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**IMPORTANT DAYS****Indian Coast Guard celebrates its 46th Raising Day:**

- **Indian Coast Guard** is celebrating its **46th Raising Day** on **February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**
- From just seven surface platforms in **1978**, the **Indian Coast Guard**, (ICG) has grown into a formidable force with 158 ships and 70 aircraft in its inventory.
- It is likely to **achieve targeted force levels of 200 surface platforms** and 80 aircraft by **2025**.
- As the **fourth largest Coast Guard in the world**, it has played a significant role in securing the **Indian coasts** and enforcing regulations in the maritime zones of India.
- The ICG has saved over one thousand two hundred lives at sea in the last one year and more than 11 thousand since its inception.
- One of the primary duties of the Indian Coast Guard is prevention of smuggling through maritime routes in its area of responsibility.

**World Wetlands Day: Feb 2**

- **February 2, 2022** is the first year that **World Wetlands Day** will be observed as a **United Nations international day**, following its adoption by the General Assembly on 30th August 2021.
- The **theme for the 2022 edition** is **“Wetlands Action for People and Nature”**
- It highlights the importance of actions that ensure that wetlands are conserved and sustainably used.
- It's an appeal to invest financial, human and political capital to save the world's wetlands from disappearing and to restore those we have degraded.
- **2022 marks 51 years of the Convention on Wetlands**
- The day is celebrated to mark the date of the adoption of the Convention on Wetlands on **February 2, 1971**, in the Iranian city of Ramsar on the shores of the Caspian Sea.
- World Wetlands Day was first celebrated in 1997.

**World Interfaith Harmony Week: February 01-07**

- **World Interfaith Harmony Week** is observed during the **first week of February (1-7 February)**, after General Assembly designation in 2010.

- The World Interfaith Harmony Week is based on the **pioneering work of The Common Word initiative.**
- **World Interfaith Harmony Week (WIHW)**, was conceived to promote cultural peace and nonviolence.
- The World Interfaith Harmony Week was first proposed at the UN General Assembly on **September 23, 2010** by H.M. King Abdullah II of Jordan.
- Just under a month later, on **October 20, 2010**, it was unanimously adopted by the UN and henceforth the first week of February will be observed as a World Interfaith Harmony Week.

#### World Cancer Day – Feb 4:

- **World Cancer Day** is observed annually on **February 4** to raise worldwide awareness, improving education and catalysing personal, collective and government action.
- It is an initiative of the **Union for International Cancer Control (UICC)**.
- The theme of this year's **World Cancer Day** is **“Close the Care Gap”**.
- The theme is all about raising awareness of the equity gap that affects almost everyone, in high as well as low- and middle-income countries, and is costing lives.
- **World Cancer Day** was born on the **4 February 2000** at the **World Summit Against Cancer for the New Millennium in Paris**.
- The Paris Charter aims to promote research, prevent cancer, improve patient services, raise awareness and mobilise the global community to make progress against cancer, and includes the adoption of World Cancer Day.

#### International Day of Human Fraternity- Feb 4:

- The **‘International Day of Human Fraternity’** is celebrated across the world on **4th February**. The **first** International Day of Human Fraternity was held in **2021**.
- The day aims to raise awareness about different **cultures and religions, or beliefs, and the promotion of tolerance**; and to educate people that tolerance, pluralistic tradition, mutual respect, and the diversity of religions and beliefs promote human fraternity.

- The **UN General Assembly** adopted a resolution to declare 4 February as International Day of Human Fraternity on **21 December 2020**.
- The Day is a part of the '**World Interfaith Harmony Week**', observed during the first week of **February (1 to 7)**, as proclaimed by UN General Assembly in 2010.

### **International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation: Feb 6**

- **International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation** is a United Nations-sponsored annual awareness day that takes place on **February 6** as part of the **UN's efforts to eradicate female genital mutilation**.
- It was first introduced in 2003.
- **This year theme** of International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female: **Accelerating Investment to End Female Genital Mutilation**.
- **Female genital mutilation (FGM)** comprises all procedures that involve altering or injuring the female genitalia for non-medical reasons and is recognized internationally as a violation of the human rights, the health and the integrity of girls and women

### **Safer Internet Day - 8th February 2022**

- **Safer Internet Day (SID)** is observed every year on the **second day of the second week of February** with the aim of providing a safer and secured internet, where every user gets to use the internet responsibly and without getting their data leaked.
- **This year February 8 (Tuesday)** is being celebrated as Safer Internet Day across the world.
- **This year 2022 Theme: Together for a better internet**

#### **Objective:**

- This day is celebrated to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology, especially among children and young people.
- Safer Internet Day is the annual flagship campaign under the European Strategy for Better Internet for Children.

