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1. World Zoonoses Day (July 6, 2022)

World Zoonoses Day is observed every year on 6 July to raise awareness about the risk of zoonotic diseases.

• **Important facts**

- The day began on July 6, 1885, when Louis Pasteur successfully administered the first vaccine against the rabies virus.
- Zoonoses are infectious diseases (viruses, bacteria, and parasites) that spread from animals to humans.
- Some examples of zoonotic diseases are Ebola, swine flu, encephalitis, covid 19 etc.
- COVID 19 is also a zoonotic disease.
- Globally, approximately one billion cases of disease, and millions of deaths, are caused by zoonoses, and 60% of emerging infectious diseases are zoonoses, according to the WHO.

• **Other important health related days**

- February 4- World Cancer Day
- March 21 - World Down Syndrome Day
- March 24- World Tuberculosis Day
- April 7- World Health Day
- April 17 - World Haemophilia Day
- April 25 - World Malaria Day
- July 28- World Hepatitis Day
- September 28 - World Rabies Day
- October 12- World Arthritis Day
- November 12 - World Pneumonia Day
- November 14 - World Diabetes Day
- December 1- World AIDS Day

2. GST (Goods and Services Tax) Day (July 2, 2022)

To commemorate the anniversary of the implementation of the historic tax reform of the Goods and Services Tax, 1 July is observed as GST (Goods and Services Tax) Day.

• Important facts

- The first GST Day was celebrated on 1st July 2018 to mark the first anniversary of the new indirect tax regime i.e. Goods and Services Tax (GST).
- GST was implemented on the intervening night of 30 June and 1 July 2017 in a function held in the Central Hall of Parliament.
- On 29 March 2017, the Goods and Services Tax Act was passed in the Parliament and the Act came into force on 1 July 2017.
- GST was enacted as the 101st Constitutional Amendment Act, 2016.

• What is GST?

- GST is an indirect tax which has been implemented with the aim of making India a unified common market.
- It is a single tax levied on the supply of goods and services from the producer to the consumer.
- Under GST, on the one hand indirect taxes like Central Excise Duty, Additional Excise Duty, Service Tax, Countervailing Duty are included at the Central level.
- On the other hand, state-levied value addition tax, entertainment tax, octroi and entry tax, luxury tax, etc. are also included.
- It was introduced with the slogan 'One Nation One Tax'.

• Tax Structure under GST

- Central GST (CGST) to cover excise duty, service tax etc.
- State GST (SGST) to cover VAT, luxury tax etc.
- Integrated GST (IGST) to cover inter-state trade.
- IGST itself is not a tax but a tax system to coordinate state and union taxes.
- It has a 4-tier tax structure of 5%, 12%, 18% and 28% for all goods and services under the slab.

3. International Cooperative Day (July 2, 2022)

International Cooperative Day is celebrated every year on the first Saturday of July. This year the day was observed on 2nd July to highlight the contribution of the cooperative movement.

• Important facts

- The day aims to spread awareness about cooperatives by highlighting how the United Nations shares common goals and objectives of the international cooperative movement.
- This year's #CoopsDay slogan is - "Cooperatives Build a Better World".

- On July 2 this year, cooperatives across the world are celebrating the 100th International Cooperative Day (#CoopsDay).
- This is the 28th International Co-operative Day recognized by the United Nations.
- The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) passed a resolution on 16 December 1992 to declare the first Saturday of July 1995 as Cooperative Day.
- It was formed to mark the centenary of the founding of the International Co-operative Alliance, formed in 1895.

- **About International Cooperative Alliance (IAC)**

- It was founded in 1895 to unite, represent and serve cooperatives around the world.
- The ICA represents 313 cooperative associations and organisations in 109 countries.
- Headquarters - Brussels, Belgium
- President - Ariel Guarco

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.