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## **1. World Rhino Day - 22 September ( Sept. 22, 2023 )**

World Rhino Day is celebrated every year on 22 September.

### **An Overview of the News**

- It is a global initiative whose primary goal is **to raise awareness of the significant challenges facing the rhinoceros species around the world.**
- The day also serves as a platform to advocate for the protection and conservation of rhinos.
- World Rhino Day highlights the serious threats and hardships that rhinoceros species face in their natural habitats.

### **History of World Rhino Day**

- The rhinoceros crisis **began in Africa in the 1990s** due to the large-scale poaching of rhinoceros horns.
- By 2010, the crisis became widespread, with **only 30,000 rhinos left globally.**
- In **2010, the World Wildlife Fund - South Africa** launched World Rhino Day to address the growing threat of rhinos.
- **Lisa Jane Campbell's Vision (2011):** Lisa Jane Campbell's efforts to protect all five rhinoceros species led to the establishment of World Rhino Day.
- The purpose of dedicating a day to the rhinoceros is to promote awareness about the conservation of its five distinct species.

### **The five species of rhinoceros include:**

1. Javan Rhino
2. Sumatran Rhino
3. Black Rhino
4. Greater One Horned Rhinoceros
5. White Rhino

### **Importance of World Rhino Day:**

- Raises awareness of the dire situation of rhinos.
- Amplifies the voices of organizations, enthusiasts, and individuals.
- Discusses and promotes conservation projects.
- Encourages active participation in rhino conservation efforts.

- Emphasis was placed on adopting sustainable practices for the survival of rhinos.
- The impact of individual choices on the welfare of rhinos is highlighted.

## **2. International Day of Peace - 21 September ( Sept. 21, 2023 )**

The International Day of Peace (IDP) is observed every year on 21 September.

### **An Overview of the News**

- The IDP was established by the United Nations (UN) to emphasize the global commitment to peace, non-violence, and conflict resolution.

### **The theme for 2023:**

- The theme of the 2023 IDP is "**Action for Peace: Our Ambition for the #GlobalGoals**".
- This theme emphasizes both individual and collective responsibilities in promoting peace.
- To ensure the success of these goals, it calls for the participation of various actors, including the world's 1.2 billion youth.

### **The topic focuses on three key areas:**

- Fighting inequality
- Taking action on climate change
- Promote and protect human rights

### **History of International Peace Day:-**

- **United Nations Resolution 36/67 (1981):** The International Day of Peace began with the adoption of United Nations Resolution 36/67 on September 30, 1981.
- **Selection of the third Tuesday of September:** Following a United Nations resolution, it was decided that the International Day of Peace would be celebrated annually on the third Tuesday of September.
- **Inaugural Ceremony (1982):** The first official observance of the International Day of Peace took place on 21 September 1982.
- **Official designation of September 21 (2001):** An important development in the history of this day occurred in 2001 when September 21 was officially established as the International Day of Peace.

## **3. International Red Panda Day - 16 September (third Saturday of September) ( Sept. 19, 2023 )**

International Red Panda Day (IRPD) is celebrated across the world on the third Saturday of September each year.

### **An Overview of the News**

- International Red Panda Day aims to raise awareness of the importance of red panda conservation and encourage people to take action to protect them.
- IRPD 2022 took place on September 17, 2022, while IRPD 2024 will be celebrated on September 21, 2024.
- Red pandas are found mainly in the mountainous forests of Nepal, India, Bhutan, China, and Myanmar.
- Red Panda Network (RPN) was founded in 2007 and was founded by Brian Williams.
- RPN is headquartered in Oregon, United States of America (USA).

## **4. World Ozone Day - 16 September ( Sept. 16, 2023 )**

World Ozone Day, also known as the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer, is observed annually on 16 September.

### **An Overview of the News**

- The ozone layer is composed primarily of trioxygen molecules (O<sub>3</sub>) and acts as a protective shield against harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays from the Sun.
- The theme of World Ozone Day 2023 is "**Montreal Protocol: Recovering the ozone layer and mitigating climate change**".
- This theme underlines the important role of the Montreal Protocol not only in protecting the ozone layer but also in addressing and mitigating climate change.

