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1. International Malala Day - 12 July (July 12, 2023)

International Malala Day is observed every year on July 12 to honour Malala Yousafzai, a Pakistani advocate for girls' education and the youngest Nobel laureate.

An Overview of the News

- It serves as a worldwide awareness day, emphasising the need for girls to fight for their right to education.

World Malala Day 2023 Theme:

- The theme for World Malala Day 2023 is inspired by the book "**I Am Malala**", which focuses on the influence of celebrities as heroes and role models for social progress.
- The theme highlights Malala's courage in facing hatred and fighting for her beliefs.

Achievements and Recognition:

- Malala's efforts attracted global attention, leading to her being recognized by Time magazine in 2013 as one of the most influential people in the world.
- In 2014, she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize and became the youngest recipient ever.
- Malala has also received the United Nations Human Rights Award and the Liberty Medal.

History:

- Malala Yousafzai was born on 12 July 1997 in Mingora, Pakistan.
- In 2007, the Taliban imposed a ban on girls attending school in her town.
- Despite the ban, Malala spoke to B.B.C. Started writing for Urdu in 2009, advocating for girls' education.
- On 9 October 2012, Taliban gunmen targeted Malala and shot her in the head.
- Malala survived the attack and delivered an impressive speech addressing the United Nations on her 16th birthday.

2. World Hepatitis Day - 28 July (July 28, 2023)

World Hepatitis Day is observed globally on 28 July.

An Overview of the News

- Its main objective is **to raise awareness and drive meaningful change about the global burden of viral hepatitis, which causes liver inflammation, chronic disease and liver cancer.**

- The theme for World Hepatitis Day 2023 is '**We are not waiting**'.
- On July 28, World Hepatitis Day urges people around the world to take immediate action because hepatitis cannot wait.
- Its ultimate goal is to bring about a real change in policies, practices and public perception about hepatitis.

History of World Hepatitis Day

- The **World Health Organization (WHO)** has launched **a campaign to make the world free of hepatitis**.
- The World Hepatitis Alliance was **established in 2007**.
- The first community-organised World Hepatitis Day was **observed in 2008**.
- The date of 28 July was chosen because it is the birthday of **Nobel-prize winning scientist Dr. Baruch Blumberg**.
- Dr. Baruch Blumberg discovered the **hepatitis B virus in 1967**.

3. Dalai Lama Receives Ramon Magsaysay Award (April 27, 2023)

Dalai Lama Receives Ramon Magsaysay Award

Dalai Lama personally **received the 1959 Ramon Magsaysay Award from members of the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation** at his residence.

An Overview of the News

- President of the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation, **Susanna B. Affan**, along with Foundation Trustee **Emily A. Abrera**, **presented the award to the Dalai Lama**.
- The award was given in **August 1959 by the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation in the Philippines**.
- The Dalai Lama's elder brother **Gyalo Thonden accepted the Magsaysay Award** on his behalf in August 1959 in Manila, Philippines.
- Since his exile from **Tibet in 1959, the Dalai Lama has been living in India**.

Dalai Lama:

- He is the **spiritual leader of the Tibetan people** and is considered **one of the most important figures in Tibetan Buddhism**.
- The title "**Dalai Lama**" is a combination of the Mongolian word "**Dalai**," meaning **ocean**, and the Tibetan word "**lama**," meaning **master, teacher, or mentor**.
- The Dalai Lama is believed to be an **incarnation of Avalokiteshvara, the bodhisattva of compassion**.

- The current **14th Dalai Lama is Tenzin Gyatso**, who was **born in Tibet in 1935**.
- He was recognized as the Dalai Lama at the age of two and was **enthroned in 1950**.
- In 1959, he had been living in exile in India since a failed rebellion against Chinese rule.

About Ramon Magsaysay Award

- It is an annual award that **recognizes individuals and organisations in Asia for exceptional courage, integrity and service to their communities**.
- The award was **established in 1957** and is named after the late **Philippine President Ramon Magsaysay**.
- The award is given in six categories: government service, public service, community leadership, journalism, creative arts, and peace and international understanding.
- The award has recognized individuals and organisations from various fields and is known as the "**Nobel Prize of Asia**".

4. Malcolm Adiseshiah Award 2023 won by Utsa Patnaik (April 18, 2023)

Malcolm Adiseshiah Award 2023 won by Utsa Patnaik

On 17th April 2023 **economist Utsa Patnaik** was selected for the **2023 Malcolm Adiseshiah Award**.

