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1. World Wetlands Day (Feb. 2, 2022)

Every year 2nd February is celebrated as World Wetlands Day to raise awareness about wetlands. On this day Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, was adopted in 1971 in the Iranian city of Ramsar.

- The theme of World Wetlands Day 2022: “**Wetlands Action for People and Nature**”.
- **In India, this year's national-level celebration of World Wetlands day 2022 was held at Sultanpur National Park, a Ramsar site of Haryana.**

2. Indian Coast Guard Raising Day (Feb. 1, 2022)

Every year on 1st February **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)** celebrates its raising Day. This year, ICG is celebrating its 46th Raising day.

About Indian Coast Guard:

Indian Coast Guard (ICG) was officially established on 1st February 1977 by the Coast Guard Act, 1987 of the Parliament of India. It comes under the Union Ministry of Defence.

- Its main role is to prevent seaborne smuggling of goods, to ensure the safety and protection of the islands, and to provide protection and assistance to the Indian fishermen and mariners at the high seas.
- Motto: “**Vayam Rakshamah - We Protect**”
- Headquarters: **Ministry of Defence, New Delhi**
- Director-General: **Virender Singh Pathania**

3. 26th January: International Customs Day (Jan. 26, 2022)

The theme for **International Customs Day 2022** is ‘**Scaling up Customs Digital Transformation**’.

The International Customs Day (ICD) is observed every year on 26th January to commemorate the inaugural session of the World Customs Organisation WCO), which was held on this day in 1953.

- This day raises awareness about the importance of customs authorities and their role in the smooth movement of goods across borders.

World Customs Organisation:

The World Customs Organisation was formed in 1952 as the Customs Co-operation Council (CCC).

- The main function of this independent governmental body was to boost the efficiency and effectiveness of customs administrations.
- The inaugural session of the council was held on 26 January 1953.
- Headquarters: **Brussels, Belgium.**
- Secretary-General: **Kunio Mikuriya**

4. 27th January: International Holocaust Remembrance Day (Jan. 27, 2022)

In 2022, the theme guiding the United Nations Holocaust remembrance and education is “Memory, Dignity and Justice”.

Every year on 27th January, United Nation Educational Scientific and Educational Organisation (UNESCO) pays tribute to the memory of the victims of the Holocaust and reaffirms its unwavering commitment to counter antisemitism, racism, and other forms of intolerance that may lead to group-targeted violence.

- **Holocaust refers to the mass killing of the Jews or genocide of the Jews by Adolf Hitler led Nazi Germany between 1941 to 1945. An estimated sixty lakhs Jews were killed in concentration camps set up by Hitler across German occupied Europe .**
- United Nations General Assembly officially proclaimed in November 2005 to commemorate this day as International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the victims of the Holocaust.

5. 26th January: Republic Day (Jan. 26, 2022)

Republic Day is celebrated every year on 26th January, to commemorate the adoption of the Indian Constitution which came into effect on this day in 1950.

- India will be celebrating 73rd Republic Day in 2022.
- On this day the President of India hoists the National Flag at Rajpath in New Delhi.
- There will be no Foreign Chief Guest on this Republic day due to the corona pandemic. There were no chief guests in 1952,1953, 1966,2021 and 2022.

6. 24th January: International Day of Education (Jan. 24, 2022)

The theme of the fourth “International Day of Education 2022” is ‘Changing Course, Transforming Education’.

- The International Day of Education is annually celebrated on January 24.
- The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on 3rd December 2018 proclaimed the celebration of this day to mark the importance of education in ensuring peace and development.
- This year, the celebration took place at the UN Headquarters in New York, Expo 2022 in Dubai, Harvard University Graduate School of Education, and Global Minnesota.

Meanwhile, India celebrates its own National Education day celebrated on November 11 to mark the birth anniversary of India's first Education Minister Maulana Abul Kalam Azad.

United Nations Secretary General: António Guterres

7. 25th January: National Tourism Day (Jan. 25, 2022)

The theme for National Tourism Day 2022 is 'Rural and Community Centric Tourism'.

The National Tourism Day is celebrated every year across the country on January 25 to appreciate India's beauty and spread awareness about the importance of tourism and its impact on the economy.

- The ministry of tourism is observing National Tourism Day under the aegis of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', a 75-week grand celebration to mark 75 years of India's independence. Various Programmes including cultural events, light and sound shows will also be organised at 75 major tourism centres and all tourist destinations across the country.
- The separate tourism department in India was created in 1958 by the then government to preserve the national heritage and to look after the tourist destinations for keeping their beauty intact.

Current Tourism Minister of India: G. Kishan Reddy

8. 25th January: National Voters' Day (Jan. 25, 2022)

The theme for voters' day 2022 is 'Making Elections Inclusive, Accessible and Participative'.

Every year India observes "National Voters' Day" on January 25 to encourage more young voters to take part in the political process.

- Since 2011, National Voters' Day has been celebrated all across the country on the 25th of January every year, to mark the foundation day of the Election Commission of India.
- The Election Commission of India is observing 12th National Voters' Day today.

Current Chief Election Commissioner of India: Sushil Chandra

The first Chief Election Commissioner of Independent India: Sukumar Sen.

9. 24th January: National Girl Child Day (Jan. 24, 2022)

Every year 24th January is celebrated as National Girl Child Day to spread awareness about the gender-based discrimination that girls face in the society.

- The day was observed for the first time in 2008 as an initiative taken by the Ministry of Women and Child Development and the Government of India.
- The objective of the day is to spread awareness among the public about inequities faced by girls in Indian society, to promote awareness about the rights of the girl child and the importance of female education, health, and nutrition.

10. 17th National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) Raising Day (Jan. 19, 2022)

Every year **National Disaster Response Force (NDRF)** celebrates its Raising Day on January 19, since it came into existence on January 19, 2006. The NDRF is the world's single largest force dedicated to dealing with a disaster situation or disaster.

- This special force under the Union Home Affairs Ministry was set up under the Disaster Management Act 2005.
- There are 12 NDRF battalions located in different parts of the country and comprise as many as **13,000 NDRF personnel** who are working to build a safer country.
- **Shri Atul Karwal**, IPS, is the Director-General of NDRF.
- Motto **“Apda Seva Sadaiv Sarvatra”** which implies **“Sustained Disaster Response Service”** under all circumstances.