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1. International Day for Countering Hate Speech - 18 June (June 19, 2023)

International-Day-for-Countering-Hate-Speech---18-June

The International Day for Countering Hate Speech is observed annually on 18 June.

An Overview of the News

- The day serves as a reminder to address the global problem of hate speech.
- Hate speech, amplified by **communication technologies, contributes to violence, intolerance and fragmentation.**
- The International Day for Countering Hate Speech **stresses the need for concerted efforts.**
- Its goal is **to counter the spread of divisive language and promote mutual understanding, respect and inclusivity.**

History of International Day for Countering Hate Speech

- The International Day for Countering Hate Speech is a **global initiative.**
- In July 2021, the **United Nations General Assembly** passed a resolution stressing the need to combat hate speech.
- The resolution recognizes that hate speech is a **threat to human rights and social cohesion.**
- The day is based on the **United Nations Strategy and Action Plan on Hate Speech launched on June 18, 2019.**

June 2023 Days and Themes

- **World Blood Donor Day** - 14 June - Theme - "Give blood, give plasma, share life, share often."
- **International Albinism Awareness Day** - 13 June - Theme - "United in making our voices heard".
- **World Day Against Child Labour** - 12 June - Theme - "Social Justice for All. End Child Labour!"
- **World Accreditation Day** - 9 June - Theme - "Accreditation: Supporting the Future of Global Business."
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- **World Environment Day** - 5 June - Theme - 'Solutions to plastic pollution'.

2. World Father's Day-18 June (June 18, 2023)

Father's Day is a special occasion celebrated in many countries around the world to honor and appreciate fathers. It is celebrated on the third Sunday of June. This year Father's Day 2023 is being celebrated on **18th June**.

An overview of the news

- It is a day to express love, gratitude, and respect towards fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, and other father figures who have played important roles in people's lives.
- People celebrate Father's Day by giving cards, gifts, or spending quality time with their fathers.
- The significance of Father's Day goes beyond material gifts, as it serves as a reminder to acknowledge the love, support, and guidance provided by fathers.
- It is an opportunity to strengthen the bond between fathers and their children and to recognize the invaluable role fathers play in their families and society.
- This year's Father's Day theme is **'Celebrating the Greatest Heroes of Our Lives'**.

Background of the day

- The origins of Father's Day can be traced back to the early **20th century in the United States**.
- **Sonora Smart Dodd** is often credited with the idea of establishing a day to honor fathers, inspired by Mother's Day.
- The first official Father's Day was celebrated in **1910 in Spokane, Washington**.
- Over the years, Father's Day has gained widespread recognition and is celebrated in various countries around the world.
- It was officially recognised by the **U.S. Congress in 1972**.

3. Global Wind Day (June 17, 2023)

Every year on **June 15th**, people worldwide unite to celebrate **World Wind Day**.

An overview of the news

- This is a significant event that highlights the immense **potential and importance of wind energy** in addressing climate change and promoting sustainable energy solutions.
- In India, these celebrations were initiated by the **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy**, Government of India.
- As a part of the celebrations, a day-long program was organized in New Delhi.
- The event discussed the success, progress and potential of wind energy in India.
- Theme of celebration in India was **'Pawan - Urja: Powering the Future of India'**.

MNRE has set a target of **500 GW renewable energy capacity by 2030.**

Background of the day

- World Wind Day was first **established in 2007** by the **European Wind Energy Association (EWEA)**, which later became **WindEurope**.
- The event aimed to promote wind power and increase public awareness about its potential as a renewable energy source.
- Over the years, World Wind Day has gained international recognition, with numerous countries and organizations actively participating in the celebrations.

Important facts about Wind Energy

- Wind power is a renewable energy source generated by harnessing the **kinetic energy of the wind through wind turbines**.
- Wind turbines are often found in wind farms, which consist of **multiple turbines strategically placed** to maximize energy production.
- Wind power is clean and produces **no greenhouse gas emissions or air pollutants** during operation, contributing to improved air quality and reduced environmental impact.
- Wind energy is a rapidly growing industry globally, with increasing investments and technological advancements leading to greater efficiency and cost-effectiveness.
- Wind energy has the potential to provide a significant portion of the world's electricity needs and reduce dependence on fossil fuels.

4. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day - 15 June (June 15, 2023)

World-Elder-Abuse-Awareness-Day--15-June

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) is observed annually on **15 June**.

An Overview of the News

- The day aims to raise awareness about the **abuse, discrimination and neglect experienced by older persons**.
- It serves as a platform to emphasise the importance of upholding the rights of older adults and promoting their dignity.
- The theme for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 2023 is "**Closing the Circle: Addressing Gender-Based Violence (GBV) in Older Age Policy, Law and Evidence-Based Responses.**"
- The theme focuses on highlighting the issue of gender-based violence among older persons.

History of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

- The United Nations officially established World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in **2011**.
- **June 15** was designated as the day to recognize the global issue of elder abuse and to promote the well-being of older adults.

United Nations General Assembly

- Establishment - **1945**
- Headquarters - **New York, United States**
- Founder - **United Nations**

June 2023 Days and Themes

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World Environment Day - 5 June - Theme - '**Solutions to plastic pollution**'.

5. World Blood Donor Day - 14 June (June 14, 2023)

World Blood Donor Day is celebrated every year on **14 June**.

An Overview of the News

- The day aims to express gratitude to the selfless voluntary blood donors and celebrate the essence of life and humanity.
- The program emphasises the importance of ensuring universal access to safe blood transfusions.
- The theme for World Blood Donor Day 2023 is "**Give blood, give plasma, share life, share often.**"
- The theme highlights the importance of regular blood and plasma donations to create a safe and sustainable supply of blood and blood products around the world.
- The host country of **World Blood Donor Day 2023 is Algeria**.

- The National Blood Transfusion Service of Algeria is responsible for organising and coordinating the global program.

History of World Blood Donor Day

- The World Health Organization (WHO) established World Blood Donor **Day in 2004**.
- In 2005, the 58th World Health Assembly designated it as an annual global event.
- World Blood Donor Day aims to raise awareness about the importance of blood donation.
- Blood donation has ancient origins, with cultures recognizing the medical benefits of bloodletting and blood transfusions.
- English physician **Richard Lower** contributed significantly to blood donation.
- Lower's book, '**Tractatus de Cordae**', documented his important work on blood transfusion and the functioning of the cardiopulmonary system.

6. International Albinism Awareness Day - 13 June (June 13, 2023)

International Albinism Awareness Day - 13 June

International Color Blindness (Albinism) Awareness Day is observed annually on **13 June**.

An Overview of the News

- The day aims to create awareness about albinism, a genetic skin condition.
- It seeks to promote the rights and regulation of persons with albinism globally.
- The theme for the International **Albinism** Awareness Day 2023 is "Inclusion is Power."
- The theme is based on the previous year's 2022 theme "**United in making our voices heard**".

History of International Albinism Awareness Day

- In 2013, the United Nations Human Rights Council recognized albinism as a human rights issue.
- The resolution condemns global violence and discrimination against persons with albinism.
- On 18 December 2014, the United Nations General Assembly designated 13 June as the International Color Blindness Awareness Day.
- The National Organization for Albinism and Hypopigmentation (NOAH) actively participated in a United Nations program following the adoption of the resolution.

Albinism:

- Albinism is a group of heritable conditions associated with decreased or absent melanin in ectoderm-derived tissues (most notably the skin, hair, and eyes), yielding a characteristic decrease in skin pigmentation.
- Patients with albinism are particularly susceptible to solar damage, and these patients must utilise lifelong sun protection precautions.

- These patients should be educated on avoidance of prolonged UV light exposure and avoidance of medications that increase photosensitivity.
- This activity reviews the evaluation and management of albinism and highlights the role of the interprofessional team in the recognition and management of this condition.

7. World Day Against Child Labour - 12 June (June 12, 2023)

World Day Against Child Labour is celebrated every year on **12th June**.