An Overview of the News

- The award is given every year by the **Malcolm and Elizabeth Adiseshia Trust**.
- The prestigious National Award is conferred on nominations received by **outstanding social scientists** selected by a national level jury specially constituted for the purpose.
- The jury unanimously selected **Professor Patnaik as the recipient of the award this year**.
- The previous winner of the prize was **Indian economist Prabhat Patnaik**, who won it in 2022.

March 2023 Awards

- Ales Bialiatsky - **Nobel Peace Prize**
- Ashley Gardner - **ICC Women's Player of the Month**
- Harry Brook - **ICC Men's Player of the Month**
- Shiv Shankar - **Saraswati Samman 2022**
- Sashidhar Jagdishan - **Business Standard Banker of the Year 2022**
- Mirabai Chanu - **BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year for 2022**

- Dr. L. Murugan - **National Photography Award**
- Gyan Chaturvedi - **32nd Vyas Samman**

5. CR Rao wins International Prize in Statistics 2023 (April 10, 2023)

CR Rao wins International Prize in Statistics 2023

Kalyampudi Radhakrishna Rao, an Indian-American statistician won the **2023 International Prize in Statistics**.

An Overview of the News

- Rao will be honoured with the award at the **International Statistical Institute's World Statistics Congress in Ottawa, Canada** in July.
- The prize will be awarded for Rao's groundbreaking paper, '**The Information and Accuracy Obtained in the Estimation of Statistical Parameters**', published in 1945 in the Bulletin of the **Calcutta Mathematical Society**.
- The paper was later included in the book Breakthroughs in Statistics, 1890–1990.
- The International Prize in Statistics is considered equivalent to the Nobel Prize in Statistics.
- The award recognizes individuals or teams who have made significant contributions to science, technology, and human welfare through the use of statistics.
- Five major international statistical organisations cooperate to award the prize.
- The award carries an **\$80,000** cash prize and is presented once every two years.

About CR Rao

- He is a renowned statistician and **Emeritus Eberly Professor** in the **Department of Statistics, Pennsylvania State University**.
- He was born in **Karnataka** in 1920 and has been associated with the **Indian Statistical Institute in Kolkata** since 1941.
- Rao has been honoured with several awards throughout his career, including the **Padma Bhushan** in 1968 and the **Padma Vibhushan** in 2001.
- He was also the recipient of the **SS Bhatnagar Prize** in 1963 and was elected a **Fellow of the Royal Society** in 1967.

Rao received the **Wilkes Medal of the American Statistical Association** in 1979 and the **US National Medal** of Science in 2002.

6. Jharkhand Education Minister Jagarnath Mahato passed away (April 8, 2023)

Jharkhand Education Minister Jagarnath Mahato passed away

Jagarnath Mahto, the **Minister for School Education and Literacy in Jharkhand**, passed away on 6 April at the age of 56.

An Overview of the News

- **Jagarnath Mahato** was airlifted to Chennai last month due to health complications and underwent a lung transplant in **November 2020 after being diagnosed with COVID-19.**
- Jharkhand's education minister was a **four-time MLA from Dumri in Giridih district.**
- Jagarnath Mahato was also known as **Tiger Mahato or Tiger Jagarnath Da.**
- Mahato had represented the Dumri assembly seat since 2000, which has been a stronghold of the **Jharkhand Mukti Morcha party.**
- **In the 2014 assembly elections,** he won the seat by 77,984 votes defeating his nearest rival from the BJP party.

About Jharkhand

- It is a state located in the **eastern region of India.**
- The state is famous for its beautiful waterfalls, such as **Hundru Falls and Jonha Falls.**
- **Betla National Park** is a popular destination in Jharkhand that is **home to elephants, tigers and other wildlife.**
- **Ranchi, the capital of Jharkhand, is the gateway to Betla National Park** and is also known for the **17th-century Jagannath Temple**, a Hindu temple.
- Tagore Hill in Ranchi is a monument that honours **Nobel Prize-winning author Rabindranath Tagore**, who is considered one of the greatest writers in the history of Bengali literature.

