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**IMPORTANT DAYS****International Day of the Older Persons- Oct 1:**

- **International Day of the Older Persons** is observed on **October 1** every year to raise problems faced by elder persons and to promote the development of a society for all ages.
- **The United Nations General Assembly** adopted a resolution on December 14, **1990**, and designated October 1 as the International Day of Older Persons.

**World Vegetarian Day- October 1:**

- **World Vegetarian Day** is observed annually around the planet on **October 1**.
- It is a day of celebration established by the **North American Vegetarian Society** in **1977** and endorsed by the **International Vegetarian Union** in **1978**, "To promote the joy, compassion and life-enhancing possibilities of vegetarianism."
- The World Vegetarian Day is celebrated to emphasize environmental considerations, animal welfare and rights issues and personal health benefits to encourage people into ditching animal products.

**International Coffee Day – October 1:**

- **International Coffee Day** is celebrated on **October 1** all over the day with the intention of identifying the plight of the farmers of coffee beans and expressing our love for the aromatic drink.
- First initiated in Japan, it was officially declared as International Coffee Day in 2015.
- International Coffee Organisation, set up in 1963 in London, **first declared International Coffee day on October 1, 2015**.
- Since then, this day is celebrated all over the world. The organization overlooks matters related to coffee and the development of the strategic documents.

**International Day of Non-Violence: October 2**

- International Day of Non-Violence is observed on **October 2** to mark the **birthday of Mahatma Gandhi** who had played an important role in India's Independence.
- **On 15 June, 2007, General Assembly adopted a resolution** of establishing the International Day of Non-Violence to spread the message of non-violence including education and public awareness
- **Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary** is also observed as the International Day of Non-violence.
- The Nation pays homage to the Father of the Nation, **Mahatma Gandhi on his 152nd birth anniversary**
- A series of functions have been organized across the country and by Indian Missions abroad. A Sarva Dharma Prarthana Sabha was organised at his Samadhi – Raj Ghat in the national capital.

**World Animal Day 2021- Oct 4**

- **World Animal Day 2021** is observed every year on **October 4th** to raise awareness about improving the welfare standards of the animals across the globe.
- The theme for the World Animal Day 2021 is **“Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet.”**
- This International day of action(World Animal Day) is also the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals.
- **Heinrich Zimmermann organized the first celebration in 1925 in Berlin, Germany.** He launched the event to raise awareness and improve the welfare of animals.
- More than 5000 people showed up and showed their support in the first event.

### World Teacher's Day- Oct 5

- World Teachers' Day or commonly known as **International Teacher's day** is celebrated on the **5th of October** to commemorate teachers across the globe.
- **The theme of World Teacher's Day 2021 is, 'Teachers at the Heart of Education Recovery.'** The theme recognises teachers for their tireless efforts to keep teaching even during hardships like COVID-19 Pandemic.
- It was the **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)** in **1994** that created the World Teacher's Day to especially celebrate teachers that play such a vital role in the development of each individual.
- It is an annual initiative to recognize and celebrate each teacher's contribution and efforts, without whom we would not be who we are today.

### Ganga River Dolphin's Day – Oct 5

- **India celebrates Ganga River Dolphin Day on October 5.** The day has been celebrated since 2010.
- In India the Ganges River Dolphin was formally adopted as the National Aquatic Animal on **5th October 2009.**
- The Ganga river dolphin is important because it is a reliable indicator of the health of the entire river ecosystem. The government of India declared it the National Aquatic Animal in 2009.
- A new campaign called **“My Ganga My Dolphin”** has launched in the **250 km stretch of the river.** The campaign is to conduct census in the stretch.
- The Central Government has recently launched **“Project Dolphin”** to conserve and protect dolphins in the marine.

### World Habitat Day- 1st Monday of October

- **The United Nations' (UN) World Habitat Day** is annually celebrated on the **first Monday of October** to reflect on the state of human settlements and people's right to sufficient shelter. This year it falls on October 5.

- It also aims to remind people that they are responsible for the habitat of future next generations.
- It was launched by the **United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UNHSP)** in 1989.
- The United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT) is the United Nations agency for human settlements. **It was established in 1978 and has its headquarters at the UN office in Nairobi, Kenya.**
- It is mandated by the United Nations General Assembly to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities with the goal of providing adequate shelter for all.

