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1. International Day of Peace (Sept. 21, 2022)

International Day of Peace is celebrated globally on 21 September.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- The day is dedicated by the United Nations General Assembly to strengthen the ideals of peace through **non-violence and ceasefire, 24 hours.**
- On this day the United Nations invites all countries and peoples to celebrate the day through education and public awareness on issues related to peace.
- According to the United Nations, true peace includes not only the absence of violence but also the building up of society.
- This day seeks to create a world where everyone is treated equally regardless of their caste.
- To commemorate the day, the **United Nations Peace Bell** is rung at the UN Headquarters, New York City.

Theme of 2022 :

- The theme for the International Day of Peace 2022 - **“End racism, Build peace.”**
- This day is being celebrated with the aim of creating a new world free from racism and racial discrimination.

Background of the day :

- International Day of Peace was established in **1981** by the United Nations General Assembly.
- Nearly two decades later, in **2001**, the General Assembly unanimously designated the day as a period of non-violence and ceasefire.

2. 11th Foundation Day of Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI) (Sept. 21, 2022)

The 11th Foundation Day Celebration of Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI) was held on 20 September.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- **R K Singh**, Union Minister of Power and New and Renewable Energy graced the occasion as **Chief Guest**.
- Bhagwanth Khuba, Minister of State for New and Renewable Energy and Chemicals and Fertilizers was the Guest of Honour.
- As part of 11th Foundation Day, a series of events were organized including the planting of 1100 trees, blood donation camp in which 88 units were donated.
- Distribution of 2100 food packets, guest lectures for around 2200 school-kids, indoor sports tournament consisting of Table-tennis, Chess, Carom, Football and various team-building activities was the part of the event.

About Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd :

- It is a Central Public Sector Undertaking (CPSU) under the administrative control of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), set up on 20th Sept, 2011.
- It is the only CPSU dedicated to the Solar Energy Sector.
- The company holds Category 1 Power Trading Licence and is active in this domain through trading of Solar Energy from the projects set up under the schemes being implemented by it.

3. World Alzheimer's Day (Sept. 21, 2022)

World Alzheimer's Day is celebrated every year on 21st September by all the countries of the world.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- This day is celebrated to raise awareness about **Alzheimer's disease**.
- On this day, information related to the main symptoms, causes and treatment of Alzheimer's is provided to the people globally.

Theme of 2022 :

- This year the theme for world Alzheimer's month 2022 is - **know dementia, know Alzheimer's**.
- The theme aims to raise awareness about the importance of timely diagnosis, the warning signs of dementia and the need to fight Alzheimer's disease and dementia.

Background of the day :

- Named after **Alois Alzheimer**, a German psychiatrist, the disease is a neurological disorder that affects memory, thinking, and behaviour.

- Alzheimer's Disease International was formed in **1984** and on its tenth founding day in 1994, 21 September, it was decided to start World Alzheimer's Day.
- World Alzheimer's Month started in **2012**.

What is Alzheimer's disease ?

- Alzheimer's is a mental illness that affects older people more, this disease weakens their memory.
- It is the most common type of dementia.
- Alzheimer's occurs when there is a disturbance in the structure of proteins in the brain.

4. 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**

5. 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)**.

6. 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.

7. 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**.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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**".