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## 1. 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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## 2. World Osteoporosis Day ( Oct. 20, 2022 )

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**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.

### **3. 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.

#### **4. World Food Day ( Oct. 16, 2022 )**

Every year **16 October** is observed as World Food Day. This day marks the founding of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).in 1945. The day is observed to draw the attention of the world to the issue of hunger and equitable access to food amongst the poor in the world.

##### **Background to the Day**

World Food Day was established at the 20th Session of the Conference of FAO 1979, held in Rome, on the suggestion of the former Hungarian minister of agriculture and food Dr Pal Romany.

It gradually became a way to raise awareness about hunger, malnutrition, sustainability and food production in the world.

##### **Theme of the World Food Day 2022**

The theme of the world food day 2022 is: **Leave no one Behind**

The theme reflects the current global hunger situation in the world due to climate change, covid pandemic and war in Ukraine has led to sharp increase in the prices of food energy and fertilizer prices. This has led to sharp deteriorating global food security crises and all-time high numbers of people at risk of experiencing serious levels of hunger in Asia and Africa.

The recently released [Global Hunger Index 2022](#) has put India into a severe risk category.

The world food day calls upon the leaders of the world and the civil society to take urgent action so that no one is left behind to face hunger and food insecurity.

##### **Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)**

It is a specialised agency of the United Nations.

It was set up on **16 October 1945**.

It's Headquarters: **Rome, Italy**

It was conferred with the Nobel Peace Prize 2020.

Director-General: QU Dongyu

#### **5. Global Handwashing Day ( Oct. 15, 2022 )**

The Global Handwashing Day is observed on 15 October every year around the world. It is an attempt to raise awareness amongst the people and the countries to the benefits of handwashing with soap as an easy, effective, and affordable way to prevent diseases and save lives.

The habit of washing hands at the right time in the right way prevents many diseases including diarrhoea, covid, stomach infections and encephalitis.

### **Background to the Day**

Global Handwashing Day was founded by the **Global Handwashing Partnership**. The first Global Handwashing Day was held in 2008, when over 120 million children around the world washed their hands with soap in more than 70 countries on 15 October. Since then it has been observed around the world.

### **Theme of the Global Handwashing Day 2022**

The 2022 Global Handwashing Day theme is **“Unite for Universal Hand Hygiene.”**

### **Benefit of washing hand with soap**

Elaborating the benefits of washing hands with soap the Global Handwashing Partnership says that “Germs that can cause diseases lodge in dirt, grease, and the natural oils on hands. Water alone does not dislodge them, but soap helps break down germ-carrying oils. Soap also facilitates rubbing and friction which can remove germs from the hands, and so that germs can be rinsed away with water. Using soap also adds to the time spent washing and ensures a more effective wash. With proper use, all soaps are equally effective at removing germs that cause disease.”

## **6. International Day of Rural Women 2022 ( Oct. 15, 2022 )**

**International Day of Rural Women** is celebrated on **15 October** every year.

### **Important facts**

- This day is dedicated to lakhs of women who live in remote rural areas.
- This day is celebrated to celebrate and make people aware of their achievements and contribution towards rural development and agriculture.
- The day focuses on gender equality and women empowerment in rural areas.
- These women include women from rural areas who contribute to the production of food and building agriculture and rural development around the world.
- This day reminds us that the world cannot be progressive if rural society is neglected.
- The theme for International Day of Rural Women 2022 - **"Rural Women, key for a world free from hunger and poverty."**

### **Background of the Day**

- The United Nations has been working since **1945** in the direction of maintaining peace and friendship in all the countries of the world.
- In the **year 1995**, the Fourth World Conference on Women was held in **Beijing, China**.
- The main topic of discussion in this was **women empowerment**.

- On **18 December 2007**, the United Nations announced that **15 October** would be observed annually around the world as the International Day of Rural Women.
- Since then this day is celebrated globally.

## **7. World Students' Day ( Oct. 15, 2022 )**

**World Students Day** is celebrated every year on **15 October** to mark the birth anniversary of former President **APJ Abdul Kalam**.

### **Important facts**

- The day is celebrated to pay tribute to Kalam's selfless contribution towards the development of education in the society.
- He was so devoted to teaching that he went back to his teaching profession the very next day after completing his term as the 11th President of India.
- Kalam always encouraged his students to become the best. He said "**If you fail, never give up because F.A.I.L. means 'First Attempt In Learning'**".
- The day reiterates the importance of education and recognizes the Fundamental Right to Education.
- Theme for World Teachers' Day 2022 - "**the transformation of education begins with teachers**".

