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### 1. World Rabies Day ( Sept. 28, 2022 )

**World Rabies Day** is observed every year on **28 September** to raise awareness about the effects of rabies virus disease and ways to prevent it.

#### Important facts

- This day is celebrated on 28 September on the occasion of the death anniversary of the famous French biologist **Louis Pasteur**.
- The theme of this day for the year 2022 is '**Rabies: One Health, Zero Deaths**'.
- Louis Pasteur developed the **first rabies vaccine** and laid the foundation for the prevention of rabies.
- World Rabies Day was first observed on **28 September 2007**.
- The event was organized in collaboration with the **World Health Organization (WHO)** by the Alliance for Rabies Control and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, USA.

#### About Rabies

- Rabies is a **viral disease**. This virus is present in the saliva of animals suffering from rabies such as **dog, cat, monkey etc.**
- According to statistics, about **99 percent** of cases in humans are caused by dog bites.
- The time period between bites of an animal infected with rabies and the appearance of symptoms of rabies can range from four days to two years, or sometimes more.

### 2. NDMA 18th Foundation Day ( Sept. 28, 2022 )

**28 September, 2022** is NDMA's **18th Foundation Day**. Addressing the 18th Foundation Day of National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in New Delhi, Home Minister Amit Shah said that India has significantly reduced the damage caused by disasters in recent years.

#### Important facts

- Minister of State for Home, **Nityanand Rai** said, since 2014 the government has taken practical steps in disaster response.
- He said that **Aapda Mitra Scheme** is being implemented which has helped in involving the local people in disaster management.
- India has achieved great success in the direction of overall strengthening of disaster management and several schemes are being implemented in this direction.

## **National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)**

- NDMA was established through the Disaster Management Act, 2005 and was constituted in Dec 2006.
- The aim of the National Disaster Management Authority is to build a safer and disaster-resilient India by developing a holistic, proactive, multi-disaster and technology-driven strategy for disaster management.

## **Organisational Structure**

- The **Prime Minister is the ex-officio chairperson** of the NDMA.
- The Cabinet Minister is the **Vice-Chairman**.
- The NDMA Secretariat, headed by a Secretary, is responsible for providing secretarial support and continuity.
- Along with this, NDMA has 8 Ministers of State as its Members.

## **Steps taken by indian government in Disaster Management**

- India is a signatory to the **Sendai Framework** for Disaster Risk Reduction.
- India is working closely with the **United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR)**.
- India has formulated the **National Disaster Management Plan (NDMP)**.
- NDMA has taken an initiative on **Earthquake Disaster Risk Indexing (EDRI)** for 50 important cities and 1 district in seismic zone IV and V zones.
- 30 most flood affected districts of 25 states have been included in NDMA's **Aapdamitra scheme**.
- The government has constituted a **National Crisis Management Committee and a Crisis Management Group**.

## **3. Sixth anniversary of Surgical Strike ( Sept. 28, 2022 )**

The nation celebrates the **sixth anniversary** of surgical strike on **28 September**.

### **Important facts**

- On **28 September 2016**, the Indian Army launched surgical strikes against terrorist camps situated in **Pakistan-occupied Kashmir**.
- Eleven days after the **Uri attack**, in which 18 soldiers lost their lives, the Indian Army conducted surgical strikes on the intervening night of 28 and 29 September 2016, in which terrorists inflicted heavy losses.

- The Indian Army, including commandos of various units of the **Para (Special Forces)** stationed in Jammu and Kashmir, raided several positions across the border.
- With this action, India gave a befitting message that if needed, it can cross the border and attack terrorist hideouts.

### **What is a Surgical Strike?**

- A surgical strike or surgical operation is a military attack carried out only for the purpose of destroying a designated military target.
- In a surgical strike, every effort is made to cause less damage to the surrounding construction, vehicles, buildings or other public.
- Such an action requires tremendous coordination between the government, intelligence agencies and security forces.
- India has conducted surgical strikes against insurgent groups in **Myanmar in 2015** and terror launch pads along the **Line of Control in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir in 2016**.

## **4. World Tourism Day ( Sept. 27, 2022 )**

**World Tourism Day** is celebrated across the world on **27 September** every year.

### **Important facts**

- This day is observed every year to focus on promoting tourism in various parts of the world.
- The theme of Tourism Day 2022 - "**Rethinking Tourism**".
- The theme provides an opportunity to rethink how the tourism sector can be more sustainable, inclusive and resilient.
- The purpose of this day is to make people around the world aware of tourism.

### **Background of the day**

- It was initiated by the **United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) in 1980**.
- The reason for celebrating this day is that on this day in the **year 1970** the statutes of the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) were adopted.
- **UNWTO** was established in **1975** and five years after this, **World Tourism Day** started.
- In 1997, at its **fifth session in Istanbul, Turkey**, the UNWTO decided that one country would **host World Tourism Day** every year.
- The hosting of World Tourism Day, 2022 has been handed over to **Indonesia**.

## **5. International Day for Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons ( Sept. 26, 2022 )**

The United Nations observes **26 September** every year as the **International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons**.

### **Important facts**

- The day aims to raise public awareness of the danger posed to humanity by nuclear weapons and the need for their complete elimination.
- It provides an opportunity to educate the public and their leaders about the real benefits of eliminating such weapons and the social and economic costs of maintaining them.

### **Background of the day**

- The United Nations General Assembly, under its **resolution 68/32**, at the High Level Meeting of the General Assembly on Nuclear Disarmament, held in **New York on 26 September 2013**, announced the observance of this day in **December 2013**.
- International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons has been observed annually **since 2014**.
- On July 7, 2017, the Treaty on the **Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons** was adopted.
- The treaty is significant because it is the first legally binding multilateral instrument for nuclear disarmament in 20 years.