### World Cotton Day- Oct 7

- **The World Cotton day is celebrated on 7 October** as a global celebration of cotton and its stakeholders, from field to fabric and beyond.
- **The theme for World Cotton Day 2021 is “There’s more to cotton than you think”.** This year the event will be organised virtually
- **The inaugural World Cotton Day was held in Geneva in 2019.** The International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) established the day.
- **At the initiative of the Cotton-4 (Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad and Mali), the World Trade Organisation made the launch of World Cotton Day on 7 October 2019.**
- The annual celebration of World Cotton Day provides the opportunity to recognize the importance of cotton as a global commodity grown in over 75 countries across five continents and to highlight its central role in job creation and maintaining economic stability in several least-developed countries.

### Indian Air Force Day: October 8

- **Every year Indian Air Force Day is celebrated on October 8th.** This year, India celebrates the 89th Indian Air Force Day.
- The celebration of this day was officially started in **the year 1932 to increase the awareness of the Indian air force in any organization of national security** both officially and publicly. Since then, **Indian Air Force Day is celebrated every year with great enthusiasm and fervor at various Air Stations all over the country on October 8.**
- The Indian Air Force is also known as **"Bhartiya Vayu Sena"**. The Indian Air Force, the air arm of the Indian military, has its prime duty of protecting the Indian airspace and, in addition to doing ethereal warfare amid any clash.
- With around 1,70,000 personnel and 1,500 aircraft, the IAF is the fourth largest air force in the world after the United States, Russia, and China.

### World Egg Day- 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of October

- **World Egg Day has been celebrated every year on the second Friday in October.** In 2021 on **8 October** countries throughout the world will join together in many different celebrations of the egg.
- The theme for 2021 World Egg Day is **“Eggs for all: Nature’s perfect package”**
- **World Egg Day was established at Vienna 1996, when it was decided to celebrate the power of the egg on the second Friday in October each year.**
- Since then, egg fans around the world have thought up new creative ways to honour this incredible nutrient powerhouse, and the day of celebration has grown and evolved over time.
- This year’s World Egg Day will take place on **Friday 8 October and will mark the 25th anniversary** of the event.

### **World Investor Week- 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> oct**

- **World Investor Week** is a global campaign promoted by IOSCO to **raise awareness about the importance of investor education and protection** and highlight the various initiatives of securities regulators in these two critical areas
- The 5th annual WIW is being observed **between October 04 and October 10, 2021.**
- During October 4-10, 2021, **the Securities and Exchange Commission, along with several other agencies, organizations and supporters, are working together to promote World Investor Week 2021** and its goals in the United States.
- WIW offers a unique opportunity for IOSCO members to work in collaboration with all investor education and protection stakeholders, at both the local and international level.

### **World Postal Day- Oct 9**

- **World Post Day** is an international day that happens each year on **October 9**, the anniversary of the **Universal Postal Union, which started in 1874 in Switzerland.**
- The UPU was the start of the global communications revolution, introducing the ability to write letter to others all over the world.
- **The theme** of World Post Day is **“Innovate to Recover”**. People relied heavily on the postal services during the lockdown that was imposed due to the covid-19 breakout.
- Hence, this year’s theme is to encourage more people to use the postal and gather ideas for innovation.

### **World Mental Health Day-Oct 10**

- **World Mental Health Day** is observed on **10 October every year.** This day tries to create awareness about mental health issues.
- **The theme for the World Mental Health Day 2021** is **“mental health in an unequal world”**
- While the pandemic has affected everyone, people with long term health conditions, or facing discrimination or parenting on their own are struggling the most and need more support

- World Mental Health Day is an **international day for global mental health education, awareness and advocacy against social stigma.**
- **It was first celebrated in 1992** at the initiative of the **World Federation for Mental Health**, a global mental health organization with members and contacts in more than 150 countries.

### **The International Day of the Girl Child- Oct 11**

- **The International Day of the Girl Child is observed annually on October 11**, a date set by the **United Nations** to urge the global community to embolden gender equality impacts.
- The theme this year is **"Digital generation. Our generation."** International Day Of The Girl Child could be described as the brainchild of the World Conference on Women
- International Day of the Girl Child is an international observance day **declared by the United Nations; it is also called the Day of Girls and the International Day of the Girl.** **October 11, 2012, was the first Day of the Girl Child.**
- **The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by world leaders in 2015**, embody a roadmap for progress that is sustainable and leaves no one behind.
- In 1995 at the World Conference on Women in Beijing countries unanimously adopted the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action – the most progressive blueprint ever for advancing the rights of not only women but girls. The Beijing Declaration is the first to specifically call out girls' rights.