An Overview of the News

- The day aims **to inspire a global movement against child labour**.
- The theme for World Day Against Child Labour 2023 is "**Social Justice for All. End Child Labour!**"
- The International Labour Organization launched this program in 2002 to **address the issue of child labour at the international level**.
- The day aims to inspire individuals, organizations and governments to combat child labour and work towards its permanent elimination.

About International Labour Organization

Head: **Gilbert Hongbo**

Headquarters: **Geneva, Switzerland**

Establishment: **1919**

8. World Accreditation Day - 9 June (June 9, 2023)

World-Accreditation-Day---9-June

World Accreditation Day is a day celebrated annually on **9th June**.

An Overview of the New

- It is a global initiative established by the **International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC)** and the **International Accreditation Forum (IAF)**.
- 2023 Theme: "**Accreditation: Supporting the Future of Global Business.**"
- **Objective:** To raise awareness of the value and importance of recognition.
- Promotes the quality, safety and reliability of products, services and systems.
- Lowers trade barriers and promotes innovation.
- The ILAC/IAF mutual recognition arrangement enhances supply chain efficiency.
- Accreditation confirms that conformity assessment bodies (CABs) meet standards.
- CABs provide services such as testing, inspection and certification.

History of World Accreditation Day:

- World Accreditation Day (WAD) was **established in 2008** by the **International Accreditation Forum (IAF)** and the **International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC)**.
- WAD aims **to raise awareness of the importance of accreditation** in ensuring quality, safety and reliability.
- It is observed annually on 9 June, which marks the anniversary of the signing of the **ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA)** in 1994.
- ILAC is an agreement between MRA accreditation bodies that enables mutual recognition of accreditation across countries.
- ILAC facilitates international trade by fostering trust and confidence in MRA conformity assessment results.
- The WAD serves as a forum for activities and initiatives to increase public understanding of recognition.

9. World Oceans Day - 8 June (June 8, 2023)

World Oceans Day is celebrated annually on **8 June**.

An Overview of the News

- It serves as a global reminder of the important role the oceans play in sustaining life on Earth.
- Recognized by the United Nations, it promotes ocean awareness and encourages action to protect the marine environment.
- The theme for World Oceans Day 2023 is "**Planet Ocean: The Tides Are Changing**".
- The theme highlights the dynamic nature of the oceans and the need to adapt to the challenges they face.
- Actions include supporting marine conservation, promoting responsible fishing practices, reducing marine pollution, and advocating for the protection of marine habitats and species.

About the history of World Oceans Day:

- It was proposed by the **ICOD of Canada and the OIC in 1992** at the **Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**.
- Its purpose was **to raise awareness about the importance of the ocean** to the planet and humanity.
- It was officially recognized by the **United Nations in 2008**.

- It supports the implementation of the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** and promotes public interest in ocean conservation and sustainable resource management.

10. World Food Safety Day - 7 June (June 7, 2023)

World Food Safety Day - 7 June

World Food Safety Day is observed annually on **7 June** to highlight the importance of maintaining food standards and protecting consumers from foodborne illnesses.

An Overview of the News

- The theme of World Food Safety Day 2023 is "**Food Standards Save Lives**".
- The theme emphasises the important role of food safety standards in ensuring the well-being of individuals.
- World Food Safety Day encourages cooperation among nations and raises awareness of the importance of food safety standards in protecting public health.

History of World Food Safety Day

- The **Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC)** proposed the observance of **World Food Safety Day in 2016**.
- In July the following year, the **40th session of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)** adopted a resolution endorsing the idea.
- On December 20, 2018, the United Nations General Assembly through **resolution 73/250** established the World Food Safety Day.
- The inaugural World Food Safety Day was observed on **June 7, 2019**, marking an important milestone in global efforts to address food security challenges.
- The establishment of this day strengthens global efforts to maintain food security and ensure the consumption of safe food.

Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

Headquarters - **Rome, Italy**

Establishment - **16 October 1945**