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1. International Family Remittance Day (June 16, 2022)

Every year, International Family Remittance Day is observed by the United Nations on 16 June.

- The day is celebrated to honour the efforts of expatriates living abroad and to help improve the lives of their family members in their home country.
- The first International Family Remittance Day was observed in 2015.
- The day encourages the public sector and the private sector to formulate policies for the betterment of migrants and encourage remittances.
- The theme of this year's International Family Remittance Day is 'Recovery and Resilience through Digital and Financial Inclusion'.
- **What is Remittance?**
- Remittance is money that is sent to another party (usually from one country to another). The sender is usually an immigrant and the recipient belongs to a community/family.
- In other words, remittance or remittance refers to the income sent by migrant workers to their native community/family in the form of money or kind.
- India is the largest recipient of remittances or remittances in the world.

2. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (June 15, 2022)

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is observed every year on 15 June.

- The aim of the day is to draw attention to the impact of elder abuse.
- The day promotes awareness of abuse (verbal, physical or emotional) of the elderly population around the world.
- According to the World Health Organization (WHO), nearly one in six people over the age of 60 suffer from abuse.
- This means around 141 million people are affected globally.
- This year, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day will be remembered with two important events.

1. Beginning of the United Nations Decade for Healthy Ageing (2021–2030).
2. The 20th Milestone of the Second World Assembly on Aging and the Fourth Review and Evaluation of the Implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Aging (MIPAA).

- **History and significance of the day**

- The day began to be observed in June 2006 following a request to declare June 15 as a special day for the elderly.
- The day was officially recognized by the United Nations General Assembly in the year 2011.

3. World Blood Donor Day (June 14, 2022)

World Blood Donor Day is also celebrated every year on 14th June to thank voluntary blood donors for their life saving gifts.

- **History of the day**

- World Blood Donor Day is celebrated to mark the birth anniversary of Karl Landsteiner, who was born on 14 June 1868.
- In the year 2004, WHO celebrated World Blood Donor Day for the first time, to encourage people of all countries to donate blood to save lives.
- The **theme of this year's World Blood Donor Day** is "**Donating blood is an act of solidarity, so be a part of the effort and save lives**".

- **Blood related information**

- During 1900-1901, Karl Landsteiner discovered the ABO blood group of human blood and the Rh factor, an important element found in blood.
- Blood pressure is measured with a sphygmomanometer.
- The highest amount of iron or iron metal is found in the blood.
- The pH value of human blood is 7.4.
- The blood group O is called "Universal Blood Donor".
- Blood group AB: is "Universal Blood Recipient".
- Blood is a type of "liquid connective tissue".
- Blood is present in the body in the amount of 07 percent of the total weight of the human body.
- Antibody is not found in blood group AB.
- Both antibodies are found in blood group O.

4. International Albinism Awareness Day 2022 (June 13, 2022)

13th June is International Albinism Awareness Day.

- The day is celebrated to create awareness among people about the prevention of attacks and discrimination against persons with albinism and the rights of people with albinism.

- The purpose of this day is to raise awareness among people about the rights of people suffering from albinism.

- **What is Albinism?**

- It is a congenital disorder that occurs in humans due to the complete or partial absence of pigment in the skin, eyes and hair.
- This disease is caused by a lack of pigmentation (melanin) in the hair, skin and eyes, which makes a person sensitive to the sun and bright light.
- People with albinism can be visually impaired and have a higher risk of developing skin cancer.

- **Theme of 2022**

- The theme for the year 2022 is "**United in Making Our Voice Heard**".

- **History of the day**

- In the mid-2000s, there were reports of violent attacks and murders on people with albinism in Tanzania.
- The belief behind the attacks that people with albinism possessed magical powers resulted in the deaths of 70 people in 2015.
- Because of this, the Tanzania Albinism Society (TAS) and other NGOs came together to advocate for the rights of people with albinism.
- The United Nations Human Rights Council took the initiative to stop attacks and discrimination against people with albinism on December 18, 2014.
- The Council decided to observe International Albinism Awareness Day on 13 June every year.
- International Albinism Awareness Day was first observed in 2015.

5. World Day Against Child Labour 2022 (June 13, 2022)

World Day Against Child Labour, also known as Anti Child Labour Day, is observed on 12th June every year.