### **Financial Literacy week 2022: February 14-18:**

- The **Reserve Bank of India** will observe February 14 to 18, 2022 as **Financial Literacy week 2022**.
- The Financial Literacy Week is an **initiative by RBI** to promote awareness on key topics every year through a focused campaign.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has been conducting Financial Literacy Week (FLW) every year since 2016 to propagate financial education messages on a particular theme across the country.
- The theme of Financial Literacy week 2022 is: **“Go Digital, Go Secure”**.
- The theme is aligned with one of the strategic objectives of the **National Strategy for Financial Education: 2020-2025**.

### World Pulses Day -10 February:

- **World Pulses Day** is celebrated on **February 10 every year** and recognised Pulses as a global food.
- World Pulses Day 2022 is under the theme **“Pulses to empower youth in achieving sustainable agri-food systems”**.
- Pulses, also known as legumes, are the edible seeds of leguminous plants cultivated for food.
- Dried beans, lentils, and peas are the most commonly known and consumed types of pulses.
- The **UN General Assembly in 2019** decided to dedicate a day to Pulses to increase awareness and access to pulses globally known as World Pulses Day.

### World Unani Day: Feb 11

- **World Unani Day** is observed annually on **February 11** to mark the birth anniversary of **“Hakim Ajmal Khan”**, an eminent Indian Unani physician.
- The **first Unani Day was celebrated in 2017** at Central Research Institute of Unani Medicine (CRIUM), Hyderabad.
- It aims to spread the awareness in masses and action about healthcare delivery through Unani system of medicine worldwide through its preventive and curative philosophy.
- The Unani system of medicine has a long and impressive record in India.
- It was **introduced in India by the Arabs and Persians** sometime around the eleventh century.

**International Day of Women and Girls in Science: 11<sup>th</sup> Feb:**

- **International Day of Women and Girls in Science** is observed every year on **11 February** to achieve full and equal access to and participation in science for women and girls.
- 2022 Theme: **“Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: Water Unites Us”**
- The Day is implemented by **UNESCO and UN-Women** in collaboration with institutions and civil society partners that aim to promote women and girls in science.
- In December 2015, the **United Nations** adopted a resolution to celebrate February 11 as the International Day of Women and Girls in Science.
- **In 2016 is the first time it was celebrated.**
- The idea behind this day is to ensure equal participation and involvement of women and girls in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

**Darwin Day 2022 - 12th February 2022**

- **Darwin Day** is annually observed on **February 12th** to commemorate the birth anniversary of the **19th-century British naturalist Charles Darwin**.
- He is well known for his work **“The Theory of Natural Selection”**
- The day aims to highlight the contributions of Charles Darwin and celebrates Science and to inspire people to follow their intellectual curiosities and to urge them to explore the truth through scientific means.

**About Charles Darwin:**

- Born on 1809 in Shrewsbury, England.
- He joined the British Royal Navy, the HMS Beagle, as a naturalist in 1831
- Darwin passed away in 1882
- He wrote the Book "On the Origin of Species" in 1859

**World Radio Day -13<sup>th</sup> February:**

- **World Radio Day** is an international day celebrated on **13 February** each year.
- The Day was decided by **UNESCO** on 3 November 2011 during its **36th conference**

- The objective of World Radio Day is to raise public awareness of the importance of radio and to encourage decision makers to use it to provide access to information, and to improve international co-operation among broadcasters.
- Proclaimed in 2011 by the Member States of UNESCO and adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2012 as an International Day, World Radio Day is celebrated on February 13 every year.
- In the late 19th century, a miracle happened by an Italian inventor and electric engineer Guglielmo Marconi.

### National Productivity Day - 12th February:

- On February 12, India celebrates National Productivity Day.
- Productivity week is celebrated from 12 - 18th February 2022
- National Productivity Day and Productivity week is organised by National Productivity Council (NPC).
- The theme of this year Productivity Week 2022 is “Self Reliance Through Productivity”
- The objective of the National Productivity Council is to stimulate and promote productivity and quality consciousness across all sectors in the country.
- The main observance of the day is to encourage all stakeholders in the implementation of productivity tools and techniques with contemporary relevant themes.
- The day is celebrated by the National Productivity Council (NPC) to promote productivity culture in India and under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry Government of India is a premier institution for propagating productivity movement in India.

### National Deworming Day: 10 Feb

- National Deworming Day is observed on 10 February to raise awareness about the importance of deworming, mainly for children from 1 to 19 years of age.
- The purpose behind celebrating the day is to reduce the prevalence of Soil-Transmitted Helminths (STH), commonly known as the parasitic intestinal worms, among all children and adolescents.