### **About APJ Abdul Kalam**

- Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam was born on **15 October 1931 in Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu**.
- He served as the **11th President of India** from the year **2002 to the year 2007**.
- Dr. Kalam joined the '**Indian Space Research Organisation**' in **1962** and there he got the credit of making India's first indigenous **satellite (SLV-III) missile** as a project director.
- Abdul Kalam is considered the **father of India's missile program**.
- Dr. Kalam was awarded honorary doctorates by 48 universities and institutions in India and abroad.
- He also served as the Chief Scientific Adviser to the Prime Minister from **1992 to 1999**.
- Dr. Kalam was awarded the **Padma Bhushan** in the year **1981**, the **Padma Vibhushan in the year 1990** and the '**Bharat Ratna**' in the year **1997**.
- He died of cardiac arrest on **27 July 2015** during an event at the Indian Institute of Management, Shillong.

**Dr. Abdul Kalam also wrote many books, the main ones are -**

- India 2020: A Vision for the **New Millennium (1998)**
- Wings of Fire: End Autobiography (1999)
- Ignited Minds: Unlearning the Power Within India (1999)
- Mission India

## **8. World Standards Day ( Oct. 14, 2022 )**

World Standards Day is organized every year on **14 October** at the international level.

### **Important facts**

- The day is dedicated to informing consumers, policy makers and businesses about the importance of standardized measures, technologies and industries.
- On this day many organizations plan programs to convey the importance of standardization on a global scale.
- The day honors the efforts of thousands of experts who have played an important role in the development of standards on a global scale.
- **The theme** for World Standard Day 2022 - **'Shared Vision For a Better World.'**

### **Background of the day**

- The day marks the first meeting of representatives of **25 countries**, held in **London in 1956**, who decided to create an international organization to facilitate standardization.
- This day was first organized in the **year 1970**.
- The Indian Standards Institute was **established in 1947** with the objective of harmonious development of standardization activities in India.
- The Indian Standards Institute has been transformed into the Bureau of Indian Standards through the **Bureau of Indian Standards Act 1986**.
- The Bureau of Indian Standards carries out the activities of standardization, marking and quality certification of goods.

## **9. International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction ( Oct. 13, 2022 )**

International Disaster Risk Reduction Day is organised every year on **13 October** to raise awareness about disaster mitigation and risk mitigation around the world.

### **Important facts**

- In 2022, this international day will focus on **Target G** of the **Sendai Framework**.

- The Sendai Framework is a progressive framework and this important framework aims to reduce the number of people affected and critical infrastructure damage caused by disasters by **2030**.
- The Sendai Framework emphasizes the need to fulfil the **2015 Paris Agreement**.
- The primary goal of the Sendai Framework is to avoid new risks and mitigate existing risks.
- The theme of 2022 - **Early Warning**

### **Background of the day**

- The day was started in **1989** following the call of the **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** to promote a culture of disaster reduction across the world.
- The day celebrates how people and communities around the world are reducing their exposure to disasters and raising awareness of the importance of reining in the risks they face.
- **In 2009**, UNGA officially designated 13 October as the date to celebrate this day.

### **10. NHRC 30th Foundation Day ( Oct. 12, 2022 )**

The **National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)** is celebrating its **30th Foundation Day** on October 12, 2022.

#### **Important facts**

- Vice President **Jagdeep Dhankhar** Addresses the National Human Rights Commission's (NHRC) Foundation Day function in New Delhi.
- He said, human rights are essential for human development and social stability, NHRC is playing a vital role in spreading awareness and human rights literacy among different sections of the society.
- NHRC, India has retained its **A-grade status** of recognition for its dedicated efforts and high standards with the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions for the fourth consecutive term.
- The commission has zealously defended human rights and freedoms.

#### **National Human Rights Commission**

- The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) of India was established on **12 October 1993** through an ordinance issued by the President.
- It was provided statutory status by the **The Protection of Human Rights Act (PHRA), 1993**.
- Headquarters - **New Delhi**

- Chairperson - A retired Supreme Court Chief Justice or a Supreme Court Judge can be appointed by the President as the Chairman of the NHRC.
- The First Chairman of NHRC - **Justice Ranganath Mishra**
- The Current and the 8th Chairman of NHRC is **Justice Arun Kumar Mishra**
- Role - NHRC's role is to protect human rights and recommend measures for their effective implementation.
- MOTO of NHRC - "ॐ नमो भगवते वासुदेवाय / May all be happy."
- It has been taken from **Brihadāraṇyaka Upanishad**