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1. National Doctor's Day (July 1, 2022)

National Doctors Day is celebrated every year on 1st July to express and acknowledge the gratitude towards the dedication and commitment of doctors towards our society across the country.

- **The theme** of 2022 Doctors Day is '**Family Doctors on the Front Line**'.
- For the first time in India, the celebration of National Doctor's Day started in the year 1991.
- The day honours the great physician and second Chief Minister of West Bengal, Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy, whose birth anniversary and death anniversary falls on this day.
- On this day all the people, whose life is connected with one or the other doctor, they thank the doctor.
- **Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy**
 - He was born on 1 July 1882 in Patna, Bihar and died on 1 July 1962 in Kolkata, West Bengal.
 - He was a highly respected physician and a renowned freedom fighter.
 - He was the second Chief Minister of West Bengal and held his post for 14 years from 1948 until his death in 1962.
 - He founded the five cities of West Bengal Durgapur, Bidhannagar, Ashoknagar, Kalyani and Habra.
 - He was awarded the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award, in 1961.
 - He became famous as the first medical consultant in the subcontinent of India.
 - In his memory, the Central Government has dedicated Dr. B.C. Roy National Award has been instituted.
 - He was also instrumental in the formation of the Indian Medical Association (IMA) and the Medical Council of India (MCI) in 1928.

2. International Asteroid Day (June 30, 2022)

International Asteroid Day is observed on 30 June every year by the United Nations.

- The resolution to celebrate International Asteroid Day was presented to the United Nations in 2016.
- The day is marked to raise awareness about the devastating effects when an asteroid hits the Earth.

- International Asteroid Day was held on June 30, 1908, the anniversary of the Siberian Tunguska event.

- **Tunguska incident**

- This event is the largest known eruption recorded in human history.
- The Tunguska event is a very large explosion that is believed to be caused by a comet or meteor.
- On June 30, 1908, the Russian people in Lake Baikal saw a pillar of blue light moving across the sky like the sun.
- Ten minutes later they heard sounds like artillery fire.
- The power of this explosion is estimated to be between 3 and 30 megatons of TNT.

- **What is Asteroid?**

- Asteroids are celestial bodies that move around the universe.
- They are smaller in size than planets and larger than meteorites.
- Ceres was the first asteroid to be discovered by Giuseppe Piazzi in 1819.
- There are many asteroids in our solar system. Most of those asteroids are found in the Main Asteroid Belt. This main asteroid belt is located in the region between the orbits of the planets Mars and Jupiter.

3. National statistics day (June 29, 2022)

To popularise the use of statistics in everyday life, every year 29 June is observed as National Statistics Day.

- 29 June was chosen to honour the contribution made by Prof. Prashant Chandra Mahalanobis in establishing the National Statistical System.
- June 29 is the birth anniversary of Pro. P.C. Mahalanobis.
- National Statistics Day was celebrated for the first time in the year 2007.
- World Statistics Day is celebrated on 20 October.

- **Purpose of the day**

- The day is being observed to make the citizens of the country aware of how statistics helps in shaping and formulating policies.
- Statistics helps us to present the results effectively through proper analysis and proper methods of data collection.

- **About Pro. PC Mahalanobis -**

- Mahalanobis was born in Kolkata in the year 1893.
- Mahalanobis established the 'Indian Statistical Institute' in Calcutta in 1931.
- Pro. Mahalanobis has also played an important role in Indian planning. His planning model is a very popular model and was the basis of India's Second Five Year Plan (1956-61).
- He was the chairman of the United Nations Deputy Commission on Statistical Sampling from 1947 to 1951.
- In 1968, Mahalanobis was awarded the Padma Vibhushan, the country's second highest civilian award, for his outstanding contribution to the service of the nation and science.