Establishment - **15 November 2000**

Official Flower - **Sacred Tree**

Chief Minister - **Hemant Soren**

Capital - **Ranchi**

7. Luis A. Caffarelli awarded the 2023 Abel Prize (March 25, 2023)

Luis A. Caffarelli awarded the 2023 Abel Prize

Luis Caffarelli of **Argentina** has been awarded the **2023 Abel Prize.**

An overview of the news

- The 74-year-old **Caffarelli** has been awarded the prize for **his contributions to the field of nonlinear partial equations and free-boundary problems in mathematics**.
- Caffarelli was **born and raised in Buenos Aires, Argentina**, making him the **first Abel Prize laureate from South America**.
- Currently, he is a professor at the **University of Texas, Austin**.

About Abel Prize

- **First awarded in 2003**, the **Abel prize** “recognises pioneering scientific achievements in mathematics”.
- It is named after **Norwegian mathematician Niels Henrik Abel (1802-29)**, who in his short life made pioneering contributions in a multitude of fields.
- It is often considered to be an **equivalent of the Nobel prize**.
- The award carries a **monetary prize of 7.5 million kronor (about \$720,000)** and a **glass plaque designed by Norwegian artist Henrik Haugen**.
- The prize is awarded by the **Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters** on behalf of the Ministry of Education.

8. Ukrainian Rights Group Truth Hounds wins Norwegian prize (March 11, 2023)

Ukrainian rights group Truth Hounds, which **documents war crimes in the Ukraine conflict**, was on 9 March awarded **Norway's Sakharov Freedom Award**.

An overview of the news

- The Sakharov Freedom Award was **established in 1980** with the support of Soviet scientist and **Nobel Peace Prize laureate Andrei Sakharov**.
- The prize has been awarded to the **Norwegian Helsinki Committee human rights organization Truth Hounds** for “**documenting war crimes and possible crimes against humanity**”.
- Truth Hounds is a **Ukrainian rights group** founded during the **Maidan Revolution** that led to the fall of pro-Russian former Ukrainian President **Viktor Yanukovich**.
- The award is regularly awarded to human rights defenders from the **former Soviet Union**.

9. Belarus court jails Nobel Peace Prize winner Ales Bialiatski for 10 years (March 4, 2023)

A court in Belarus on March 3 sentenced **2022 Nobel Peace Prize winner** and human rights activist **Ales Bialiatski** to **10 years in prison** for financing protests and other crimes.

An overview of the news

- He has been given this sentence in the case of activities disturbing public order, financing and smuggling.
- A fine of 65 thousand US dollars has also been imposed on **60-year-old Bialiatsky**.
- He is co-founder of the **Viasna human rights group**.
- In October 2022, he was awarded the **Nobel Peace Prize for his work on human rights and democracy**.
- Along with Bialyatsky, representatives of the Vesna Human Rights Center, **Valentin Stefanovich and Vladimir Labkovich**, were also sentenced to **9 years and 7 years**, respectively.
- Investigation revealed that Ales Bialiatsky and other members received funds from various organizations in Lithuania during April **2016 to July 2021**.
- After this these funds were sent outside the Eurasian Economic Union with the help of many people.
- According to the law of Belarus, this is a crime and the maximum **punishment for this crime is 12 years**.
- Bialiatsky, a Belarusian litterateur, school teacher and museum director, has been involved in pro-democracy protests since the **1980s**.
- He was an avid supporter of Belarus' independence from the **Soviet Union in the early 1980s**, organizing anti-Soviet protests across the country.

10. National Science Day: 28 February (Feb. 28, 2023)

National Science Day is celebrated every year on 28 February in honour of India's great physicist **Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman**.

An overview of the news

Theme of the National Science Day:

- The main theme of National Science Day for the year 2023 has been declared by the Department of Science and Technology, Union Ministry of Science and Technology as **'Global Science for Global Wellbeing'**.
- The theme reflects India's emerging global role and growing reach in the international arena.

Objective:

- To create a positive scientific research culture by promoting scientific consciousness among people with scientific temper.

Beginning of National Science Day:

- Celebration of National Science Day started from 28 February 1987.
- The discovery of the popular 'Raman Effect' by CV Raman, one of the country's physicists, was confirmed on 28 February 1928, after which he was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1930, two years later.
- To celebrate this achievement, the Council for Science and Technology Communication (NCSTC), Government of India, had advised to celebrate February 28 as National Science Day.
- **World Science Day is observed on 10 November;** Theme of World Science Day 2022: **Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development.**