- The day aims to raise awareness about the exploitation of children engaged in child labour.
- It aims to bring together governments and civil society organizations to combat child labour.
- The day also focuses on what more needs to be done to eliminate child labour.
- National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) is celebrating Elimination of Child Labour Week in honour of World Day Against Child Labour in 75 places from 12 June.

Theme of the year 2022 -

- "Universal Social Protection to End Child Labour".
- The theme of the day focuses on increasing investment in social security schemes and systems to develop sound social security mechanisms to protect against child labour.
- A total of 160 million children are still engaged in child labour, some of whom are under the age of five.

• History of the day

- The International Labor Organization (ILO) started celebrating World Day Against Child Labour in 2002 with the aim of highlighting the plight of children who are victims of child labour.
- The day serves as a catalyst to take forward the global movement against child labour.
- The eradication of Child Labour is part of the UN Sustainable Development Goal (Target 8.7).

• Constitutional Provisions

- According to Article 21(A) and Article 45 of the constitution children of the age six to 14 years have the Right to Education.
- As per provision of Article 24, a child below the age of 14 years cannot be employed in any mine, factory or hazardous workplace.

• Significance of the day

- The day focuses on providing dignity to the lives of children affected by child labor and ensuring support for their education, medical services and other needs.
- Many campaigns and seminars are organized on this day.

6. World Oceans Day (June 8, 2022)

World Oceans Day is celebrated every year on 8 June to raise global awareness about the important role of oceans in human life and the efforts required to conserve them.

• Purpose of the day

- The main purpose of celebrating this day is to shed light on topics such as biodiversity, food security, ecological balance, climate change, indiscriminate use of marine resources, and to create awareness in the world about the challenges posed by the oceans.

• Theme of World Oceans Day 2022

- The theme for this year's World Ocean Day is "**Revitalization: Collective Action for the Ocean**".

• History of the day

- It was decided to celebrate World Oceans Day every year at a forum named 'Planet Earth' held in Rio de Janeiro in 1992.
- Its concept was proposed at the Earth Summit by Canada's International Centre for Ocean Development and the Ocean Institute of Canada.
- On 5 December 2008, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution to designate this day.

- **Some important facts about ocean**

- There are a total of five oceans on Earth. The Pacific Ocean (Pacific Ocean), Atlantic Ocean (Atlantic Ocean), Indian Ocean (Indian Ocean), Arctic Ocean (Arctic Ocean) and Antarctic Ocean or Southern Ocean (Antarctic Ocean).
- The Pacific is the largest and deepest ocean. Its depth on the Mariana Trench is 11,033 metres i.e. about 11 kilometres.
- The Arctic Ocean is the smallest and shallowest ocean.
- The water of the Atlantic Ocean is the saltiest. Its water has a salinity of 3.7 percent.
- The world's saltiest sea (Red Sea) and warmest ocean (Persian Gulf) are located in the Indian Ocean.
- The Arctic Ocean is the ocean with the least salt.

7. World Environment Day (June 6, 2022)

World Environment Day is celebrated every year on 5 June with the aim of making citizens around the world aware of the concerns of environmental pollution and raising awareness about the environment.

- **Theme 2022**

- This year's theme is 'Only One Earth - Living Sustainable in Harmony with Nature'.
- 50 years ago the slogan 'Only Earth' was first given at the Stockholm Conference of 1972.
- The 50th World Environment Day has been celebrated in the year 2022, which is hosted by Sweden.

- **History of World Environment Day**

- World Environment Day was first celebrated by the United Nations in 1972.
- Its celebration on a global scale began on 5 June 1974 in Stockholm, the capital of Sweden, where an environmental conference was organised in the presence of 119 countries.
- It was during this conference that it was decided to celebrate World Environment Day on 5th June every year.

- **Other important days related to environment**

21 March	World Forest Day
22 March	World Water Day
23 March	World Meteorological Day
22 April	World Earth Day
8 June	World Oceans Day
29 July	World Tiger Day
16 September	World Ozone Day
26 November	World Environment Protection Day

8. World Bicycle Day 2022 (June 3, 2022)

Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Thakur launched a nationwide program of cycle rallies from Major Dhyan Chand Stadium in Delhi on 3rd June on the occasion of World Cycle Day.