### **World Arthritis Day-Oct 12**

- **World Arthritis Day is celebrated every year on October 12** to spread awareness about the existence and impact of rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases
- Arthritis is not a single disease but a broad term for more than a hundred diseases related to joints. **It can cause swelling in or around a joint, resulting in pain, stiffness, and sometimes difficulty moving.**
- This day was started by **Arthritis and Rheumatism International (ARI) in 1996** in order to spread awareness about arthritis and encourage policymakers to help reduce burden of arthritis.
- **This year the theme of the day is Don't Delay, Connect Today: Time2Work.**
- The day provides an opportunity for all communities, everywhere, to come together and to find a common voice to help bring the much-needed message to all audiences.
- There are an estimated one-hundred million people who are undiagnosed and trying to cope with symptoms that are often overlooked and frequently misdiagnosed, according to **EULAR (European Alliance of Associations For Rheumatology).**

### **World Student's Day- OCT 15**

- **World Student's Day is celebrated every year on October 15.**

- The day is celebrated in honour of the birth anniversary of the former president of India, Late Dr APJ Abdul Kalam.
- Since 2010, the United Nations Organisation (UNO) has marked October 15 as World Student's Day in an attempt to acknowledge the efforts of Dr Kalam toward education and his students.
- The theme of world students' day was 'Learning for people, planet, prosperity, and peace'.
- APJ was born on October 15, 1931, in Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu, Kalam worked as a scientist and administrator at the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
- Kalam also gave invaluable contributions towards developing India's civilian space and military missile programs before becoming the 11th president of India.

### International Day of Rural Women- Oct 15

- The United Nations' International Day of Rural Women celebrates and honours women and girls living in rural areas on 15 October each year.
- It recognizes the huge role that rural mothers, daughters and grandmothers play in producing food, and building agricultural and rural development worldwide.
- The theme for the International Day of Rural Women (15 October), "Rural Women Cultivating Good Food for All"
- Established by the UN General Assembly in its resolution 62/136 of 18 December 2007, this international day recognizes "the critical role and contribution of rural women, including indigenous women, in enhancing agricultural and rural development, improving food security and eradicating rural poverty."

### World Standards Day- Oct 14

- World Standards Day is an international day celebrated internationally each year on 14 October.
- The day honours the efforts of the thousands of experts who develop voluntary standards within standards.
- The International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) was established in 1947 with 67 technical committees. However, it was in 1970 that the first World Standards Day was formally inaugurated by Faruk Sunter, the then President of the ISO.
- The date was chosen as 14 October to commemorate the first meeting of delegates from 25 countries on 14 October 1946 in London, who decided to design a global organisation for facilitating standardisation.
- The theme for this year's World Standards Day is "Standards for sustainable development goals - shared vision for a better world".
- The theme aims to address social imbalances, develop a sustainable economy and slow the rate of climate change.

### World Food Day- Oct 16

- **World Food Day is an international day celebrated every year worldwide on 16 October to commemorate the date of the founding of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization in 1945.**
- This day aims at tackling global hunger and striving to eradicate hunger across the world.
- **The theme for World Food Day 2021 is 'Safe food now for a healthy tomorrow'**
- Every year, we celebrate World Food Day to appreciate the amazing food we eat, but also to tackle world hunger. This day is celebrated on October 16, which marks the creation of **FAO in 1945**.
- World Food Day was established in November 1979, suggested by former Hungarian Minister of Agriculture and Food Dr Pal Romany. It is celebrated by more than **150 countries around the world**.

