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1. Public Service Broadcasting Day (Nov. 12, 2022)

Public Service Broadcasting Day

Public Service Broadcasting Day was observed on **12 November, 2022**.

Important facts

- The day is celebrated every year to commemorate the only visit of Mahatma Gandhi to **All India Radio in Delhi in 1947**.
- The Father of the Nation addressed the displaced people who had temporarily settled in **Kurukshetra** in Haryana after Partition.
- Gandhiji had said that he saw the medium of radio as a miraculous power of God.
- A special programme is being organised in the premises of All India Radio, New Delhi to mark the occasion.
- **In the year 2001**, this day was officially declared as Public Service Broadcasting Day.

2. World Pneumonia Day (Nov. 12, 2022)

World Pneumonia Day

World Pneumonia Day is observed on **November 12** every year.

Important facts

- The day aims to raise awareness about pneumonia and shed light on its symptoms, prevention and treatment.
- According to the World Health Organisation, 170,180 children under the age of 5 died of pneumonia in 2019.
- Pneumonia affects children and families everywhere, but deaths are highest in southern Asia and sub-Saharan Africa.
- The World Pneumonia Day 2022 theme - "**Championing the fight to stop pneumonia.**"

Background of the day

- World Pneumonia Day was first observed on 12 November 2009 under '**Stop Pneumonia**', an initiative of the Global Coalition Against Child Pneumonia.
- After that, WHO and UNICEF launched an integrated global action plan to prevent and control pneumonia.

What is Pneumonia?

- Pneumonia is an infection in one or both **lungs** caused by bacteria, viruses, or fungi.
- Any infection causes inflammation in the lungs, which is called pneumonia.
- Although most pneumonia is caused by bacterial infection.
- Viral infections like influenza or covid-19 virus can also affect the lungs and cause serious damage to them.
- Symptoms include high fever and chills, cough with phlegm, physical weakness and feeling unwell, shortness of breath and rapid breathing, and rapid pulse.

3. World Science Day (Nov. 11, 2022)

World Science Day

World Science Day for Peace and Development is observed every year on **10 November**. The main purpose of celebrating this day is to make people aware about the development and development of science, as well as giving necessary information related to it.

Important Facts

- This day was observed in Budapest in **1999** jointly by the International Council of Science and UNESCO in pursuance of the World Conference on Science.
- This day was established by **UNESCO** to raise awareness about the benefits of science around the world.
- Theme of World Science Day 2022 for Peace and Development: "**Basic Science for Sustainable Development**".
- The purpose of World Science Day for Peace and Development is to decide whether to inform its citizens about the developments in the field of science. It throws light on the role of scientists in enhancing our understanding of science and developing society.

Significance of this day

- To strengthen public awareness on the role of science for a peaceful and sustainable society.
- To promote national and international solidarity for shared science between countries.
- To renew national and international commitment to the use of science for the benefit of society and to draw attention to the challenges facing science and to mobilise support for scientific endeavours.

4. National Education Day (Nov. 11, 2022)

National Education Day

Every year **11 November** is celebrated as **National Education Day** to commemorate the birth anniversary of **Maulana Abul Kalam Azad**, the first Education Minister of India.

Important facts

- On this day, his exemplary contribution in the field of education and educational institutions is remembered.
- He was the first education minister of independent India and served the country as education minister from 1947 to 1958.
- National Education Day is celebrated in all educational institutions to raise awareness about the importance of literacy.
- The Ministry of Education (Formerly The Ministry of Human Resource Development) sets a different theme for National Education Day every year.
- The theme of this year is "Changing Course, Transforming Education".

Background of the day

- In 2008 the Ministry of Human Resource Development (now Ministry of Education) decided to celebrate Maulana Abul Kalam Azad's birthday as National Education Day.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad

- Maulana Abul Kalam Azad was born in 1888 in Mecca, Saudi Arabia.
- A freedom fighter, he started Al-Hilal, a weekly magazine in Urdu, in 1912 to criticise British policies.
- After al-Hilal was banned, he started another weekly al-Bagah.
- He was opposed to partition and a supporter of Hindu-Muslim unity.
- He supported the non-cooperation movement (1920-22) started by Gandhiji and joined the Indian National Congress in 1920.
- In 1923 he was elected as the President of the Indian National Congress. At the age of 35 he became the youngest person to preside over the Indian National Congress.
- In 1947, he became the first Education Minister of independent India and he remained in this post till his death in 1958.

