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1. World Intellectual Property Day: 26 April (April 26, 2023)

World Intellectual Property Day is observed every year on **26 April** to raise awareness about the role of patents, copyrights, trademarks and designs in our daily lives.

An Overview of the News

- The theme for World Intellectual Property Day 2023 is "**Women and IP: Accelerating Innovation and Creativity**". Women represent a significant pool of untapped talent, and empowering them to own intellectual property can drive innovation and creativity.
- The 2023 theme aims **to highlight the importance of overcoming the challenges faced by women in the field of intellectual property** and unlocking their full potential.
- Intellectual property refers to intangible assets that are **generated by the mind, including literary and artistic works, designs, inventions, symbols, names and images used in commerce.**
- Individuals and companies can own these **non-physical assets, and intellectual property rights give them control over their creations.**

History of World Intellectual Property Day

- WIPO is a specialised **agency of the United Nations** that **promotes a fair global intellectual property system.**
- The WIPO **Convention was established in 1970** to bridge the gap between intellectual property and its impact on people's lives.
- World Intellectual Property Day is observed **every year on 26 April** to **raise awareness about intellectual property rights and encourage innovation.**
- WIPO aims to **encourage and protect creativity and innovation.**
- World Intellectual Property Day is observed globally to acknowledge the **role of intellectual property in fostering innovation and creativity.**
- The long-term goal of WIPO is to create a **sustainable intellectual property system** that benefits all stakeholders.

2. International Delegates Day: 25 April (April 25, 2023)

International Delegates Day: 25 April

International Delegates Day is observed annually on 25 April to honour and recognize the important role played by delegates in the United Nations (UN).

An Overview of the News

- The delegates are representatives of their respective governments and work towards solving global challenges through multilateral cooperation within the framework of the United Nations.
- The United Nations would not be able to function effectively without the contributions and efforts of these representatives.
- These representatives play an important role in resolving global issues and ensure that their governments' voices are heard internationally.
- The celebration of International Delegates Day is a recognition of the dedication and commitment of these delegates to promote peace, security and prosperity around the world.

History of International Delegates Day

- It marks the anniversary of the first day of the San Francisco Conference in 1945.
- The purpose of the conference was to establish an organisation that would restore world peace and impose rules on the post-war world order.
- The founding member states of the United Nations were representatives of the 50 countries that attended the conference, with Poland later signing the charter, bringing the number of founding member states to 51.
- In 2019, the General Assembly of the United Nations declared 25 April as the International Day of Delegates, commemorating the achievement of the San Francisco Conference.

3. World Malaria Day: 25 April (April 25, 2023)

World Malaria Day: 25 April

World Malaria Day is observed on **25 April each year** to **recognize global efforts to control malaria.**

An Overview of the News

- The theme for World Malaria Day 2023 is "**Time to deliver zero malaria: Invest, innovate, implement**".
- Malaria is a disease caused by **parasites transmitted by the bite of infected female Anopheles mosquitoes.**
- India has seen a **decline of over 85.1% in malaria cases and 83.36% in deaths from 2015 to 2022.**
- The government's health initiatives such as **Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, Ayushman Bharat-Health and Wellness Centers and Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission** are contributing to India's fight against malaria.
- Union Health Minister - **Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya**

World Malaria Day 2022 theme - "**Harness innovation to reduce malaria disease burden and save lives**"

4. Khongjom Day: 23 April (April 24, 2023)

Khongjom Day is an annual event celebrated on **23 April to commemorate the soldiers who fought in the Anglo-Manipuri War of 1891.**

An Overview of the News

- The event was held at **Kheba Ching in Khongjom, Thoubal district of Manipur.**
- Manipur Chief Minister **N. Biren Singh** and Governor **Ms. Anusuiya Uikey** paid tribute to the martyrs in the programme.
- The observance of Khongjom Day commemorates the sacrifices made by the people of Manipur in the fight for freedom and independence.
- The **Anglo-Manipuri War of 1891** took place at Khongjom and marked the beginning of **colonial rule in the region.**