### International Day for the Eradication of Poverty- 17 October

- **Every year, October 17 is observed as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.**
- This day is a means to recognize and acknowledge the efforts and struggles that people, who are pushed to live in poverty, face.
- 2021 Theme: **Building Forward Together: Ending Persistent Poverty, Respecting all People and our Planet”.**
- This day provides a chance to those people to voice out their concerns and make everyone realize that these people are the first one who will have to fight poverty.
- **On October 17, 1987**, poverty was proclaimed as a violation of human rights by people who had assembled at the Trocadéro in Paris to honor the victims of extreme poverty, hunger and violence. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights was also signed on this day in 1948
- People who gathered also recognized the need to protect their rights which were inscribed on a commemorative stone which was unveiled the same day.
- **The UN General Assembly adopted its resolution 47/196 on December 22, 1992, and declared October 17 as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.**

### The International Chefs Day- Oct 20

- **The International Chefs Day is observed every year on 20 October.**
- The day aims to **celebrate and honour the noble profession and educate people around the world about eating healthy.**
- It is also the day for experienced chefs to pass on their knowledge and culinary skills to the next generation with a sense of pride and commitment.
- **Theme of International Chefs Day 2021** campaign is **“Healthy Food for the Future”**
- Esteemed chef **Dr. Bill Gallagher** created **International Chefs Day** in 2004. Gallagher was also the president of the **World Association of Chefs Societies (World Chefs)**. Since 2004, World Chefs has used International Chefs Day to celebrate the nobility of this culinary profession.



### World Osteoporosis Day- Oct 20

- The **World Osteoporosis Day (WOD)** is observed annually on **October 20**.
- The day aims to raise global awareness of the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of osteoporosis and metabolic bone disease.
- WOD is organized by the **International Osteoporosis Foundation (IOF)**, by launch of a year-long campaign with a specific theme.
- In 2021 the Global WOD Campaign theme is **“Serve Up Bone Strength”**.
- World Osteoporosis Day was launched on 20 October 20 **1996** by the **United Kingdom's National Osteoporosis Society** and supported by the **European Commission**. Since 1997, the awareness day has been organised by the International Osteoporosis Foundation.

### Police Commemoration Day- OCT 21

- **National Police Commemoration Day** is observed on **October 21** every year.
- It is observed to salute the spirits of police forces and their families and brave police martyred who lost their lives fighting for the country.
- It is celebrated to motivate and **pay respect to the police personnel who perform their duties with the utmost diligence**.
- **Police Commemoration Day** commemorates the day in **1959**, when twenty Indian soldiers were **attacked by Chinese troops in Ladakh's Hot Spring area**, in which, ten Indian policemen lost their lives and seven were imprisoned.
- Since that day, 21 October has been observed as Police Commemoration Day in honour of the martyrs.

### International Stuttering Awareness Day 2021: Observed on 22 October

- The **International Stuttering Awareness Day** is annually Observed on **22 October**.
- **Theme** of 2021 International Stuttering Awareness Day is **“Speak the change you wish to see”**

#### **Purpose :**

- The day is intended to raise public awareness of the millions of people who have a speech disorder of stuttering or stammering.

#### **History of International Stuttering Awareness Day :**

- The day is Organized by the **European League of Stuttering Associations, International Fluency Association, and International Stuttering Association**.

#### **Note :**

- International Stuttering Awareness Day (ISAD) was **first celebrated** in the year **1998**.

#### **About Stuttering :**

- Stuttering is a communication **disorder** that involves **“disfluencies”**, or disruptions in a person's speech.

- The person who stutters will be unable to produce sounds, prolongations of sounds, usually vowels and semivowels, syllables, words, or phrases.
- It also includes abnormal hesitation, involuntary silent pauses, or blocks.
- Primary causes of stuttering include genetics, child development, neurophysiology, and family dynamics.

### **World Snow Leopard Day- Oct 23**

- **October 23 has been observed as International Snow Leopard Day since 2014.**
- The day also emphasizes the importance of taking measures to stop poaching, as well as consolidating efforts in terms of an environmental organization in the countries of the snow leopard range.
- **World Snow Leopard Day is observed globally on 23rd October.**
- The main Aim of this day is to show the importance of snow leopard conservation and raise awareness about this incredible animal.
- **It was on October 23, 2013, when political leaders from 12 countries came together to endorse the 'Bishkek Declaration' on the conservation of snow leopards.**
- Snow Leopard is found in 12 countries. They are India, Nepal, Bhutan, China, Mongolia, Russia, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

### **International Day of Diplomats- Oct 24**

- Every Year, **The International Day of Diplomats** is celebrated on **24 October**.
- The day aims to commemorate the contributions made by diplomats in shaping the world since ancient times and in making our planet a better place.
- It also aims to bridge the gap in perception and reality of diplomats' lives among the general public.
- The **first International Day** of Diplomats was celebrated in **Brasília on 24 October 2017**.
- The day was proposed by **Indian poet-diplomat Abhay K** and saw participation from the diplomats of Bangladesh, France, Ghana, Israel, Italy, Mexico, South Africa and Turkey.