5. Odisha celebrated 'Mandia Day' (Nov. 11, 2022)

Odisha celebrated 'Mandia Day'

Odisha Chief Minister **Naveen Patnaik** has announced to observe the **first Thursday of the Margasira** month of the Hindu calendar on **November 10 as 'Mandia Day' or 'Millet Day'** in the state.

Important facts

- Its objective is to popularise and promote the use and cultivation of **superfood- millet** among the people.
- Odisha has become the **first state** in the country to declare November 10 as a day dedicated to millets.
- The state government started the **Odisha Millet Mission** in the year 2017-18.
- It is a flagship program of the **Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Empowerment**.
- Initially Millet Mission was implemented in 30 blocks of seven districts of the state. Now it is being implemented in 142 blocks of 19 districts.
- On the **first Thursday of Margasira month** people across the state worship **Mahalaxmi** and offer millet to the goddess of wealth and prosperity.
- Apart from millet snacks, ragi sweets have also been included in the mid-day meals of schools in Sundergarh and Keonjhar districts.
- The United Nations General Assembly has declared the year 2023 as the **International Year of Millets** after India proposed it to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

About Millets

- Millets are high nutrient cereal crops and are classified as small seeded grasses.
- They include jowar (sorghum), ragi (finger millet), korra (foxtail millet), arke (kodo millet), sama (little millet), bajra (pearl millet), chena/barr (proso millet) and sanwa (barnyard millet).
- India is one of the major producers of millets in the world with an estimated share of about 41% in the global production.
- Major producers of millets are **Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Haryana**.
- Millet has been notified as a **nutritional cereal** by the government in April 2018.
- They are a rich source of **protein, fiber, minerals, iron, and calcium** and have a low **glycemic index**.
- The production of millets in India has increased by 16 % to 17.26 million tonnes (MT) in the 2019-20 crop year (July-June) from 14.5 MT in 2015-16.
- In March 2021, India led a UN General Assembly resolution to declare 2023 as the International Year of Millets.
- India's proposal was supported by 72 countries.
- India is the **5th largest exporter** of Millets globally.

6. National Legal Services Day (Nov. 9, 2022)

National Legal Services Day

National Legal Services Day (NLSD) is celebrated every year on **9 November** in India.

Important facts

- It is celebrated to commemorate the commencement of the **Legal Services Authorization Act, 1987**, which came into force on 9 November 1995.
- Legal awareness camps are organised by the State Legal Services Authorities across the country to make people aware about the availability of free legal aid on this day.
- Apart from this, nationwide programs are organised every year to make people aware about the various services provided by the Legal Services Authorities.
- The main objective of organising this day is to make people aware of the law to ensure justice for all, as well as to provide free legal aid and advice to the poor and weaker sections of the society.
- This day was started in the year 1995 by the Supreme Court of India to provide help and support to the poor and weaker sections of the society.
- The Chief Justice of India is the Chief Patron of the National Legal Services Authority and a second senior judge of the Supreme Court of India is the acting Chairman of the Authority.

7. Uttarakhand Foundation Day (Nov. 9, 2022)

Uttarakhand Foundation Day

Uttarakhand Foundation Day also known as Uttarakhand Day is celebrated every year on **9 November**. The state of Uttarakhand was carved out of Uttar Pradesh on **9 November 2000**.

How was Uttarakhand formed?

- In 1950, the name of the United Provinces was changed to Uttar Pradesh.
- However, the government of Uttar Pradesh could not meet the needs of the people of this Himalayan region.
- Hence, people started demanding a separate state in the form of Uttarakhand after the formation of Uttarakhand Kranti Dal.
- There was a widespread movement in the 90s for the demand for a separate state which turned violent in 1994.
- Eventually, on November 9, 2000, the 27th state of India, Uttaranchal was formed by the **Uttar Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2000**.