4. International MSME Day (June 27, 2022)

MSME Day is observed every year on 27 June to recognize the contribution of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

- June 27 was designated as the Day of Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises through a resolution passed by the United Nations in the United Nations General Assembly in April 2017.
- A program titled 'Enhancing National Capabilities for Unleashing Full Potentials of MSMEs in Achieving the SDGs in Developing Countries' was launched in May 2017.
- It is funded by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development sub-fund of the United Nations Peace and Development Fund.
- **Role of MSMEs in Indian Economy**
 - Micro, small and medium enterprises play an important role in the development of the Indian economy and contribute about 30 percent of the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP).
 - In terms of exports, they are an integral part of the supply chain and contribute about 48 per cent of the total exports.
 - Apart from this, MSMEs also play an important role in employment generation and provide employment to about 110 million people across the country.
- **Initiatives of MSMEs -**
 - The Ministry of MSME in India has taken the following measures to help industries survive during the COVID-19 crisis -
 - Establishment of community kitchen to provide food packets to migrants
 - 1000 per month to the registered artisans through the Artisan Welfare Fund Trust
 - Release of funds through Market Development Assistance to artisans and Khadi Institutions through Direct Benefit Transfer.

5. International Day of Seafarer (June 25, 2022)

International Sailor's Day is an annual and international event celebrated around the world on 25 June.

- The day is coordinated by the International Maritime Organisation.
- Sailor's Day was established by Resolution 19, adopted by the Diplomatic Conference in Manila in 2010, which adopted revised standards for training, certification and monitoring for seafarers.
- The first International Sailor Day was celebrated on 25 June 2011.
- The day celebrates and recognizes the unique contributions made by seafarers globally to international maritime trade, civil society and the world economy.
- **About International Maritime Organisation (IMO) -**
- The International Maritime Organisation is a specialised agency of the United Nations that is authorised to regulate the traffic of ships.
- It was established in the year 1958 in Geneva.
- Its parent organisation is the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).
- It is headquartered in London, United Kingdom.

6. Passport service day (June 24, 2022)

Every year, Passport Seva Divas is celebrated on 24th June.

- The day is observed to commemorate the enactment of the Passport Act on June 24, 1967.
- On Passport Seva Divas, the Government of India clarified that the process of production of chip-enabled e-passports is underway which will help strengthen the security of Indian travel to a great extent.
- The personal details of the applicants will be stored in the chips and they will be digitally signed.
- It will have 64 KB of memory space. About 30 international trips will be stored in this chip.
- **Passport act**
- The Passport Act describes the procedures for obtaining an Indian passport.
- This Act replaced the British Indian Passport and Passport Act, 1920.
- As per Article 9 of the Indian Constitution, this Act does not allow dual citizenship.

- According to this act, if a person has acquired foreign citizenship, he has to surrender his passport.
- The passports to be issued under the Passport Act are as follows -
 - official passport
 - ordinary passport
 - diplomatic passport
- **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -**
 - India ranks 84th in the list of the world's strongest passports.
 - According to the 'Henley Passport Index', people holding an Indian passport can travel to 59 countries without a prior visa.
 - According to the 'Henley Passport Index', the most powerful passports are those of Singapore and Japan. People holding passports of these two countries can enter about 192 countries without a visa.
 - At the bottom of this index is the passport of Afghanistan.

7. Summer Solstice 2022 (June 22, 2022)

June 21 was the day of the summer solstice in the northern hemisphere. People in the Northern Hemisphere celebrate the summer solstice, which is the **longest day of the year**.

- **What is the Summer Solstice?**
 - Solstice means 'the sun is still' in Latin.
 - It is a natural phenomenon that occurs twice every year, once in summer and once during winter.
 - It is the longest day and shortest night of the year in the Northern Hemisphere.
 - On this day, more energy is received from the sun.
 - On this day the countries of the Northern Hemisphere are closest to the Sun and the Sun shines upward at the Tropic of Cancer (23.5° North).
 - The summer solstice marks the beginning of the astronomical summer and occurs when the earth has its maximum tilt towards the sun.
 - The Earth orbits the Sun at an angle.
 - For half the year, the Northern Hemisphere is tilted towards the Sun and, therefore, it is summer in the Northern Hemisphere and winter in the Southern Hemisphere.
 - During the second half of the year, the Northern Hemisphere is tilted away from the Sun, thus causing winter in the Northern Hemisphere and summer in the South.
- **High amount of energy**

- It is characterised by the high amount of energy received from the sun on this day.
- According to NASA, the amount of energy the Earth receives from the Sun on this day is 30% more at the North Pole than at the Equator.
- The maximum amount of sunlight received by the northern hemisphere during this time is usually on **June 20, 21 or 22**.
- In contrast, the southern hemisphere receives the most sunlight on **December 21, 22 or 23**, when the northern hemisphere has the longest nights, or the winter solstice.