About Manipur

Formation (as a state) - **1972**

Capital and largest city - **Imphal**

District - **16**

Governor - **Anusuiya Uikey**

Chief Minister - **N. Biren Singh (BJP)**

Legislative Assembly - **Manipur Legislative Assembly (60 seats)**

Rajya Sabha - **1 seat**

Lok Sabha - **2 seats**

5. National Panchayati Raj Day: 24 April (April 24, 2023)

National Panchayati Raj Day: 24 April

Panchayati Raj Day is celebrated every year on **24th April** to commemorate the **enactment of the 73rd Amendment Act, 1992 of the Constitution in the year 1993.**

An Overview of the News

- The day is celebrated to acknowledge **national local self-governance and democratic decentralisation.**

- The theme of National Panchayati Raj Day 2023 is '**Sustainable Panchayat: Building Healthy, Water Sufficient, Clean & Green Villages.**'
- The **Ministry of Panchayati Raj is the nodal ministry** responsible for empowering, enabling and ensuring accountability of Panchayati Raj Institutions for achieving inclusive growth with social justice and efficient service delivery.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** attended the **National Panchayati Raj Day celebrations in Madhya Pradesh** and laid the foundation stone and inaugurated projects **worth over Rs 17,000 crore.**
- He virtually attended the house warming ceremony of **4.11 lakh beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana** and launched the **integrated e-Gram Swaraj and GeM portal for public procurement at the panchayat level.**
- He launched the campaign "**Joint steps towards development**" for inclusive development.
- He laid the foundation stone and inaugurated various railway projects worth about **Rs 2,300 crore** and 5 projects of **Jal Jeevan Mission worth about Rs 7,853 crore.**

About Madhya Pradesh

It is the **second largest state of India by area after Rajasthan.**

Forests occupy 25.14 percent of its area.

Governor - **Mangubhai Patel**

Chief Minister - **Shivraj Singh Chouhan**

Capital - **Bhopal**

6. World Earth Day: 22 April (April 22, 2023)

World Earth Day: 22 April

World Earth Day is an annual event celebrated on **22 April** to show **support for environmental protection.**

An Overview of the News

- Its purpose is to **create awareness among people about environmental protection.**
- The first Earth Day was held on **April 22, 1970**, and is now coordinated globally by **EARTHDAY.ORG (formerly Earth Day Network).**
- The event is celebrated by over **1 billion people in over 193 countries.**
- The official theme for World Earth Day 2023 is "**Invest in our Planet**".
- The idea of Earth Day was proposed by peace activist **John McConnell at a UNESCO conference in San Francisco in 1969.**

- The first Earth Day was celebrated on **March 21, 1970, and later changed to April 22, 1970 by United States Senator Gaylord Nelson.**
- World Earth Day was initially focused on the United States, but became an international event in 1990 with events held in 141 countries.
- The **landmark Paris Agreement** was signed by the United States, the United Kingdom, China and 120 other countries on Earth Day 2016.
- World Earth Day 2021 theme - '**Restore our Earth**'

7. Civil Services Day: 21 April (April 21, 2023)

Every year, on **21st April, National Civil Services Day** is celebrated in India as a mark of appreciation to all the officers engaged in various public departments of the country, who work tirelessly to run the administrative machinery of India.

An Overview of the News

- The theme of Civil Services Day for the year 2023 is **Viksit Bharat aimed at 'Empowering Citizens and Reaching the Last Mile'.**
- The theme underlines the resolve and unwavering commitment of the government to achieve a **more equitable and prosperous India** for all its citizens by engaging in inclusive growth.
- The purpose of Civil Services Day is to remind **civil servants to work cooperatively and prioritise the welfare of citizens** while managing government affairs.
- The Central Government of India uses this day to evaluate the performance of various civil service departments, to recognize and reward best performers and organisations, and to honour the efforts of civil service employees.
- On this day, the **Indian Prime Minister honours civil servants of both the central and state governments** for their outstanding contribution to public administration.
- The **Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions** organises the event in association with the Department of **Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG).**
- Civil Services Day is an occasion to reflect on the progress made by civil servants in shaping India's development.

History of National Civil Service Day

- The term "**civil service**" originated during the **British era**, and referred to employees of the **British East India Company** who held administrative positions.
- **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel**, who was the first Home Minister of India after independence, addressed the Administrative Service Officer Probationers on **April 21,**

1947 at Metcalfe House in Delhi. Hence, this date was chosen to celebrate Civil Services Day.

- The first event was organised on **21 April 2006 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi** and since then 21 April is celebrated as National Civil Service Day.