### **History of World Ozone Day**

- **On September 16, 1987**, a landmark environmental treaty called the Montreal Protocol was established in Montreal, Canada.
- The Montreal Protocol represents an important moment in global efforts to address the depletion of the ozone layer.
- Its primary focus was **on regulating ozone-depleting substances (ODS), which included substances such as chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), halons, carbon tetrachloride, and methyl chloroform.**

## **5. International Democracy Day - 15 September ( Sept. 15, 2023 )**

International Democracy Day is celebrated every year on 15 September.

### **An Overview of the News**

- International Democracy Day emphasizes the importance of democracy, considering it not only a fundamental human right but also a vital element in promoting good governance and peace.
- The day reminds us of the important role of democracy in shaping societies globally.
- In **2023, the theme** of International Democracy Day focuses on "**Empowering the Next Generation**", highlighting the important contribution of young individuals in promoting democracy.
- Acknowledging and promoting youth participation in democratic processes is a fundamental element for safeguarding the future of democracy.

### **History of International Democracy Day:-**

- It has its origins in the Universal Declaration on Democracy, which was adopted by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) on September 15, 1997.
- The IPU is an international organization consisting of national parliaments around the world.
- Qatar took a leading role in advocating the establishment of International Democracy Day following the adoption of the Universal Declaration on Democracy.
- On November 8, 2007, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) took an important step by unanimously adopting a resolution entitled "Support by the United Nations System of Governments' Efforts to Promote and Consolidate New or Restored Democracies". This resolution formalized the International Day of Democracy.

### **About Democracy**

- It is a term that originates from the Greek words 'demos', which refers to a citizen of a city-state, and 'kratos', which refers to the concept of power or government.
- Democracy is considered a fundamental value within the United Nations. It is built on key principles, including:
  - **Respect for human rights:** Democracy involves a commitment to upholding the rights of individuals.
  - **Fundamental Freedom:** It involves the protection of basic freedoms.
  - **Periodic and genuine elections:** Democracy involves the practice of holding honest and legitimate elections on a regular basis.
  - **Universal suffrage:** Ensures that all eligible citizens have the right to vote.
- Democracy is a system that gives citizens the right to choose their leaders.
- It encourages active participation of citizens in the processes that determine decisions affecting their lives.

### **6. World Suicide Prevention Day - 10 September ( Sept. 11, 2023 )**

World Suicide Prevention Day is observed every year on 10 September.

### **An Overview of the News**

- Suicide is a significant public health concern with **wide-ranging social, emotional, and economic impacts**.
- Globally, there are **more than 700,000 suicides each year**, and the **impact of each suicide spreads to many others**.

### **Triennial Theme of World Suicide Prevention Day:**

- The triennial theme of World Suicide Prevention Day, running from **2021 to 2023**, is **"Creating Hope Through Action"**.
- The theme serves as a **compelling call to action and emphasizes that alternatives to suicide exist**.
- Through our actions, we can create hope and strengthen suicide prevention efforts.
- Creating hope through action communicates our care and support to individuals experiencing suicidal thoughts.

### **History of World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD):**

- It was **founded in 2003** by the **International Association for Suicide Prevention** in collaboration with the **World Health Organization (WHO)**.
- This annual festival is celebrated on 10 September each year and its primary objectives **include reducing the stigma associated with suicide and raising awareness in various sectors such as organizations, governments, and the general public**.
- The overarching message of WSPD is that suicides are preventable while emphasizing the importance of proactive measures and support.

## **7. World Physiotherapy Day - 8 September ( Sept. 9, 2023 )**

World Physiotherapy Day is celebrated every year on 8 September.

### **An Overview of the News**

- The theme of World Physiotherapy Day 2023 is **"Prevention and Management of Osteoarthritis"**.
- This theme emphasizes the role of physiotherapists in preventing and managing osteoarthritis and highlights two types of inflammatory arthritis: rheumatoid arthritis and axial spondyloarthritis.

