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1. Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (Oct. 31, 2022)

Rashtriya Ekta Diwas

Every year 31 October is observed in India as Rashtriya Ekta Diwas as a tribute to the first home minister and Deputy Prime Minister of Independent India Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. He was born on 31st October 1875 in Nadiad, Kheda district of present Gujarat.

He was the Home Minister from 15 August 1947 to 15 December 1950 and played a vital role in integrating the Princely states in India after Independence. For his role in integrating the princely states he is also called the **Iron Man of India, Bismarck of India** or **Mazzini of India**.

Background to the Day

In 2014 the Prime Minister Narendra Modi government decided to observe 31st October as Rashtriya Ekta Diwas to reinforce our dedication to preserve and strengthen the unity, integrity and security of the nation.

Prime Minister observe Rashtriya Ekta Diwas 2002 at Kevadia, Gujarat

The Prime Minister participated in the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas celebrations 2022 at the Status of Unity, Kevadia, Ekta Nagar . The celebrations witnessed the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Parade, which included contingents of BSF and of five State Police Forces, one each from the Northern Zone (**Haryana**), Western Zone (**Madhya Pradesh**), Southern Zone (**Telangana**), Eastern Zone (**Odisha**) and North Eastern Zone (**Tripura**).

Statute of Unity

The Statue of Unity dedicated to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel is the world's tallest statue.

It is **182 meters (597 feet) tall** and located on the island of **Sadhu -Betu** in river Narmada in Kevadiya, Gujarat. The statue has been designed by **Ram Suttar**.

The statue was inaugurated by PM Modi on 31October 2018.

2. World Cities Day (Oct. 31, 2022)

World Cities Day

Every year 31st October is observed as World Cities day. It brings the end of Urban October . Urban October was launched by UN Habitat in 2014 to emphasize the world's urban challenges and engage the international community towards the New Urban Agenda.

Background to the day

The United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution on 27 December 2013 to designate 31st October as World Cities Day. The Day is observed to promote the international community's interest in global urbanization, addressing challenges of urbanization and contributing to sustainable urban development around the world.

The first World Cities Day was observed in 2014.

Theme of the World Cities Day 2022

The Theme of the World Cities Day 2022: **Act Local to Go Global**

Every year the United Nations organises the World Cities day function in a city. This year it will be held in **Shanghai, China** under the theme "Act Local to Go Global."

3. World Development Information Day (Oct. 24, 2022)

World Development Information Day

Every year [24 October](#) is observed as World Development Information Day. This day was established to draw the attention of the world to development problems and the need to strengthen international cooperation to solve them. This day is observed on the same day, 24 October, which is also observed as the United Nations Day.

Background to the Day

In 1972, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution to observe 24 October as the World Development Information Day. The Assembly decided that the date for the Day should coincide with United Nations Day, 24 October, which was also the date of the adoption, in 1970, of the [International Development Strategy](#) for the Second United Nations Development Decade.

The Assembly deemed that improving the dissemination of information and the mobilization of public opinion, particularly among young people, would lead to greater awareness of the problems of development, thus, promoting efforts in the sphere of international cooperation for development.

4. United Nations Day (Oct. 24, 2022)

United Nations Day

Every year 24 October is observed as the United Nations Day. On this Day in 1945 the United Nations charter came into force with the ratification of the United Nations charter by majority of the countries including the five permanent members of the UN Security council The United States, France, China, Soviet Union and the United Kingdom.

Background to the Day

On 31st October 1947, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution to observe the day as the United Nations Day to make people aware of the aims and achievements and to gain their support further.

The first UN Day was observed in 1948.

In 1945, representatives of 50 countries met in San Francisco at the United Nations Conference on International Organization to draw up the United Nations Charter.

The United Nations came into being on 24 October 1945. India is the original founder member of the United Nations. It replaced the League of Nations which failed to prevent the First World War.

About United Nations

United Nations member countries **193**.

Official Language of the UN: **Russian, English, French, Arabic, Chinese and Spanish**.

Motto of the UN: **Peace, dignity and equality**

On a healthy planet

Secretary General of the United Nation: [António Guterres](#)

Headquarters: **New York, United States of America**

5. Ayurveda Day (Oct. 23, 2022)

Ayurveda Day

The 7th [Ayurveda](#) Day is being observed all over India on 23 October 2022. Ayurveda day is observed on Dhanwantari Jayanti and this year it is being observed on 23 October 2022. All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), under the Ministry of Ayush, is the nodal agency for implementing the Ministry of Ayush's mandate for Ayurveda Day this year. The first Ayurveda day was observed in 2016.

Ayurveda Day 2022

As part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav the Government of India organized a six week long programme (12th September-23rd October) to interact with and sensitize the people so that the message of Ayurveda can percolate down to all levels.

The main event on Ayurveda Day was held in **New Delhi** by the Ministry of Ayush and the Union Minister for Tribal Affairs **Arjun Munda** was the Chief Guest.

Theme of the Ayurveda Day 2022

The theme of Ayurveda Day 2022 is "**Har Din Har Ghar Ayurveda**" so as to propagate benefits of Ayurveda to larger and grass root communities.

Who was Dhanwantari?

The original conception of Ayurveda in its entirety is essentially linked to Dhanwantari who is considered as God of Hindu Medicine.

