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IMPORTANT DAYS**Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare- Nov 30**

- The Day of Remembrance for all **Victims of Chemical Warfare** is an annual event held **November 30**
- As a tribute to the victims of chemical warfare, as well as to reaffirm the commitment of the Organisation for the **Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)** to the elimination of the threat of chemical weapons, thereby promoting the goals of peace, security, and multilateralism.
- The first Day of **Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare** was held in **2005**
- Chemical weapons were used on a massive scale during World War I, resulting in more than 100,000 fatalities and a million casualties.

World AIDS Day -Dec 1

- World AIDS Day is observed across the world on **1st December** every year.
- This year the theme of **World AIDS Day** is **End inequalities. End AIDS and End Pandemics**.
- The day provides an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, to show support for people living with HIV and to commemorate those who have died from an AIDS-related illness.
- With a special focus on reaching people left behind, WHO and its partners are highlighting the growing inequalities in access to essential HIV services.
- **The day was first marked in 1988** and was also the first-ever international day for global health. **Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)** is a chronic disease that is caused by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

57th Border Security Force (BSF) Raising Day Celebrated on December 01, 2021

- The **Border Security Force (BSF)** is observing its **57th Raising Day** on 01 December 2021.
- The Border Security Force (BSF), India's central armed police force, was established on **December 1, 1965**.

Note:

- The first Director-General of Border Security Force (BSF) was **K F Rustamji** IPS who served from July 21, 1965, to September 30, 1974.
- **Border Security Force Act - 1968**

About BSF:

- Headquarters: New Delhi

- Director General : Pankaj Kumar Singh
- Founder: Khusro Faramurz Rustamji
- BSF is one of the five Central Armed Police Forces of the Union of India and stands as the world's largest border guarding force.
- It comes under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- BSF has been termed as the First Line of Defence of Indian Territories.
- It is a unified central agency after the Indo-Pak and India-China wars for ensuring the security of the borders of India and for matters connected therewith.

Arunachal Pradesh observe Indigenous Faith Day - December 1

- Arunachal Pradesh celebrated 1st December as 'Indigenous Faith Day'
- This day is to **preserve and promote indigenous faith and traditional practices of tribal communities of the state.**
- The **Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Dr B D Mishra (Retd) and Chief Minister (CM) Pema Khandu** attended the celebration in **Itanagar.**
- Indigenous Faith Day is 1st celebrated on 1st December 2013 this is due to the birth anniversary of **Golgi Bote Talom Rukbo**, who is called as the **father of the indigenous faith.**

International Day for the Abolition of Slavery Observed on 2 December 2021

- Every year, the **International Day for the Abolition of Slavery** is observed on **December 2** since 1986 by the **United Nations General Assembly.**
- Theme of 2021 International Day for the Abolition of Slavery is **Ending Slavery's Legacy of Racism: A Global Imperative for Justice.**

Aim:

- To Eradicate the contemporary forms of slavery, such as trafficking in persons, sexual exploitation, the worst forms of child labour, forced marriage, and the forced recruitment of children for use in armed conflict.
- On the day of International Day for the Abolition of Slavery, **United Nations General Assembly** adopted the United Nations Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others (**resolution 317(IV) of 2 December 1949**).

- As per the **International Labour Organisation (ILO)**, over 40 million people are suffering from modern slavery across the world.

About ILO:

- Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland
- Director-General; Guy Ryder

National Pollution Prevention Day 2021 – Dec 2

- **National Pollution Prevention Day or National Pollution Control Day** is observed across India on **2nd December** to memorialize the people who have lost their lives in the 1984 Bhopal Gas Calamity, which is also referred to as the **Bhopal gas tragedy or Bhopal disaster**.
- The day aims to **create awareness about the importance of pollution control acts**.
- This Year marks the **37th anniversary of the Bhopal Gas Tragedy**.

About Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB):

- Chairma: Tanmay Kumar
- Headquarter: New Delhi, Delhi

World Computer Literacy Day 2021 – Dec 2

- **World Computer Literacy Day** is observed on **2nd December** to create awareness about computers and to encourage the development of technological skills among people especially children and women in India.
- The day also aims to **create awareness and drive digital literacy in underserved communities across the world**.