### **History of World Physiotherapy Day:-**

- World Physical Therapy Day was established in 1996 by the World Confederation for Physical Therapy.
- 8 September was specifically chosen to celebrate this day because of its historical significance. On this day in 1951, the World Confederation for Physical Therapy was born.
- The name of the organization changed and is now called World Physiotherapy.

## **8. International Literacy Day - 8 September ( Sept. 8, 2023 )**

International Literacy Day is celebrated every year on 8 September.

### **An Overview of the News**

- The day aims **to highlight the importance of literacy for human rights, dignity, and the development of sustainable societies.**
- The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) is responsible for overseeing and promoting International Literacy Day.

### **The theme of 2023:**

- The theme for International Literacy Day 2023 is **'Promoting literacy for a world in transition: Building the foundation for sustainable and peaceful societies'**.
- Literacy Day is celebrated at various levels including **global, regional, national and local.**

### **Global Programme:**

- A conference, both in person and online, will be held in Paris, France on September 8, 2023, as part of the global celebration.

### **UNESCO International Literacy Award:**

- During the global event, outstanding literacy promotion programs will be recognized by conferring UNESCO International Literacy Awards.

### **History of International Literacy Day:-**

- UNESCO introduced International Literacy Day in **1966 at its 14th General Conference.**
- The **first** International Literacy Day was **celebrated in 1967.**
- The official date of International Literacy Day is 26 October, which was established during the 1966 UNESCO conference.
- The primary goal of this day is **to highlight the importance of literacy for individuals, communities and society.**

Literacy is seen as the foundation of a well-educated and productive society.

## **9. "International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies" - 7 September ( Sept. 7, 2023 )**

"International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies" is observed annually on 7 September.

### **An Overview of the News**

- The day is dedicated to recognizing the vital importance of clean air for people's well-being and daily life.

### **The theme of 2023:**

- The theme of the fourth annual International Day of Clean Air for blue skies in 2023 is **"Together for Clean Air"**.
- This theme serves multiple objectives: strengthening partnerships, increasing investment, shared responsibility, impacts on health and ecosystems, protecting the environment, ensuring healthy air for all

### **History of "International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies"**

- Resolution 74/212 of January 22, **2020, established September 7 as the "International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies"**.
- The Second Committee of the 74th session of the United Nations General Assembly passed the resolution on **November 26, 2019**.
- The purpose of this day is **to promote awareness and actions to improve air quality**.
- Its central focus is **on reducing air pollution to protect human health**.

## **10. National Teacher Award 2023 to be awarded to outstanding teachers by the President of India ( Sept. 5, 2023 )**

The President of India Draupadi Murmu will confer the **National Awards to Teachers 2023 to 75 teachers on September 5, 2023, at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi**.

### **An Overview of the News**

- The event is organized annually on 5th September, the birthday of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, which is celebrated as National Teachers' Day in India.
- The objective of the National Teacher Awards is **to acknowledge and celebrate the extraordinary contribution of teachers to education and the positive impact they have on the lives of students**.

### **Reward Benefits:**

- Each award includes a certificate of merit.
- Cash prize of Rs. 50,000.
- A silver medal.
- Opportunity to interact with the Honorable Prime Minister.

### **Extent of Award Area:**

- The Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education organizes this event to honor outstanding teachers.
- This year the National Award to Teachers has been expanded to include the following teachers:
  - Higher Education Department
  - Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

### **Number of award winners:**

- A total of 75 teachers will be honored in 2023:
  - 50 school teachers
  - 13 Higher Education Teacher
  - 12 teachers from the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

### **History of Teacher's Day in India:**

- In **1962, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan became the President of India.**
- His students approached him to celebrate 5 September as a special day.
- Instead, Dr. Radhakrishnan proposed to celebrate this date as Teachers' Day.
- Its objective was **to recognize and honor the valuable contribution of teachers to society.**
- While the **global World Teachers' Day falls on 5 October** and is led by organizations like UNESCO, UNICEF, and ILO, India decided to celebrate it on 5 September.
- Dr. Radhakrishnan's students accepted his suggestion and since then 5th September has been celebrated as Teacher's Day in India.