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1. Raising Day of Railway Police Force (RPF) (Sept. 20, 2022)

RPF Raising day is observed every year on the 20th of September, the day on which the Railway Protection Force (RPF) was elevated as an Armed Force of the Union.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- The Railway Police Force was included in the **Central Armed Forces in the year 1985.**
- In 1965 it was renamed as "**Railway Protection Special Force**".
- In 1966, the RPF was given legal powers for better protection of railway property by enacting the Railway Property (Unlawful Rights) Act.
- It is the **37th Raising Day** of RPF.
- RPF has been entrusted with the responsibility of safeguarding railway property.
- Director General of RPF - **Sanjay Chander**

2. World Bamboo Day (Sept. 19, 2022)

World Bamboo Day is celebrated every year on 18 September to raise awareness about the bamboo industry.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- According to the **World Bamboo Organisation**, while bamboo grows naturally in many parts of the world, they are not used in a sustainable way.
- The organisation aims to spread awareness about the potential of bamboo.
- The purpose of celebrating this day is to highlight its sustainable use, and to promote the cultivation of bamboo for new industries around the world.
- It also promotes local and traditional uses for the economic development of the community.
- The **theme** of 2022 is '**Plant Bamboo**'.

Background of the day :

- The World Bamboo Organisation declared 18 September as World Bamboo Day at the **Eighth World Bamboo Congress** held in **Bangkok in 2009.**

- The event was attended by representatives from about 100 countries, and they all agreed to mark World Bamboo Day.
- This day is also marked as **Royal Thai Forestry Day**.
- The World Bamboo Organisation was established in the year 2005. Its **headquarter** is in **Antwerp (Belgium)**.

3. International Coastal Cleanup Day (Sept. 17, 2022)

The International Coastal Cleanup Day is observed every year on the third Saturday of the September month. The day aims to create awareness amongst the people about the garbage pollution on the beach and to encourage voluntary action by the people to clear the beaches.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

Background of the Day :

- The credit for starting the day is given to American Linda Maraniss and Kathy O'Hara who started the campaign in 1986 in the United States. Since then it has grown into an International movement.

Theme of the Day :

- Theme of the International Coastal Cleanup Day 2022: **Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar/Clean Coast Safe Sea.**

Events in India on the International Coastal Cleanup Day :

- **Vigyan Prasar**, an autonomous body under the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India launched a Clean Coast Safe Sea campaign in 75 coastal places across the country.
- The clean coast-safe sea campaign culminated at the **Juhu Beach, Mumbai on 17 September 2022**. The clean-up drive in Mumbai was organised by the Indian Coast Guard.

4. World's largest blood donation drive launched in Gujarat (Sept. 17, 2022)

The Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel launched the world's largest blood donation drive on 17 September 2022 on the occasion of the 72nd birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Ahmedabad.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- The 'Mega Blood Donation Drive' has been organized by **Akhil Bharatiya Terapanth Yuva Parishad** Ahmedabad. According to the organizers "the target is to get more than 1, 50,000 units of blood donation by organizing around 2,000 Blood Donation Camps"
- Meanwhile in New Delhi the Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya launched [**Raktdaan Amrit Mahotsav**](#), a countrywide mega drive for voluntary blood donation from 17th September to 1st October this year.
- 1st October is observed as the **National Voluntary Blood Donation Day**.

5. World Ozone Day (Sept. 16, 2022)

World Ozone Day or International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer is celebrated on 16 September every year.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- The purpose of celebrating this day is to make people aware about the depletion of the ozone layer and find possible solutions to protect it.
- This day is celebrated on the anniversary of the signing of the Montreal Protocol, which called for banning substances that cause depletion of the ozone Layer.
- On this day people around the world organize talks and seminars about the ozone layer and its importance.
- Theme of 2022 - '**Global Cooperation to Protect Life on Earth**'

Background of the Day :

- In **December 1994**, the **United Nations General Assembly** designated 16 September as the International Day for the Protection of the Ozone Layer.
- In 1987, representatives of 24 countries held a meeting in Montreal, Canada to discuss the alarming state of ozone layer depletion.
- In 1985 the governments of the world adopted the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and decided to save the ozone layer.
- World Ozone Day was first observed in the year **1995**.

What is the ozone layer ?

- The ozone layer is a delicate shield of gas that protects the Earth from the harmful ultraviolet rays of the Sun.
- It preserves human life.
- The main causes of ozone depletion and depletion are manufactured chemicals, propellants, foam-blowing agents, manufactured halocarbon refrigerants and solvents.