- The Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan of the Union Youth Affairs Ministry is organising this program.
- Under this programme, 1.29 lakh youth will cover a distance of 9.68 lakh km by bicycle in a day.
- The purpose of this program is to create awareness about cycling among people so that people can include cycling in their daily routine for fitness.
- Through this initiative, 1.29 lakh young cyclists will cover a total distance of more than 9.68 lakh km in a single day.
- Cycle rallies will be taken out in the capital of 35 states and union territories of the country and at 75 important places across the country.
- **Cycling and Climate Change**
 - The benefits of cycling include a clean and carbon free environment, affordability and physical fitness.
 - Amidst the increasing global warming and the adverse effects of climate change, the positive role of cycling in meeting the short distance needs of people cannot be emphasised enough.
 - Carbon emissions and greenhouse gases (GHGs) released by automobiles play a major role in warming the planet and causing sea level rise leading to massive floods and other disasters around the world.

World Bicycle Day and its significance

- The United Nations General Assembly declared 3 June as World Bicycle Day.
- The day is the result of Leszek Sibilski's campaign to recognize World Bicycle Day and the support of Turkmenistan and 56 other countries.
- World Bicycle Day focuses on drawing attention to the benefits of using the bicycle as a simple, clean, economical and environmentally friendly sustainable means of transport.
- The bicycle is a tool that helps contribute to a cleaner environment by making education, health care and other social services accessible to the most vulnerable populations.
- The day is now being associated with the promotion of a healthy lifestyle for people with type 1 and type 2 diabetes.

9. Telangana formation day (June 2, 2022)

Telangana Formation Day is celebrated every year on 2nd June as Telangana emerged as the 29th state of India on 2nd June 2014.

- This day remembers the sacrifice and cooperation of all those people who laid down their lives in making this separate state.

• History of State

- Telangana was divided from the erstwhile Madras on 1 November 1956 and the Telugu speaking people merged with Andhra Pradesh.
- In 1969, there was a protest and agitation for a new state in the Telangana region.
- After protests, a separate new state was formed in 1972 in the form of Andhra Pradesh.
- After nearly 40 years of opposition, the Telangana Bill was passed in the Lok Sabha by the Congress Working Committee and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in February 2014.
- The bill was introduced in the Indian Parliament in 2014 and the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act got its nod in the same year.
- According to the bill, Telangana was formed by ten districts of north-western Andhra Pradesh.

• About Telangana State

- Capital- Hyderabad
- Governor- Tamilisai Soundararajan
- Chief Minister- K. Chandrashekhara Rao
- Legislative Assembly seats- 119
- Lok Sabha seats - 17
- State Bird- Palpitta or Neelkanth

- State Animal – Jinka or Blackbuck
- State flower- Tangedu
- **Important facts**

STATE	FORMATION DAY
Rajasthan	1 November
Maharashtra	1 May
Gujarat	1 May

10. World No Tobacco Day (June 1, 2022)

World No Tobacco Day is celebrated every year on 31 May with the aim of making people aware about the harmful effects of tobacco consumption.

- The theme of the year 2022 is "Protect the Environment".
- The World Health Organisation honours governments, organisations and individuals every year for their efforts and contributions to prevent tobacco use.
- This year, Jharkhand has been selected for the World No Tobacco Day (WNTD) Award-2022 by WHO.

• History of the day

- The World No Tobacco Day initiative was adopted by WHO in 1987.
- After this, resolution WHA 42.19 was passed in 1988, in which 31 May was issued as 'World No Tobacco Day'.
- Recently the Global Burden of Disease has published a study on the number of smokers around the world.

• Smokers in india

- According to this study, there were around 20 million smokers in the age group of 15-24 in India in 2019. This is the second largest number of tobacco smokers worldwide.

• Global scenario

- According to this study, the number of smokers increased to 1 billion in 2019.
- Tobacco use killed 7 million people.

- Among new smokers, 89% had become addicted by the age of 25.
- There are 155 million smokers worldwide aged 15-24.
- **Top 10 countries with the highest number of smokers**
- The top 10 countries are China, India, Indonesia, USA, Russia, Bangladesh, Japan, Turkey, Vietnam and Philippines.