- **National Deworming Day (NDD)** was launched in 2015 and is one of the largest public programme implemented on a single day reaching crores of children and adolescents via two NDD rounds every year.
- In 2022, the **National Deworming Day campaign** will take place from February 10 to February 16 in schools and **villages through Anganwadi centres**.
- Under the campaign deworming medicine is provided in the form of tablet or syrup, as per the age and body weight of the child.

### **National Women's Day in India: 13 Feb**

- Every year, **February 13 is celebrated as National Women's Day** to commemorate the **birth anniversary of Sarojini Naidu**.
- While Naidu made her mark all over the world for her literary excellence, she also achieved great success and the love of people in India
- Sarojini Naidu was the **first woman Governor of Uttar Pradesh**, then known as the United Provinces.
- She was an adept intellectual and scholar, because of which she became the first woman ever to be elected as **the President of the Indian National Congress**.
- Like most freedom fighters, **Sarojini Naidu, too, was apprehended by the British government** and was sent to jail.
- **It happened when in 1942**, Mahatma Gandhi started the Quit India Movement. Sarojini Naidu was imprisoned for 21 months.

### **International Epilepsy Day 2022:**

- **International Epilepsy Day** is observed every year on the **Second Monday of February** across the world.
- In 2022, **International Epilepsy Day falls on February 14, 2022**.
- International Epilepsy Day seeks to raise awareness and educate the general public on the true facts about epilepsy and the urgent need for improved treatment, better care, and greater investment in research.



- The day is organised jointly by the **International Bureau for Epilepsy (IBE)** and the **International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE)** to raise awareness about epilepsy and highlight the kinds of problems faced by victims, their friends and family.
- Epilepsy is a neurological disorder which makes a person go through sudden and recurrent episodes of sensory disturbances.

### **FICCI launches Anti-Smuggling Day:**

- **FICCI's Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy (CASCADE)** has taken the initiative in establishing **Anti-Smuggling Day** on **February 11th, 2022**.
- The war against smuggling can't be won without greater participation from the consumers, **Anil Rajput**, Chair, **FICCI CASCADE** at the **launch of Anti-Smuggling Day**.
- **According to the FICCI**, it will not only draw attention to the issue and raise awareness about it, but it will also assess what more needs to be done on a national and international level to address this problem.
- **'Anti-Smuggling Day'** will be a significant step forward in the fight against the worldwide smuggling threat.
- According to the press release by FICCI, the **World Economic Forum's** estimates, illicit trade has resulted in an annual drain of **US\$2.2 trillion (approx. 3 percent of world GDP)** in 2020.

### **International Childhood Cancer Day: 15 Feb**

- **International Childhood Cancer Day** is observed on **15<sup>th</sup> February** Every year is a global collaborative campaign to raise awareness about childhood cancer, and to express support for children and adolescents with cancer, the survivors and their families.
- The second year of three-year campaign for ICCD (2021-2023) under the theme of **'Better Survival'** is achievable **#throughyourhands** "Right care at the right time by the right team" is underway and with your support we are going to celebrate this important milestone on **15<sup>th</sup> of February** in collaboration with CCI.
- This annual event was created in **2002** by **Childhood Cancer International**, a global network of 176 parent organizations, childhood cancer survivor associations, childhood cancer support

groups, and cancer societies, in over 93 countries, across 5 continents.

### World Day of Social Justice – 20<sup>th</sup> February

- The **United Nations' (UN) World Day of Social Justice** is annually observed on **February 20** to encourage people to look at how social justice affects poverty eradication.
- World Day of Social Justice 2022 Theme: “**Achieving Social Justice through Formal Employment**”
- The International Labour Organization unanimously adopted the ILO Declaration on Social Justice for a **Fair Globalization** on **10 June 2008**.
- Social justice is an underlying principle for peaceful and prosperous coexistence within and among nations.

### World Pangolin Day: February 19

- **Every year, World Pangolin Day** is celebrated on the **Third Saturday of February**.
- In 2022, the annual World Pangolin Day is being celebrated on **19th February 2022**.
- It marks the **11th edition of the event**.
- The main aim of this day is to **raise awareness about these unique mammals** and speed up conservation efforts.

### About Pangolins

- Pangolins are the only mammal to be covered in scales.
- To protect themselves, they curl into balls like hedgehogs.
- Their name comes from the Malay word ‘pengguling’ meaning ‘something that rolls up’.

### International Mother Language Day: 21 Feb

- **International Mother Language Day** is observed worldwide on **21st February** every year to promote awareness of **linguistic and cultural diversity** and to promote multilingualism.
- Every year a unique theme is chosen by **UNESCO** to celebrate this special day.