### **United Nations Day- Oct 24**

- **United Nations Day on October 24th, celebrated every year since 1948**, marks the anniversary of the day when the UN Charter entered into force.
- The UN, as the world's only truly universal global organization, **was founded on October 24th 1945**. It is currently made up of **193 States Members** and it is the place where all Nations discuss common problems and find solutions **that benefit humanity: peace, justice, respect, human rights, tolerance, solidarity.**
- Usually a concert is held to mark the UN Day at Headquarters in New York.
- It was declared to be an international observance in 1971 by UNGA and that it should be observed as a public holiday by United Nations member states.

- The year **2021** marks the **76th anniversary** of the **United Nations** and its founding Charter.

### World Polio Day- Oct 24

- **World Polio Day** is observed on **October 24** every year to raise awareness for polio vaccination and eradication of polio.
- The World Polio Day was **established by Rotary International** over a decade ago to commemorate the birth of **Jonas Salk** who led the first team to develop a vaccine against poliomyelitis.
- **The 2021 theme for World Polio Day** is “**Delivering on a Promise.**”
- As per WHO use of the poliovirus vaccine and subsequent widespread use of the oral poliovirus, developed by Albert Sabin, led to the establishment of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) in **1988**.

### World Development Information Day- Oct 24

- **The United Nations World Development Information Day** is held on **October 24** every year.
- The General Assembly in **1972** established **World Development Information Day** aims to draw the **attention of the world to development problems** and the need to strengthen international cooperation to solve them.
- The Assembly decided that the date for the Day should coincide with United Nations Day, 24 October, which was also the date of the adoption, in 1970, of the International Development Strategy for **the Second United Nations Development Decade**.

### World Day for Audiovisual Heritage- Oct 27

- **The World Day for Audiovisual Heritage (WDAH)**, which is celebrated on **October 27** every year is an attempt to raise awareness about the need to take measures and acknowledge the importance of **preserving audiovisual materials**.
- The day was chosen by **UNESCO (the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization)** in **2005** to raise awareness of the significance and preservation risks of recorded sound and audiovisual documents.
- The theme of the World Day for Audiovisual Heritage 2021: “**Your Window to the World**”.
- The **33rd session of UNESCO’s General Conference** adopted **33 C/Resolution 53** to proclaim **27 October** as World Day for Audiovisual Heritage, in commemoration of the adoption, in 1980 by the 21st session of the General Conference, of the Recommendation for the Safeguarding and Preservation of Moving Images.

### International Animation Day- Oct 28

- **International Animation Day is observed every year on October 28** to celebrate the art of animation and also recognize the artists, scientists and technicians behind animation.
- **This year marks the 20th International Animation Day.**
- The day was created in 2002 by the **International Animated Film Association (ASIFA)**, an International Animated Film Association, a member of **UNESCO**.
- This day commemorates the first public performance of Charles-Émile Reynaud's Théâtre Optique at the **Grevin Museum in Paris, 1892.**

### **International Internet Day – Oct 29**

- **International Internet Day is marked annually on 29 October.**
- The day commemorates the anniversary of the first message that was sent between two computers on 29 October 1969 through **ARPANET, the predecessor of the Internet.**
- At that time the Internet was known as ARPANET (Advanced Research Projects Agency Network).
- The first International Internet Day was celebrated on **October 29, 2005** to celebrate this momentous event in the history of telecommunications and technology.
- **Charley Kline, a student programmer at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), transmitted the first-ever electronic message 'LO' on October 29, 1969.**
- **The first International Internet Day was celebrated on October 29, 2005,** to celebrate this momentous event in the history of telecommunications and technology.

### **World Psoriasis Day- Oct 29**

- **World Psoriasis Day on October 29th** every year recognizes those who suffer from psoriasis and/or psoriatic arthritis.
- The day aims to increase awareness and improve access to treatment by the **International Federation of Psoriasis Associations (IFPA) to promote awareness, empowerment, and action for improving the quality of life for people with psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis.**
- **The theme for 2021 World Psoriasis Day is “Uniting for action”.**
- Psoriasis is a kind of skin disorder that reasons skin cells to multiply up to ten times faster. Psoriasis causes the skin to build up into bumpy red patches embraced with white scales.



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