Dhanwantari is considered a mythical deity born with ambrosia (Amrit) in one hand and Ayurveda on the other at the end of the churning of milk ocean (Samudra Manthan). He reincarnated himself in the Chandra dynasty. He was born to King Dhanwa, learnt Ayurveda from Bharadwaja.

His great grandson Divodasa was also known as Dhanwantari, but was specialised only in the surgical branch of Ayurveda. **Sushruta**, is said to have learnt the art of science of surgery from Divodasa Dhanwantara.

6. World Iodine Deficiency Day (Oct. 21, 2022)

Global Iodine Deficiency Disorder Prevention Day (IDD) or World Iodine Deficiency Day is observed every year on **21 October**.

Important facts

- The theme of World Iodine Deficiency Day, 2022 is '**Thyroid and Communication**'.
- The idea of the theme is to spread awareness of iodine and its importance.
- On this occasion, many activities are organised to create awareness among the general public regarding the prevention of iodine deficiency disorders.
- On this occasion, World Iodine Deficiency Control Week will be celebrated from 21-27 October by the Health Department across the country.

Iodine and its importance

- Iodine is a mineral used by the body to regulate metabolism.
- It is an element that is needed for the production of thyroid hormone.
- The body does not make iodine, so it is an essential part of our diet.
- It also helps control bone growth and brain development in children.
- It is found in seafood, iodized salt, dairy products and some fruits and vegetables.
- Globally, 2 billion people are at risk of iodine deficiency diseases.
- In 1992, iodized salt was made mandatory for human consumption in India.

7. Police Commemoration Day (Oct. 21, 2022)

Police Commemoration Day

Every year in India, **October 21** is observed as **Police Commemoration Day**.

Important facts

- This day is celebrated to remember and honour the policemen who laid down their lives while fulfilling their responsibilities.
- On this day events are organised to pay tribute to the soldiers who lost their lives in **Ladakh on the Indo-China border**.
- In 1959, there was a lot of tension between the borders of India and China.
- On 21 October 1959, China opened fire on **20 soldiers** in Ladakh, out of which **10 Indian** soldiers were **killed**.
- The last rites of these policemen took place in eastern Ladakh. Since then October 21 is celebrated as Police Commemoration Day.

- On the occasion of Police Commemoration Day in the year 2018, Prime Minister
- **Narendra Modi** inaugurated **India's first National Police Memorial in New Delhi.**

8. World Statistics Day (Oct. 20, 2022)

World Statistics Day

World Statistics Day is celebrated every year on **20 October** with the aim of highlighting the achievements of the fundamental principles of official statistics around the world.

Important facts

- It is celebrated **every five years.**
- The United Nations Statistical Commission in its 41st session in February 2010 proposed to celebrate 20 October 2010 as World Statistics Day.
- **The theme** of this year's World Statistics Day is '**Data for Sustainable Development**'.

Significance of the day

- The main significance of World Statistics Day is that statistics make things easier and faster. Also, it gives a clear glimpse of your past and present situation.

National Statistics Day

- India celebrates National Statistics Day every year on 29 June in honour of the works and contributions of Professor and Scientist **Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis.**

About United Nations Statistical Commission

- The United Nations Statistical Commission is a functional commission established by the United Nations Economic and Social Council in the year 1947.
- Headquarters - **New York, United States**
- President - **Shigeru Kawasaki**
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9. World Osteoporosis Day (Oct. 20, 2022)

World Osteoporosis Day

World Osteoporosis Day is observed every year on **20 October.**

Important facts

- The day is observed with the aim of raising global awareness about the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of osteoporosis.
- The day aims to make the prevention of osteoporosis and fractures a global health priority by reaching out to health professionals, policy makers and the general public at large.
- **The theme** of World Osteoporosis Day, 2022 is "**Step Up for Bone Health**".
- Bone health is important at all stages of life, having strong bones is something that people should not take lightly.

Background of the day

- World Osteoporosis Day was started on **20 October 1996** by the National Osteoporosis Society of the United Kingdom.
- International Osteoporosis Foundation endorsed this day in the year 1997, since then this day is celebrated all over the world.

What is Osteoporosis?

- In this disease, the bones become weak and fragile, causing them to break easily from falls and light bumps.
- The main cause of this disease is the deterioration of bone tissue.
- Fractures caused by osteoporosis can be life-threatening and cause long-term pain and disability.

10. World Trauma Day (Oct. 17, 2022)

World Trauma Day is observed annually on **17 October**.

Important facts

- This day is celebrated to focus on the importance of saving lives and safety during the most critical moments of preparedness and adopting important measures.
- On this day people from all over the world come together to remember those killed or injured as a result of violence and trauma.
- According to the World Health Organisation, trauma is the leading cause of death and disability worldwide.
- Trauma can mean any kind of physical and mental injury.
- The reasons for such injuries can be many such as road accidents, fires, burns, falls, natural or man-made disasters and violent acts etc.
- Every six minutes in India, a person dies due to a road accident.

Background of the day

- World Trauma Day was started in **2011 in New Delhi, India.**
- In India, about one million people suffer head injuries every year, of which 75 to 80 percent are due to road accidents.
- 50 percent of people die due to head injuries and 25 percent of people become disabled.