International Day of Persons with Disabilities- Dec 3

- **International Day of Persons with Disabilities** is an international observance on **December 3** promoted by the **United Nations** since 1992
- The theme of the day is '**Leadership and participation of persons with disabilities toward an inclusive, accessible, and sustainable post-COVID-19 world**' Every year.
- The day is about promoting the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities at every level of society and development, and to raise awareness of the situation of persons with disabilities in all aspects of political, social, economic, and cultural life.

About UN:

- Secretary general: António Guterres
- Founded: 24 October 1945,
- Headquarters: New York, United States

Indian Navy Day Observed on Dec 04

- **Indian Navy Day** is observed annually on **4 December** to recognise the achievements and role of our naval forces.
- The day was chosen to commemorate the launch of Operation Trident against Pakistan during the Indo-Pakistan War in 1971.
- The **theme** of Indian Navy Day 2021 is '**Swarnim Vijay Varsh**' signifying 50 years of India's victory in the Indo-Pakistan war that took place in 1971.

Significance of the day:

- The day gives an opportunity to educate children and Indian citizens about the victory of India in the 1971 war.

About Operation Trident:

- Operation Trident was an offensive operation launched by the Indian Navy on Pakistan's port city of Karachi during the Indo-Pakistani War of 1971.
- Countering the attack, the Indian navy had sent 3 missile boats INS Veer, INS Nipat and INS Nirghat.
- During this operation, the Indian Navy sank 3 Pakistan navy ships.
- The operation was conducted on the night of 4–5 December and inflicted heavy damage on Pakistani vessels and facilities.
- While India suffered no losses, Pakistan lost a minesweeper, a destroyer, a cargo vessel carrying ammunition, and fuel storage tanks in Karachi.

Facts About Indian Navy:

- The Indian Navy is the naval branch of the Indian Armed Forces which is led by the **President of India as the Commander-in-Chief**.
- **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj**, the Maratha Emperor is considered to be the **Father of the Indian Navy**.
- The Indian Navy was established in 1612 by the East India Company.

About Indian Navy:

- Founded: 26 January 1950
- Headquarters: New Delhi

- Chief of Naval Staff: Admiral R Hari Kumar

International Day of Banks: 04 December

- The **United Nations General Assembly** decided to keep **December 4** as **International Day of Banks** and it was celebrated for the **first time in 2020**.
- It was celebrated to recognise the importance of multilateral and international development banks in financing sustainable developments.
- It is also observed in recognition of the **vital role of banking systems in Member State in contributing to the improvement of the standard of living**.
- The day is celebrated to the recognition of the significant potential of multilateral development banks and **other international development banks in financing sustainable development** and providing know-how, and also in recognition of the vital role of the banking systems in the Member States in contributing to the improvement of the standard of living.

World Soil Day- 5 December

- **World Soil Day (WSD)** is held annually on **5 December** as a means to focus attention on the importance of healthy soil and to advocate for the sustainable management of soil resources.
- An international day to celebrate soil was recommended by the International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS) in 2002.
- **“Halt soil salinization, enhance soil production”** is the theme for **World Soil Day 2021**.
- The day aims to raise awareness about **soil degradation. Industrialisation or poor management of agricultural land worsens the condition of the soil**.
- In 2002, the International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS) recommended an international day to celebrate soil. Under the leadership of the Kingdom of Thailand, the FAO supported the establishment of WSD.
- In **December 2013**, the **UN General Assembly** officially designated **December 5th** as **World Soil Day**, commemorating the birthday of the late **H.M. King Bhumibol Adulyadej**. He was the King of Thailand and one of the leading proponents of this initiative.

International Anti-Corruption Day- Dec 9

- The **International Anti-Corruption Day** is observed globally on **9 December** to raise awareness about corruption and the ways to combat this global ill.