8. International Yoga Day (June 21, 2022)

The 8th edition of International Day of Yoga is being celebrated on **21 June**. Prime Minister Narendra Modi leads a mass yoga demonstration in **Mysore, Karnataka**.

- Yoga demonstrations are being organized at 75 iconic places across the country.
- **The theme of 2022** International Day of Yoga is - '**Yoga for Humanity**'.
- International Yoga Day has been celebrated every year on 21st June since 2015.
- It is celebrated every year to spread awareness about the invaluable benefits of Yoga.
- Every year on this day, people gather at a place and perform yoga together.
- Yoga is believed to have originated in India thousands of years ago and is also mentioned in ancient mythological books like Rigveda.
- **History of the day**
 - The concept of International Day of Yoga was first proposed by India's Prime Minister Modi during his speech at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on September 27, 2014.
 - 177 member countries of UNGA supported PM Modi's suggestion to celebrate 21 June as International Yoga Day.
 - On 11 December 2014, the United Nations General Assembly announced that 21 June would be observed as International Day of Yoga or World Yoga Day.
- **Why is June 21 celebrated as Yoga Day**
 - June 21, also known as summer solstice, is the longest day of the year.
 - On June 21, the sun rises a little early and sets late.
 - This was the reason that it was decided that International Yoga Day would be celebrated on this day.
- **What is Yoga?**
 - It is essentially a spiritual discipline based on a very subtle science, which focuses on bringing harmony between mind and body.

- It is the art and science of living a healthy life.
- The word 'yoga' is derived from the Sanskrit root 'yuj', which means 'to join' or 'to unite'.
- **Significance of Yoga Day**
- PM Modi during his speech at UNGA said, "Yoga is an invaluable gift of India's ancient tradition.
- It symbolizes unity of mind and body, thought and action, moderation and fulfilment, harmony between man and nature, a holistic approach to health and well-being.
- It is not about exercise but about discovering a sense of oneness with oneself, the world and nature.
- By changing one's lifestyle and creating consciousness, yoga can help people's well-being.

9. World Refugee Day (June 20, 2022)

World Refugee Day is observed annually on 20 June to honour refugees around the world.

- World Refugee Day was designated by the United Nations as an International Day.
- World Refugee Day was celebrated for the first time on 20 June 2001.
- Governments around the world are made to realise their duties on this date to protect and support refugees.
- While the theme of World Refugee Day 2022 has not been rolled out, last year's theme is "Together We Heal, Learn and Shine."
- **Statistics on refugees**
- According to UN figures, 20 people are forced to flee their homes every 1 minute to avoid terror, war and conflict.
- As of the end of 2019, there are an estimated 79.5 million people who are forcibly displaced in the world.
- As of 2019, according to the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC), 68% of the refugees in the world are Syria (6.6 million refugees), Venezuela (3.7 million refugees), Afghanistan (2.7 million), South Sudan (2.2 million) and Myanmar (1.1 million) countries.
- As of 2019, out of a total of 79.5 million refugees worldwide, 26 million are under the age of 18.

10. World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought -2022 (June 17, 2022)

World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought is observed every year on **17 June**.

- The day focuses on converting poor land into healthy or fertile soil to combat desertification.
- The desertification of land is mainly caused by human activities and climate change.
- This is due to dry land ecosystems that are extremely vulnerable to overexploitation and inappropriate use of land.
- The day highlights the need for an early measure to avoid any disastrous consequences for humanity and the planetary ecosystem.
- Theme of 2022 - **Rising up from drought together.**
- **History and Significance of the day**
- In December 1994, the United Nations General Assembly resolved to observe 17 June as the World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought.
- Since then, the United Nations, NGOs and various countries have been organizing events to spread awareness to combat desertification and drought.
- The purpose of this day is to convert degraded land into healthy land.
- To combat this threat, groups and communities are working together to convert arid, semi-arid and arid wetlands into fertile soils.