6. National Engineer's Day (Sept. 15, 2022)

Engineer's Day is celebrated each year on 15 September in India. Prime Minister Narendra Modi greeted all engineers of the country on the occasion of Engineers Day.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- This day is celebrated to recognize the contribution of engineers in the development of the nation.
- The day is celebrated as the birth anniversary of **Sir Moksha Gundam Visvesvaraya**, who is considered one of the great engineers of India.
- Apart from India, **Sri Lanka and Tanzania** also celebrate Engineers Day on 15 September 2022 in honour of Sir Moksha Gundam Visvesvaraya.
- The Government of India In **1968**, decided to celebrate 15 September as National Engineers Day.
- India ranks second in the world in terms of the number of engineers.
- The day serves as a reminder to all engineers, particularly civil engineers to make Visvesvaraya their role model and work towards fulfilling the goals for the betterment of the country.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -

About Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya :

- He was born on September 15, 1861 in **Karnataka**.
- He joined Madras University to study for a Bachelor of Arts.
- He later decided to change career paths and obtained a Diploma in Civil Engineering from the College of Science, Pune.
- He is credited with the creation of the '**Block System**'.
- He patented and installed an irrigation system with water floodgates in a reservoir near Pune city to increase the level and storage of water supply.
- He was awarded the '**Bharat Ratna**' in **1955** for his exceptional contribution to the making of India.
- He has also been awarded the **British Knighthood** and was the **Diwan of Mysore** from 1912 to 1918.

7. International Day of Democracy (Sept. 15, 2022)

Every year 15 September is observed as the International Day of Democracy. The International Day of Democracy provides an opportunity to review the state of democracy in the world.

According to the United Nations, democracy is a universally recognized ideal and is one of the core values and principles of the United Nations. Democracy provides an environment for the protection and effective realization of human rights.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

Background of the Day :

- In 2007 the United Nations general Assembly passed a resolution to observe 15 September as International Day of Democracy.
- The **first** International Day of Democracy was observed on **15 September 2008**.

Theme 2022 :

- The theme of the International Day of Democracy 2022: **Protecting Press Freedom for Democracy**
- The theme focuses on the importance of media freedom to democracy, peace, and delivering on the Sustainable Development Goals. According to the Democracy Index 2021 report of the Economic Intelligence Unit, **India was ranked as 46th amongst 167 countries**. Norway was at the top and it was considered as the most democratic country in the world.
- The American President Abraham Lincoln said, "**Democracy is a rule of the people, for the people and by the people**".

8. Hindi Diwas 2022 (Sept. 14, 2022)

Hindi Divas is celebrated every year on 14 September. Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said that the Hindi language has brought India a special respect at the world level and its simplicity and sensitivity have always attracted people.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- The day is dedicated to the Hindi language after it was declared as the official language of the Union of India.

History of Hindi Diwas :

- The **Constituent Assembly** of India declared Hindi written in Devanagari script as the official language of the Union of India on 14 September 1949.

- **English is the second** official language.
- It was decided to celebrate this day as Hindi Diwas by the first **Prime Minister of India, Jawaharlal Nehru**.
- **Article 351** of the Constitution of India deals with the promotion and upliftment of the Hindi language.
- Hindi language has also been included in the **Eighth Schedule** of the Constitution.

Government efforts to promote Hindi language :

- Establishment of Central Hindi Directorate in the year 1960
- The Indian Council for Cultural Relations has established 'Hindi Chairs' in various universities/institutions abroad.
- E-Saral Hindi Sentence Dictionary and E-Mahashabdkosh Mobile App
- Rajbhasha Gaurav Puraskar and Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar for those who contributed to the development of Hindi language

9. International Day for South-South Cooperation (Sept. 12, 2022)

Every year 12 September is observed by the United Nations as the International Day for South-South Cooperation.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- This day highlights the efforts made by the United Nations for cooperation among developing countries.
- It is an initiative for the economic, social and political development of the countries located in the southern region.
- It refers to "**technical cooperation**" between developing countries.
- It helps developing countries to share knowledge, expertise, skills and resources to meet their development goals through concerted efforts.
- The day commemorates the adoption of the "**Buenos Aires Plan of Action**".
- The Buenos Aires Action Plan was adopted in 1978 by 138 member countries to promote and implement technical cooperation among developing countries.

10. World Suicide Prevention Day (Sept. 10, 2022)

World Suicide Prevention Day is observed every year on 10 September.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- Its objective is to spread awareness about mental health among the people and prevent the increasing cases of suicide.
- According to an estimate by WHO, around the world 7,03,000 suicides occur every year.
- By raising awareness we can reduce the incidence of suicide around the world.
- The theme of the year 2022 - '**Creating hope through action**' means "Creating hope through action among people".
- Through this theme, a message has been given that those thinking of committing suicide should not give up their hope in any way.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -***Background :***

- The day was started in 2003 by the International Association for Suicide Prevention and the World Health Organization.
- This day is sponsored by the World Federation for Mental Health and World Health Organization.