- The day seeks to highlight the role of every part of society - individuals, non-governmental organisations, law enforcement, governments and media persons — **in tackling the issue of corruption.**
- The **theme for this year's** International Anti-Corruption Day is **'Your right, your role: Say no to corruption.'**
- The **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** adopted the United Nations Convention Against Corruption on 31 October 2003.
- The Convention, which came into **effect in 2005**, is the only legally binding universal anti-corruption instrument, with a majority of countries being party to the Convention.
- In 2003, the UNGA also designated 9 December as International Anti-Corruption Day to raise awareness about the corruption and how the UN Convention against corruption combats the issue.
- The UN has also set up a Global Task Force on Corruption, which is co-chaired by the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**, the **UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)** and the **UN Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (DPPA).**

Human Rights Day – Dec 10

- The **United Nations Human Rights (UNHR) Day 2021** is observed on December 10
- This day is to raise awareness about people's social, cultural, and physical rights and to ensure the welfare of everyone in the world.
- Theme for 2021 is **'Equality – Reducing inequalities, advancing human rights'**
- It has taken the theme from **Article 1 of the UDHR**, which says: "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights."
- United Nations General Assembly is the parent organization of United Nations Human Rights Council.

About United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)

- President: Abdulla Shahid (Maldives)
- Headquarters: New York, United States (US)

International Mountain Day : Dec 11

- **International Mountain Day** is observed globally on **December 11** every year by The **United Nations (UN)**
- To create awareness about the importance of mountains to life, to highlight the opportunities and constraints in mountain development and to build alliances that will bring positive change to mountain peoples and environments around the world.
- **"Sustainable mountain tourism"** is the theme of International Mountain Day 2021.

Key Points

- The day was established by the **UN General Assembly in 2003** to encourage the sustainable development of mountains.
- **United Nations had declared 2002** as the UN International Year of Mountains.

UNICEF Day 2021: Observed on Dec 11

- **UNICEF Day** is observed on **December 11** every year, to spread awareness on saving children's lives, defending their rights and helping them fulfil their potential from childhood to adolescence.
- 2021 Theme is to help children to recover from interruption and learning losses experienced through the pandemic in the last two years.
- This year marks **75 years of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)**.
- United Nations Children's Funds (earlier known as United Nations Children's Emergency Fund) was established by the **United Nations General Agency in 1946**.
- It was formed under the **57 (I) resolution** of the United Nations General Assembly with its headquarters at USA's New York City.
- Initially it was started as a temporary relief fund by the United Nations and known as the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund.
- It has the entitlement to use the UN logo
- The programme focuses on providing supplies, assistance and also improving the health, nutrition, education and general welfare of children & the organisation became a permanent agency of the UN in 1953.
- The words International and Emergency were dropped from the official name but the acronym was continued.

Objective:

- To protect children all across the world and provide access to basic rights like good education, food, sanitation, vaccination, etc

Note:

- UNICEF also releases its **State of World Children Report** on this day with the three main concerns being their undernutrition, obesity and hidden hunger, also called the triple burden of malnutrition.

About UNICEF:

- Headquarters: New York, United States

- Head: Henrietta H. Fore
- President: Tore Hattrem
- Founded: 11 December 1946

International Universal Health Coverage Day:

- **Universal Health Coverage Day is celebrated annually on December 12** and is promoted by the World Health Organization.
- December 12 is the anniversary of the first unanimous United Nations resolution calling for all nations to provide for their citizens affordable, quality health care
- This year theme of International Universal Health Coverage Day is **“Leave No One’s Health Behind: Invest in health systems for all.”**
- Each year on 12 December, UHC advocates raise their voices to share the stories of the millions of people still waiting for health, champion what we have achieved so far, call on leaders to make bigger and smarter investments in health, and encourage diverse groups to make commitments to help move the world closer to **UHC by 2030**.
- On 12 December 2012, the **United Nations General Assembly** endorsed a resolution urging countries to accelerate progress toward universal health coverage (UHC) – the idea that everyone, everywhere should have access to quality, affordable health care – as an essential priority for international development

National Energy Conservation Day: Dec 14

- **National Energy Conservation Day is observed on December 14, every year.**
- The day focuses on making **people aware of global warming and climate change and promotes efforts towards saving energy resources.**
- Energy conservation is the decision and practice of using less energy.
- Energy conservation means **reducing the consumption of energy by producing or using less of it.**
- Energy conservation is an effort made to reduce the consumption of fuel and use the least energy resources to save for the future.
- The Government of India has set up Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) on 1st March 2002 under the provision of the Energy Conservation Act, 2001.