### **Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone**

- In 1967 Nuclear weapons in **Latin America and the Caribbean** (Treaty of Tlatelolco), which established the first nuclear weapons-free zone in a highly populated region.
- In 1985 the **South Pacific** became the second nuclear-weapon-free zone (Treaty of Rarotonga).
- In 1995 **Southeast Asia** became the third nuclear-weapon-free zone (Bangkok Treaty).
- In 1996 **Africa** became the fourth nuclear-weapon-free zone (Pelindaba Treaty).
- In 2006 **Central Asia** became the fifth nuclear-weapon-free zone (Treaty on a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Central Asia).

## **6. World Rivers Day ( Sept. 26, 2022 )**

World Rivers Day is celebrated every year on **25 September (last Sunday of September)** all over the world.

### **Important facts**

- The purpose of this day is to reduce the increasing water pollution in the rivers because rivers are an integral part of our life, on which animals, trees and plants depend.
- According to World River Day, "**It is a celebration of the world's waterways.**"
- The **theme** of 2022 - '**The importance of Rivers to Biodiversity**'.
- This year's theme is the need for rivers to sustain any civilization.
- The day highlights the importance of rivers and seeks to raise public awareness and encourage better monitoring of rivers around the world.

### **Background of the Day**

- In 2005, the United Nations declared Water for **Life Decade (World River Day)** by all countries to take care of water resources or to make people aware of water.
- Since then International River Day is celebrated every year on **25 September**.
- **Mark Angelo**, an internationally renowned river activist, started the Thompson River clean-up program in **British Columbia in September 1980**.
- Following the success of this event, Angelo proposed to celebrate World River Day.

### **7. Antyodaya Diwas 2022 ( Sept. 26, 2022 )**

**Antyodaya Diwas** is celebrated every year on **25 September** to mark the birth anniversary of **Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya**, one of the prominent personalities in the history of Indian politics.

#### **Important facts**

- This year Antyodaya Diwas is the **106th birth anniversary** of Upadhyay.
- Antyodaya means "**uplifting the poorest of the poor**" or "**rise of the last person**".
- The day was declared by the Government of India on **September 25, 2014** and is being officially celebrated since the **year 2015**.

#### **About Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya**

- He was born on September 25, 1916 in **Chandrabhan village near Farah town in Mathura district**, now known as Deendayal Dham.
- His father's name was **Bhagwati Prasad** and he was an astrologer, mother's name was **Rampyari**.
- The philosophy presented by him is called '**Integral Humanism**'.

- Its objective was to present an '**indigenous socio-economic model**' in which human beings are at the centre of development.
- Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay opposed western '**capitalist individualism**' and '**Marxist socialism**' and welcomed modern technology and western science.

## **8. World Maritime Day ( Sept. 24, 2022 )**

Every year, on **24 September**, **World Maritime Day** is observed by the **International Maritime Organization (IMO)** and other international organizations.

### **Important facts**

- World Maritime Day was first observed in **March 1978**. At that time it was celebrated to mark the IMO Convention.
- The IMO Convention was adopted in **1948 at the International Conference held in Geneva**.
- Earlier the IMO was called the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization.

### **Significance of the day**

- About 80 percent of the world's trade takes place through the sea.
- It provides low-cost transportation of goods and is thus vital for promoting sustainable maritime development.
- **India** celebrates its Maritime Day on **5th April**. It was celebrated for the first time in 1964.
- The Indo-Pacific Initiative is India's current maritime initiative. The initiative is supported by Australia, Japan and Thailand.

## **9. Haifa Day ( Sept. 24, 2022 )**

**Every year 23 September is celebrated as Haifa Day by the Indian Army. September 23 2022 marks the 104th anniversary of the Battle of Haifa.**

### **IMPORTANT FACTS -**

- The Indian Army celebrates 23 September every year as Haifa Day to pay respect to the three Indian Cavalry Regiments - **Mysore, Hyderabad and Jodhpur Lancers**.
- Its main purpose is to show respect to the Indian soldiers who fought in the Battle of Haifa.
- The Battle of Haifa took place on **23 September 1918**.

- In the war, soldiers from Jodhpur, Mysore and Hyderabad, (part of the 15 Imperial Service Cavalry Brigade) participated in the First World War on behalf of the Allies and liberated the Israeli **city of Haifa**, occupied by **Germany and Turkey**.
- The **Teen Murti Memorial** in Delhi was renamed as **Teen Murti Haifa Memorial** by the Government of India to honour the soldiers who fought in this war.
- Teen Murti Memorial was built in **1922 in memory of Indian soldiers** from the three princely states of Jodhpur, Hyderabad and Mysore.

## **10. International Sign Language Day ( Sept. 23, 2022 )**

**International Sign Language Day is observed every year on 23 September to raise awareness about the importance of sign language.**

### **IMPORTANT FACTS -**

- It is a day to raise awareness of the sign languages that are recognised for the human rights of deaf people.
- The day provides support for linguistic identity and cultural diversity for all peoples who interact with each other through sign languages.
- People who cannot hear or talk, there are many problems associated with them.
- The theme of this year's Sign Language Day-2022 - "Sign Languages Unite us".
- Sign languages are efficient natural languages that are structurally different from day-to-day spoken language.
- According to the statistics of the World Federation of the Deaf, there are more than 70 million deaf people worldwide.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -**

#### ***Background of the day :***

- The proposal to celebrate this day was proposed by the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD), a federation of 135 national associations of deaf people.
- The proposal was adopted unanimously on 19 December 2017.
- The first 'International Sign Language Day' was organised globally in the year 2018.
- The World Federation of the Deaf was established on 23 September 1951.