed on 14 April ( April 14, 2024 )**

World Chagas Disease Day (WCDD) is observed annually on April 14 worldwide to raise awareness about Chagas Disease, a neglected tropical disease causing serious heart and digestive issues.

##### **An Overview of the News**

- The goal of WCDD includes enhancing early detection, expanding diagnostic coverage, and ensuring equitable access to clinical care for Chagas Disease.
- The theme for WCDD 2024 is **"Tackling Chagas Disease: Detect Early and Care for Life."**

- In 2019, the **72nd World Health Assembly** declared April 14 of each year as World Chagas Disease Day.
- The inaugural World Chagas Disease Day was observed on April 14, 2020.

**About WHO**

- The Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) is Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.
- The headquarters of the WHO is located in Geneva, Switzerland.
- The WHO was established on April 7, 1948.

**6. National Fire Service Day - 14 to 20 April ( April 14, 2024 )**

Every year on April 14th, India observes National Fire Service Day, while National Fire Service Week extends from April 14th to April 20th.

**An Overview of the News**

- These annual observances aim to honor firefighters who have lost their lives while on duty and to raise awareness about fire safety among the public and students.
- The commemoration specifically remembers the martyrs of the Bombay Dock explosion that occurred on April 14th, 1944, at the Victoria Dock in Bombay Port, now known as Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- The theme for National Fire Service Day and Week in 2024 is "Ensure Fire Safety, Contribute towards Nation Building."
- It's noteworthy that April 14th, 2024, marks the 80th Anniversary of the Bombay Dock explosion.

**Background of National Fire Service Day**

- In 1965, the Standing Fire Advisory Council (SFAC) convened its 11th meeting.
- During this meeting, the SFAC officially designated April 14th of each year as National Fire Service Day.
- Additionally, they allocated the week following April 14th as "National Fire Service Week."
- These designations were made to commemorate the tragic 1944 Dock Explosion.

**1944 Bombay Dock Explosion:**

- On April 14th, 1944, the ship "SS Fort Stikins" loaded with explosives docked at No. 1 Victoria Dock, Bombay Port.
- The explosion resulted in the deaths of approximately 231 individuals and injuries to around 476 people.

• Among the casualties were approximately 66 firefighters.

## **7. Siachen Day - 13 April ( April 13, 2024 )**

Siachen Day is annually observed by the Indian Army on 13 April.

### **An Overview of the News**

- It commemorates Operation Meghdoot, initiated on 13 April 1984.
- The day pays tribute to the courage and sacrifice of Indian Army soldiers stationed at the Siachen Glacier.

### **Location and Significance:**

- Siachen Glacier, situated in the eastern Karakoram range in the Himalayas, forms part of the Union Territory (UT) Ladakh.
- It is recognized as the highest and coldest battlefield in the world.
- The area symbolizes India's strategic presence and territorial integrity in the region.

### **Operation Meghdoot:**

- Operation Meghdoot was a significant military endeavor launched by India.
- Objective: Secure control of the entire Siachen Glacier, located in Jammu and Kashmir (now part of northern Ladakh).
- It marked India's proactive stance in response to escalating activities by Pakistan in the Ladakh region.
- The operation was pivotal in gaining Indian control over the entire Siachen Glacier.

### **Role of Indian Air Force (IAF):**

- Integral to Operation Meghdoot was the participation of the Indian Air Force (IAF).
- Airlifting Troops: IAF helicopters played a crucial role in transporting Indian Army soldiers to the Siachen region.
- Support and Logistics: IAF provided essential support and logistics during the operation, facilitating troop deployment and sustenance in the challenging terrain.

## **8. World Health Day - 7 April 2024 ( April 9, 2024 )**

United Nations (UN) World Health Day is an annual global health awareness day.

### **An Overview of the News**

- It is celebrated across the globe on the 7th of April to shed light on a specific health issue concerning people globally.
- World Health Day celebrations aim to raise awareness about a particular health topic with emphasis on a priority area of concern identified by the World Health Organization (WHO).
- This date marks the 76th anniversary of the establishment of the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1948.

### **The theme of World Health Day 2024:**

- The theme of World Health Day 2024 is '**My Health, My Right**', which emphasizes individual rights to health.

### **Launch of Initiative:**

- NMC and NTF have launched "My Health, My Rights" initiative targeting medical students and professionals.

### **World Health Organization (WHO):**

- Director General: Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
- Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland
- Established: 7 April 1948

## **9. International Conscience Day - 5th April ( April 5, 2024 )**

International Conscience Day is celebrated annually on April 5th to remind individuals to introspect and act according to their conscience.

### **An Overview of the News**

- 2024 Theme: '**Promoting a Culture of Peace with Love and Conscience.**'
- Emphasizes fostering global peace, compassion, and moral integrity.

### **History and Establishment:**

- Inaugurated by the United Nations General Assembly in 2020.
- Aimed at encouraging people worldwide to follow their conscience and do what is right.

### **Fifth Anniversary Celebration (2024):**

- Marks the fifth year since its establishment.

- Signifies dedicated efforts to raise awareness about the importance of individual and collective conscience in creating a fairer, more harmonious, and sustainable world.

## **10. International Mine Awareness Day - 4th April ( April 5, 2024 )**

The United Nations commemorated International Mine Awareness Day on April 4th.

### **An Overview of the News**

- The focus was on highlighting the negative impacts of landmines and explosive remnants of war on civilian populations.
- The day stressed the significance of protecting individuals with disabilities in conflict zones and during peacebuilding efforts.
- The theme for 2024, '**Protecting Lives, Building Peace,**' emphasizes **the role of mine action in both saving lives and promoting peace in affected areas.**

### **History of International Mine Awareness Day:**

- Established by the **United Nations General Assembly** on **December 8, 2005.**
- Observed annually on April 4th.
- Aims to raise awareness about landmines and explosive remnants of war (ERW).
- Originated from growing international concern over the widespread use of landmines.
- Followed significant milestones such as the signing of the Ottawa Treaty in 1997.
- Continues to highlight the ongoing threat posed by landmines and ERW globally.
- Encourages efforts to clear landmines, provide risk education, and support affected communities.