- The BEE is a constitutional body that works under the Indian Government and helps in the development of policies and strategies to reduce the use of energy.
- It focuses on making people aware of global warming and climate change and promoting efforts towards saving energy resources

Vijay Diwas is observed on - 16 Dec:

- To commemorate its victory over Pakistan during the 1971 war, **India celebrates Vijay Diwas on December 16** every year as a tribute to the success of the Indian army.
- This war led to the creation of Bangladesh.
- India is celebrating the **50th Vijay Diwas in 2021**.
- On this day, we pay homage to all the soldiers who had defended the nation in the war.
- The **Indo-Pakistan war of 1971 which began on December 3**, for 13 days and officially ended on December 16, after which Pakistan surrendered to India.
- It was on this day in 1971, the chief of the Pakistani forces, General AA Khan Niazi, along with 93 thousand troops, had surrendered unconditionally to the allied forces consisting of the Indian Army and Mukti Bahini.
- The end of the war also resulted in the subsequent secession of East Pakistan into Bangladesh.
- **Pakistan surrendered to the Indian army finally and this day** is also observed as 'Bijoy Dibos' in Bangladesh.

International Day to End Violence against Sex Workers 2021 - Dec 17

- Every year On **December 17** is Observed as the **International Day to End Violence against Sex Workers**.

Purpose :

- To end violence and hate crimes against people doing sex work.
- The day was **first observed in 2003**, and was held as a memorial and vigil for the victims of the Green River Killer in Seattle Washington.
- The day was **founded by Dr Annie Sprinkle** and the Sex Workers Outreach Project USA (SWOP-USA), an American sex worker rights organization.
- The red umbrella is an important symbol for sex worker rights & the **International Committee on the Rights of Sex Workers in Europe (ICRSE)** adopted the **red umbrella** as a symbol of resistance to discrimination in 2005.

World Arabic Language Day Observed on 18 December

- Globally **World Arabic Language Day** is observed on **18 December** every year.
- **Theme of 2021** is Arabic Language, a bridge between civilisations” reflects the role of Arabic as a connector between civilisations and its role in building peace and enhancing dialogue.

Aim :

- To highlight the importance of the language in connecting people, and knowledge systems, throughout history.

Purpose :

- To raise awareness of the history, culture and development of the language by preparing a program of special activities and events.
- To honor the Arabic language, which is spoken by over 400 million people globally.
- The United Nations decided to celebrate the Arabic language on December 18, being the day on which General Assembly **resolution 3190 (XXVIII) of December 18, 1973**, concerned the inclusion of the Arabic language among the official and working languages of the United Nations.

About UNESCO :

- Headquarters: Paris, France
- Director-General; Audrey Azoulay
- Founded: 16 November 1945

Minorities Rights Day- Dec 18

- The **National Minorities Rights Day** is observed in India, **every year on December 18**, to safeguard the Constitutionally guaranteed rights of religious minorities in the country.
- In **1992**, the **United Nations** adopted the Statement on the Individual's Rights belonging to religious, linguistic, or ethnic minorities and the same year the National Commission for Minorities was set up by the Government of India.
- The **Ministry of Minority Affairs** was established on **January 26, 2006**.
- It was carved out of the **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**.
- On National Minorities Rights Day let us take a look at some of the rights and freedom guaranteed by the Constitution to the minorities in the country.
- For the benefit of the minority communities, the Ministry generates overall policy and planning, coordination, evaluation, and review of the regulatory framework and development programme.

International Migrants Day- Dec 18

- Every year, **December 18**, is celebrated as **International Migrants Day**.
- The day was designated by the General Assembly of the United Nations on **December 4, 2000**.
- The **theme** for the year 2021 is '**Harnessing the potential of human mobility**'.
- The day was selected to mark the anniversary of the **1990 adoption by UNGA** of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families
- This year, the **World Health Organization** has marked the day with the launch of the “**Refugee and migrant health: Global Competency Standards for health workers**” (the Standards).
- The Standards and accompanying Knowledge Guide and Curriculum Guide aim to strengthen the health workforce and support the provision of quality people-centred and culturally sensitive health services to migrants and refugees.