- The theme of 2022 is: **“Using technology for multilingual learning: Challenges and opportunities”**, it focuses on potential role of technology to advance multilingual education and support the development of quality teaching and learning for all.
- The Day is part of a broader initiative to promote the preservation and protection of all languages used by people of the world.
- The idea to celebrate International Mother Language Day **first came from Bangladesh**.
- The general conference of the **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)** decided to celebrate February 21 as International Mother Language Day in **2000**.

### **7th Soil Health Card Day - 19 Feb**

- **Every year India** observes the **Soil Health Card Day on 19 February** to commemorate the launch of the **Soil Health Card (SHC) Scheme**.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the **Soil Health Card (SHC) Scheme on 19th February 2015 at Suratgarh in Rajasthan**.
- Purpose of the scheme is to issue soil health cards to farmers every two years so as to provide a basis to address nutritional deficiencies in soil.
- The scheme ensures additional income to farmers by an increase in yields and it also promotes sustainable farming.
- The scheme has been introduced to assist State Governments to issue Soil Health Cards to all farmers in the country.
- It provides information to farmers on the nutrient status of their soil along with recommendations on the appropriate dosage of nutrients to be applied for improving soil health and its fertility.

### **44th Foundation Day of AEPC: Feb 22, 2022**

- On February 22, **The Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC)** celebrated its **44th Foundation Day** which was virtually attended by **Upendra Prasad Singh, Secretary, Ministry of Textiles** as a **Guest of Honour**.

- Mr. Upendra Prasad Singh mentioned that the Indian apparel industry must focus on vertical integration to increase its scale and size and to benefit from the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme.
- As per the report Apparel exports likely to cross **USD 20 bn next fiscal or year after that.**
- Textile exports likely to cross **USD 100 bn from current \$40 bn in 5 years**

#### **About Apparel Export Promotion Council:**

- Chairman: Narendra Goenka
- Headquarters: Gurgaon, Haryana

#### **World Thinking Day - 22nd February:**

- **World Thinking Day**, originally known as Thinking Day, is celebrated every year on **22 February** by all Girl Scouts, Girl Guides and other girl groups worldwide.
- The day is observed to think about fellow brothers and sisters around the world, address their concerns and understand the true meaning of guiding.
- The theme for World Thinking Day 2022 is **“Our World, Our Equal Future”**

#### **Central Excise Day: 24 Feb**

- **Central Excise Day of India** is celebrated every year on **February 24**.
- The day is being celebrated to honour the service of the Central Board of Excise and Custom (CBEC) to the country.

#### **Polio National Immunization Day- 27th February:**

- The Government of India has organised the **Polio National Immunization Day 2022 (NID)** (also known as **“Polio Ravivar”**) on **February 27, 2022**, to give two drops of oral polio vaccine (OPV) to every child in the country under the age of five.

#### **Recent News:**

**Mandaviya launches Polio National Immunization Day - 2022, administers polio drops to children:**

- Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Mansukh Mandaviya on Saturday launched the "Polio National Immunization Day - 2022" by administering polio drops to children aged less than five years.
- As a part of the national immunization drive, Mandaviya at the Health Ministry office administered the polio drops to children himself.

### **National Science Day - 28 February**

- The **National Science Day** is celebrated on **28 February** each year in India to spread the message about the importance of science in the daily life of the people.
- On this day, **Sir CV Raman** had announced the discovery of the Raman Effect for which he was awarded the **Nobel Prize** in 1930.

### **Recent news:**

#### **Union Minister Jitendra Singh inaugurated 'Doctors on Wheels' ambulance in Kathua:**

- Union Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) Jitendra Singh has flagged off the Kathua leg of J&K's first free telemedicine service in an ambulance.
- Named 'Doctor on wheels', the ambulance is equipped with the latest lab technology and system to connect patients with senior doctors from across the country.

### **Rare Disease Day: February 28**

- The **Rare Disease Day (RDD)** is observed every year on the **last day of February**. This year in 2022 it falls on **February 28, 2022**.
- The day is observed to raise awareness for rare diseases and improve access to treatment and medical representation for individuals with rare diseases and their families.

### **India Protein Day: February 27**

- **February 27th** is celebrated as the **National Protein Day**, to create awareness about protein deficiency and encourage people to include of this macronutrient in their diet.
- The day urges people to include this crucial macronutrient in their diet.

**World NGO Day: 27 February**

- The World NGO Day is celebrated on February 27 every year.
- It is an international day dedicated to recognize, celebrate and honour all non-governmental and nonprofit organizations, and the people behind them that contribute to the society all year around.

**Recent News:****NITI Aayog to roll out EV battery swapping policy in four months**

- Public policy think tank NITI Aayog plans to roll out a battery swapping policy which will give electric vehicle buyers an option not to own its battery thereby bringing down the upfront cost and fast-tracking EV adoption – in the next 3-4 months.