8. Chinese Language Day - 20th April (April 20, 2023)

Chinese Language Day - 20th April

Every year, on **April 20, the United Nations Chinese Language Day** is observed.

An overview of the news

- Its purpose is to celebrate the **Chinese language, one of the six official languages of the United Nations.**
- The day also aims to create a platform for people around the world **to learn the Chinese language.**
- The day creates general **awareness about the Chinese language** and promotes **multilingual culture and diversity** among the people.

Significance of the day

- The day also aims to remember the contribution of **Cangzi**, a mythological figure who is believed to have invented Chinese characters.

Background of the day

- The date for Chinese Day was chosen from **Gayu ("Rain of Millet")**, the sixth of the **24 solar terms in the traditional East Asian calendar.**
- This day has been chosen to pay tribute to **Kangxi**. Cangzi is a very **important figure in ancient China**, claiming to be an official **historian of the Yellow Emperor and the inventor of Chinese characters.**
- **In 2010**, the United Nations Department of Public Information (now the Department of Global Communications) announced the launch of United Nations Language Day.
- It aims to celebrate **multilingualism and cultural diversity** and to promote the equal use of the six official languages.
- Chinese Language Day was celebrated for the first time on **12 November 2010** and since **2011 the United Nations Chinese Language Day is celebrated on 20 April.**

Official languages of the united nations

- There are six official languages of the **United Nations.**

- These are **Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish** and the United Nations has established language days for its six official languages.

United Nations Other Languages Day

- March 20 - **French Day**
- April 23 - **English Day** (birthday of William Shakespeare)
- April 23 - **Spanish Language Day**
- June 6 - **Russian Language Day** (Alexander Ruskin's birthday)
- 18 December - **Arabic Language Day**

9. World Liver Day: 19 April (April 19, 2023)

World Liver Day is observed every year on 19 April to raise awareness about liver health and related diseases.

An Overview of the News

- World Liver Day aims to educate people about the importance of **early detection, prevention and treatment of liver diseases.**
- The theme of World Liver Day 2023 is "**Be alert, do regular liver check-ups, fatty liver can affect anyone,**"
- The day is celebrated in partnership with various **local and international organisations** that focus on promoting liver health.
- Liver is the second largest and most important organ in the human body, responsible for functions such as metabolism, digestion, immunity, toxin filtration, and nutrient storage.
- Recent studies in India have shown that **75% of cases of non-alcoholic fatty liver disease** are seen in patients who consume little or no alcohol and have a **body mass index (BMI) of 25 kg/sq. less than a metre.**
- According to the World Health Organisation, **liver disease is the 10th leading cause of death in India.**

About World Health Organization (WHO)

It is a specialised agency of the **United Nations responsible for international public health.**

Formation - **7 April 1948**

Headquarters - **Geneva, Switzerland**

Head - **Tedros Adhanom (Director General)**

Parent Organization - **United Nations Economic and Social Council**

10. World Heritage Day: 18 April (April 18, 2023)

World Heritage Day: 18 April

18 April is observed as **World Heritage Day**, also known as the **International Day for Monuments and Sites**, to raise awareness of the importance of protecting cultural heritage around the world.

It aims to celebrate the diversity of **World Heritage** and **promote recognition of the value of preserving cultural heritage for future generations.**

An Overview of the News

- The theme of World Heritage Day 2023 is "**Heritage of Change**", which addresses issues related to traditional knowledge and knowledge systems in the context of climate action.
- The day is celebrated to promote appreciation and understanding of cultural heritage through various activities, such as exhibitions, cultural programs and guided tours of heritage sites.
- The day emphasises the **role of cultural heritage in supporting appropriate protections for vulnerable communities in climate action and responding to the United Nations Decade of Action.**

History of World Heritage Day

- The idea of celebrating World Heritage Day was proposed by the **International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) in 1982.**
- The resolution was later endorsed by the **United Nations General Assembly in 1983.**
- The date of **18 April was chosen for World Heritage Day by UNESCO in 1982** to commemorate the adoption of the Convention relating to the protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage.
- The convention was created to preserve and protect important cultural and natural sites around the world, recognizing their universal value and importance to humanity.

About ICOMOS

Established - **1965**

President - **Teresa Patricio**

Headquarters - **Paris**