Its name was changed to Uttarakhand on **1 January 2007**.

About Uttarakhand

- location - **Northwestern part of the country**
- Capital - **Dehradun**
- Formation - November 9, 2000 as **27th state** of India
- Chief Minister - **Pushkar Singh Dhami**
- Governor - **Gurmit Singh**
- State Animal - **Alpine Musk Deer**
- State Bird - **Himalayan Monal**
- State Flower - **Brahma Kamal**
- Districts - **13**

8. World Radiography Day (Nov. 8, 2022)

World Radiography Day is celebrated every year on **8 November**.

Important facts

- The day marks the anniversary of the birth of **X-rays**.
- X-ray plays a huge role in the medical industry as one of the diagnostic tools that help doctors detect a wide variety of problems, and diagnose diseases to treat them better and in a timely manner.
- X-rays have made diagnosis easy and painless.
- The day also helps to recognize the hard work of radiographers and radiologists who made X-rays possible.
- This is the 11th International Day of Radiology and this is observed by all the medical imaging professionals from across the world.
- The theme of International Day of Radiology 2022 - "**Radiologists and Radiographers supporting patients.**"

Background of the day

- X-rays were discovered by Professor **Wilhelm Konrad Röntgen** in the year **1895**, when he was working with cathode-ray tubes in his laboratory.

- He observed a fluorescent glow of crystals on a table near his tube, which contained a bulb with negative and positive electrodes.
- When air was removed from the tube and a high voltage was applied, the tube produced a fluorescent glow.
- When the tube was covered with black paper and that material was placed a few feet away from the tube, it generated a green fluorescent light.
- He found that the rays could pass through human tissues but not through bones and metal.
- The first World Radiography Day was observed in **2007** by the International Society of Radiographers and Radiological Technologists on 8 November.

9. National Cancer Awareness Day (Nov. 7, 2022)

National Cancer Awareness Day

National Cancer Awareness Day is celebrated in India on **7th November**, the purpose of this day is to focus on prevention and early detection of cancer.

Important facts

- According to the WHO, about **70% of cancer deaths** occur in **low- and middle-income countries**.
- Cancer is a **non-communicable disease** and the **second leading cause of death** globally.
- About **1.1 million** new cases of cancer are reported every year in India.
- **Two-thirds of cancer** cases are diagnosed in the late stages, reducing the chances of survival for patients.
- Several programs have been launched to enhance research on cancer prevention and early detection.
- In the case of cancer, the cells of the body grow uncontrollably.

Background of National Cancer Awareness Day

- National Cancer Awareness Day is observed on 7 November to commemorate the birth anniversary of **Nobel laureate** scientist **Madame Curie**.
- **Marie Curie**, who was born in **Warsaw, Poland, in 1867**, is known for discovering radium and polonium and for making significant contributions to the fight against cancer.
- Her research resulted in the development of nuclear energy and radiotherapy to treat cancer.

10. World Tsunami Awareness Day (Nov. 5, 2022)

World Tsunami Awareness Day

World Tsunami Awareness Day is observed every year on **November 5.**

Important facts

- Its aim is to create awareness about this deadly disaster.
- Japan is credited with starting this day because of the bitter experiences of repeated tsunamis.
- According to the **United Nations**, there have been 58 tsunamis in the past 100 years, killing more than 260,000 people (an average of 4,600 deaths per disaster), more than any other natural disaster.
- The highest number of deaths during this period was in the Indian Ocean tsunami in December 2004.
- The theme of this 2022 day in Asia-Pacific is '**Early warning and early action before every tsunami**'.

Background of World Tsunami Awareness Day

- In **December 2015**, the United Nations General Assembly designated 5 November as World Tsunami Awareness Day.
- The United Nations called on countries, civil societies and international bodies to share innovative strategies to increase tsunami awareness and reduce risk.
- The day was established on the suggestion of the **United Nations Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)** countries which included Japan.
- The first World Tsunami Awareness Day was observed worldwide on **5 November 2016.**
- This awareness day was organised in **New Delhi** in collaboration with the Asian Ministerial Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction 2016 and the United Nations Disaster Risk Reduction in New Delhi.