National Mathematics Day: Dec 22

- Every year, **December 22** is celebrated as **National Mathematics Day** in India in honour of mathematical genius Srinivasa Ramanujan (1887-1920).
- This year India will celebrate the **134th Birth anniversary** of Srinivasa Ramanujan
- The day was announced as the **national mathematics day** by paying the tribute to Ramanujan in **Chennai**.
- The celebrations were announced by the then **Prime Minister Manmohan Singh** at **Madras University** in **2012**.
- Ramanujan died at the young age of 32 because of deteriorating health on April 26, 1920.
- Ramanujan was born on **December 22, 1887**, in **Tamil Nadu's Erode**.
- He had enrolled himself in Madras' Pachaiyappa College at the age of 14.
- He was one of the prestigious Indian Mathematicians who has mastered trigonometry at age of 12 and made great contributions to mathematical concepts such as number theory, infinite series, and continued fractions.

Indian National Farmer's Day or Kisan Diwas : Dec 23

- **National Farmer's Day** or **Kisan Diwas** is celebrated across the nation on December 23 to commemorate the birth anniversary of the **5th Prime Minister of India, Chaudhary Charan Singh**.

- He was born on **23rd December 1902** at Noorpur in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh and he is popularly known as the “**Champion of India's peasants**”.
- The day also celebrates and honours the contribution of the farmers and their importance in the development of the country.
- This year Kisan Diwas 2021 marks the **119th birth anniversary of Chaudhary Charan Singh**.

National Siddha Day: Dec 23

- **Siddha day is annually observed on 23rd December** to create awareness about the Siddha system of medicine.
- This year 2021 marks the **5th anniversary of National Siddha day**. The first-ever National Siddha Day was observed on **4th January 2018**.
- The day is organised by the Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa-Rigpa and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) on the birthday of **Siddhar Agathiyar**, which happens during the Ayilyam star in the Tamil month of Margazhi.

Ministry of AYUSH:

- Union Minister: Sarbananda Sonowal.
- Minister of State: Dr. Munjpara Mahendrabhai Kalubhai

National Consumer Rights Day- Dec 24:

- **December 24 is celebrated annually in India as National Consumer Rights Day**, also called National Consumer Day, to commemorate **December 24, 1986**, when the Consumer Protection Act received assent of the President of India.
- The purpose of the day is **to make consumers aware of their rights and responsibilities**.
- The Union government, in partnership with the state government, conducts events on consumer awareness.
- The National Consumer Rights Day was observed for the first time in **1986 under the Consumer Protection Act**.
- It's different from World Consumer Day, which is celebrated annually on March 15.
- The **Consumer Protection Act came into force in 1986**.
- In 2019, **the Consumer Protection Act 1986 was revised**. Later, the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution announced the **CPA 2019 bill put to effect on July 20, 2020**.

Good Governance Day- Dec 25:

- **Good governance day** is observed annually on **December 25**.
- The day aims to let the citizens, the students, who are the future of the country know about the government's responsibilities and duties that it needs to fulfill.
- The day is also celebrated to **commemorate the birth anniversary of India's former Prime Minister, Atal Bihari Vajpayee**.
- **On December 23, 2014, Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya** (posthumously) were announced as recipients of India's highest civilian award, **Bharat Ratna**.
- Following the announcement, the Modi government announced that the birth anniversary of the former Prime Minister would be treated as Good Governance Day.
- Since then, the day is celebrated throughout the country every year on December 25.

About Atal Bihari Vajpayee:

- Atal Bihari Vajpayee served as the Prime Minister of India for three times.
- His first term was for only 13 days in 1996.
- His first entry into parliament was in 1962 through the Rajya Sabha.
- He was elected to the Lok Sabha seven times.
- In 2015, Mr Vajpayee was conferred the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award
- He served his second term for a period of thirteen months from March 1998 to April 1999 and then a full term from 1999 to 2004.

International Day of Epidemic Preparedness 2021: Dec 27

- **The United Nations's International Day of Epidemic Preparedness is observed on 27th December** to create awareness about the importance of the prevention of, preparedness for and partnership against epidemics.
- The 27th December 2021 marks the **2nd International Day of Epidemic Preparedness**.

About World Health Organization(WHO):

- Director-General: Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
- Founded: 1948
- Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland