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IMPORTANT DAYS**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.

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.

Rare Disease Day:

- 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.

International Women's Day:

- The Women and Child Development Ministry celebrates the **International Women's Day week from the 1st of March as an Iconic Week as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.**
- As a part of the week-long celebration, the Ministry will organize various events and social media campaigns covering a variety of themes related to women's safety and empowerment.

Janaushadhi Diwas week - 1st March to 7th March:

- Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers will organize the **Janaushadhi Diwas from 1st March to 7th March 2022.**
- On 7th March 2022, the 4th Jan Aushadhi Diwas will be celebrated.
- The objective of this day is to generate awareness about the usages of generic medicines and benefits of Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana.
- The theme of 4th Janaushadhi Diwas is Jan Aushadhi-Jan Upyogi"

Zero Discrimination- 1st March:

- The **Zero Discrimination Day is held every year on the 1st of March.**
- The day aims to ensure right to equality, inclusion and protection of all people without any discrimination in their law and policies to live a full life with dignity regardless of any barriers.
- The theme of Zero Discrimination Day 2022 is Remove laws that harm, create laws that empower.
- The Zero Discrimination Day was first celebrated on March 1, 2014.

About United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

- Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland
- Executive Director: Winnie Byanyima
- Established: 26 July 1994.

Civil Accounts Day-2 March

- The Civil Accounts Day has celebrated on 2nd March 2022 at Dr Ambedkar International Centre, Janpath, New Delhi.

- Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman is the Chief Guest of the occasion.

World Civil Defence Day - 1st March

- **World Civil Defence Day** is annually observed across the globe on **1st March** to honour the significance of **Civil Defence** and the personnel who have sacrificed their lives for it.
- The purpose of the Day is to promote public awareness about civil defence, civil protection and emergency management in order to better prepare the civilian population to protect itself in the event of an emergency and to reduce the risk of disaster.
- The theme of World Civil Defence Day 2022 is Civil defence and management of displaced populations in face of disasters and crises; role of volunteers and the fight against pandemics”.

World Birth Defects Day 2022: 03 March

- On **March 3** is recognized annually as **World Birth Defects Day (WBDD)**.

Aim :

- To raise awareness about the impact of birth defects worldwide, reduce stigma, and increase opportunities for prevention and care.
- The Theme of 2022 WBDD is **Many Birth Defects, one voice**.
- **2022** marks the observance of **7th edition of WBDD**.
- The **first** WBDD is Observed on **2015** with the support of 12 organizations.
- Every year, about **3%–6% of infants** worldwide are **born** with a **serious birth defect**.

World Wildlife Day 2022 - 03 March

- **World Wildlife Day** is celebrated on **March 3** every year to celebrate and **raise awareness of the world's wild fauna and flora**.
- The Theme of World Wildlife Day 2022: “**Recovering key species for ecosystem restoration**”.
- The **theme is chosen** by the **UN** as a way to draw attention to the conservation status of the most critically endangered species of wild fauna and flora.

- The day was **proposed by Thailand** and **recognised** in 2013 by **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)**.
- The day **March 3** has been chosen as it is the day of **signature** of the **Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)** in 1973 as **World Wildlife Day**.
- The **first** World Wildlife Day was observed on **March 03, 2014**.

About UNGA :

- President : Abdulla Shahid

About CITES :

- Located at : Geneva, Switzerland
- Member States : 184
- Secretary-General : Ivonne Higuero
- It is a multilateral treaty to protect endangered plants and animals.

World Hearing Day 2022: 3 March

- The **World Hearing Day 2022** is annually Observed on **03rd March** by the **World Health Organisation (WHO)**.
- Theme of World Hearing Day 2022: **“To hear for life, listen with care.”**

Aim :

- To raise awareness on how to prevent deafness and hearing loss and promote ear and hearing care across the world.
- According to WHO, the day was **created** in **2007** in a bid to raise awareness about deafness.
- It was then called **International Ear Day**, but the **name** was changed to **World Hearing Day** in **2016**.

About WHO :

- Established : 7 April 1948
- Headquarters : Geneva, Switzerland
- Director-General : Tedros Adhanom

World Obesity Day 2022: March 4

- World Obesity Day is observed every year on **March 04**.
- The day is organised by the World Obesity Federation, a non-profit body that is in official relations with the **World Health Organisation**.
- It is observed to spread awareness about obesity and encourage action towards its elimination.
- The theme of World Obesity Day 2022 is '**Everybody Needs to Act**'.

About World Health Organization:

- Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland
- Founded: 7 April 1948
- WHO Director-General: Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

National Security Day: 04 March

- Every Year On March 04, National Security Day (Rashtriya Suraksha Diwas) is celebrated in India.

Aim :

- To show gratitude to our security forces which include military, para-military, commandos, police officials, guards, and India's security forces and to those who maintain peace and security of our country.
- March 4 marks the day when the National Safety Council of India was established in **1966** by the **Ministry of Labour** under the Government of India.
- National Security Day was celebrated for the **first time** in **1972**.

Note :

- The **National Security Week 2022** is being celebrated from **March 4 to March 10, 2022**.

About National Security Council :

- Founded : 19 November 1998
- National Security Advisor : Ajit Kumar Doval
- NSC is the apex agency looks into the country's political, economic, energy and strategic security concerns which were established by the then Prime Minister of India Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

National Safety Day 2022: 04 March

- The **National Safety Day (NSD)** is marked every year on **4 March** by the **National Safety Council of India**.
- Theme 2022 is “**Nurture young minds – Develop safety culture**”.
- 2022 marks the **51st National Safety Day**.

Aim :

- To raise public awareness of all safety principles, including road safety, workplace safety, human health safety, and environmental safety.
- In **1972**, the **National Safety Day** was **first observed** on the foundation day of the National Safety Council.

Note :

- The **2022 National Safety Week** has been organised from **March 04 to 10, 2022**.

About National Safety Council :

- Establishment : March 4, 1966, by the **Ministry of Labour and Employment**

Purpose :

- To develop and implement a voluntary routine in the areas of safety, health, and the environment.

World Engineering Day for Sustainable Development: March 4

- UNESCO celebrates **World Engineering Day for Sustainable Development** as its international day of celebration of engineers and engineering.
- It is celebrated globally on **4th March** of each year. It was first celebrated on 2020.
- This year 2022 the theme is **Build Back Wiser – Engineering the Future**
- This day carries a aim to raise awareness of the role of engineering in modern life, which is essential to mitigate the impact of climate change and advance sustainable development around the world of engineers

CISF 53rd Raising Day – 6th March

- The **53rd Raising Day** ceremony of **Central Industrial Security Forces (CISF)** was organised on **March 06, 2022**, in **Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh**.

- Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** has attended and addressed the Raising Day ceremony of CISF at **Ghaziabad's Indirapuram**.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah said that CISF personnel risked taking care of fellow Indians and even lost their lives when Indians came back from abroad during the Corona pandemic.
- Central Industrial Security Forces (CISF) was set up under the act of the Parliament of India on **March 10, 1969**.
- Eventually, it was made an armed force of the **Republic of India by another Act of Parliament passed on 15 June 1983**.
- **CISF is one of six paramilitary forces** in India and functions under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- Its headquarters is in **New Delhi**.

International Women's Day: 8th March

- **International Women's Day is celebrated every year on March 8** to mark and celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women and raise awareness about **women's equality, accelerate gender parity**.
- The theme for this year's International Women's Day is: **Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow**
- The aim of the day is to spread the message of gender equality and promote a better society where there is no gender bias
- **International Women's Day was first celebrated in 1911**.
- The **United Nations** began celebrating International Women's Day in the International Women's Year, 1975. In 1977, the **United Nations General Assembly** invited member states to proclaim March 8 as the UN Day for women's rights and world peace.

RBI to observe Digital Payments Awareness Week (DPAW) from March 7-11, 2022:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is going to observe **Digital Payments Awareness Week (DPAW) between 7th March 2022 and 11th March 2022**.
- The theme of Digital Payments Awareness Week (DPAW) 2022 is: **"Outreach and Availability of Digital Payments"**.

- RBI will be observed to celebrate the **17th Foundation Day of the Department of Payment and Settlement Systems (DPSS)** on March 7 which is responsible for managing Payments Systems in India.

No Smoking Day- 9th March:

- **"No Smoking Day"** is celebrated annually on the **second Wednesday of March** to raise awareness about the ill effects of smoking.
- This year, it is celebrated on the **9th of March, 2022**.
- This year, the theme for the "No Smoking Day" is **"quitting smoking doesn't have to be stressful."**
- The first **"No Smoking Day" was celebrated in 1984** on Ash Wednesday.
- Since then, a year after it, the day has been celebrated every second Wednesday in March.
- The day mainly strives to spread awareness on the hazards of tobacco consumption through smoking and similar variability.

World Kidney Day: 10th March

- **World Kidney Day** is an annual event observed **every second Thursday in the month of March**.
- This year World Kidney Day will be **observed on March 10, 2022**.
- The World Kidney Day 2022 theme is **"Kidney Health for All"**.
- The day aims to raise awareness of the importance of our kidneys to our overall health and to reduce the frequency and impact of kidney disease and its associated health problems worldwide.
- The observance of this day was started by the **International Society of Nephrology and the International Federation of Kidney Foundations**.
- World Kidney Day was first celebrated in **2006**.

54th CISF Raising Day: 10th March

- In the year 1969, the **CISF was set up on March 10** and three battalions were formed under the **CISF act 1968, which was passed by the Parliament of India**.
- Central Industrial Security Force, is for the central armed police force in India.

- It is **one of the six paramilitary forces** in India functioning under the Union Home Ministry.
- **The CISF was established on 10 March, 1969** after an Act was passed in the Parliament of India.
- The Central Industrial Security Forces were established to protect the industrial installations in the country.
- The CISF was made an armed force by a different act of Parliament, which was passed on **15 June, 1983**.
- CISF's duty includes providing better protection and guarding the sensitive installations of the government and other important facilities.

International Day of Women Judges: 10 March

- In 2022, **10 March will be celebrated as the International Day of Women Judges**. The day will be celebrated and observed for the **first time after the UN General Assembly passed the resolution concerning the same in April 2021**.
- The International Day of Women Judges is celebrated to promote **the presence of women in the judicial field and strengthen the legal system**. The day also aims to reaffirm the faith of people in the judicial system.
- The International Day of Women Judges aims to recognise the efforts and contributions being made by women judges.
- The day also empowers young women and girls who aspire to become judges and leaders in the community. **The UN General Assembly Resolution aims passed in April 2021** aims to bring about gender parity in the judiciary, especially at the senior levels.

World Rotaract Day -13th of March

- Every year, Rotaractors and Rotarians around the world celebrate **World Rotaract Week** during the week of **13 March** to commemorate the **founding of the first club in 1968 at North Carolina, USA**.
- The theme of World Rotaract Day 2022 is **Rotary Making a Difference**.
- World Rotaract Week will be held from 11 March 2022 to 18 March 2022.

- Rotary Club is the community service organization for young men and women.
- They take part in international service projects, in a global effort to bring peace and international understanding to the world.

International Day of Mathematics- 14 March 2022

- **International Day of Mathematics** is observed on 14th of March every year.
- It is also known as the **Pi Day** because the mathematical constant π (pi) can be rounded down to 3.14.
- The theme for 2022 IDM is “**Mathematics Unites!**”.
- It aims to educate people about the essential role of mathematics in science and technology, improve quality of life, empower women and girls, and contribute to sustainable development.
- The proclamation of **March 14 as the International Day of Mathematics** was adopted in the **205th session of the UNESCOs Executive Council**.
- The day was then adopted in the **40th session of the General Conference of UNESCO** in **November 2019**.
- Later in 2020, the world celebrated its First International Day of Mathematics on March 14, 2020, with the theme ‘Mathematics is Everywhere.’

International Day to Combat Islamophobia- March 15:

- As the **UN General Assembly** adopted a resolution to proclaim **March 15 as International Day to Combat Islamophobia**, India expressed concern over phobia against one religion being elevated to the level of an international day, saying there are growing contemporary forms of religiophobia, **especially anti-Hindu, anti-Buddhist and anti-Sikh phobias**.
- The main objective of **International Day to Combat Islamophobia** will be **curtailing systematic hate speech and discrimination against Muslims**; respect for religious symbols and practices; along with the elimination of all forms of intolerance and discrimination based on religion or belief.



- The 193-member UN General Assembly adopted a resolution, introduced by Pakistan's ambassador Munir Akram under agenda item Culture of peace, to proclaim March 15 as the International Day to Combat Islamophobia.

National Vaccination Day-16th March:

- National Vaccination Day is observed annually on 16th march in India.
- The occasion is celebrated to raise awareness about importance of vaccination.
- This day creates awareness regarding **how effective vaccination is to prevent deadly diseases**. Mostly, this day celebrates India's victory over polio disease along with an improvement in the health and life expectancy of an individual.
- The **first dose** of oral polio vaccine got started in **the year 1995 in India**.
- Therefore, the national immunization day or vaccination day observes the pulse polio programme of the government with the goal of complete eradication of polio from the country.
- **The last case of polio was reported from Bengal in 2011** and later various vaccination drives were initiated against diseases like tetanus, mumps, and TB.

Global Recycling Day: 18th March:

- Global Recycling Day, celebrated on March 18 every year, is a recycling initiative that encourages us to look at our trash in a new light.
- Theme for 2022 is "recycling fraternity".
- The theme recognise the people who put themselves on the **frontline to collect waste and recycling during the multiple lockdowns**.
- There are several ways to recycle that allow some materials to be reused multiple times.
- Recycling is great for us and the environment because it lessens the energy we use, enhances the quality of water and air we breathe, and combats climate change.
- **The Global Recycling Day was created in 2018** by the London-based Global Recycling Foundation to promote the concept and practice of recycling.

World Sleep Day 2022:

- The **World Sleep Day** is held every year on the **Friday before Spring Vernal Equinox**.
- In 2022, the World Sleep Day falls on March 18, 2022.
- The theme of 2022 is '**Quality Sleep, Sound Mind, Happy World**'.
- The **World Sleep Society** first observed World Sleep Day in 2008 and it has been observed annually since then.
- It was started by committed members of the medical community and healthcare professionals who work and study in the field of sleep medicine and research.

International Day of Happiness:

- The **International Day of Happiness** is celebrated throughout the world on **20 March**.
- The theme for Happiness Day 2022 is **Keep Calm, Stay Wise and Be Kind**.
- Keeping cool and calm in every possible situation is the key to happiness and satisfaction.
- Bhutan initially prioritized the value of National Happiness over National Income in the 1970s.
- **Bhutan** is known for adopting the goal of Gross National Happiness over Gross National Product at the **66th General Assembly**.
- It was established by the **United Nations General Assembly** on **28 June 2012**.
- The International Day of Happiness aims to make people around the world realize the importance of happiness within their lives.

India's Ordnance Factories Day: 18 March

- **Ordnance Factory Day** is observed across India on **18 March** to commemorate the foundation of the **first ordnance factory** at **Cossipore** near **Kolkata** in the year **1801**.
- The erstwhile ordnance factories, which operated under the Ministry of Defence (MoD), were responsible for supplying arms, ammunition and clothing to the country's armed forces.
- The **Indian Ordnance Factory Board (OFB)**, which comprised 41 institutions, ceased to exist from 1 October last year.
- The **OFB** was split into seven public sector undertakings (PSUs), which continue to supply the country's armed forces with a variety of military equipment.
- **OFB** was founded in 1775 and its Headquarters is in **Ayudh Bhawan, Kolkata**.

- OFB consists of 41 Ordnance Factories, 9 Training Institutes, 3 Regional Marketing Centres and 5 Regional Controllerates of Safety, which is spread all over India.

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination:

- The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is observed annually on **21 March**.
- The 2022 edition of the International Day focuses on the theme **“VOICES FOR ACTION AGAINST RACISM”**.
- **On that day, in 1960**, police opened fire at a peaceful demonstration in Sharpeville, South Africa, against the apartheid pass laws; 69 people were killed, and 180 were injured.
- **In 1979, the General Assembly** adopted a programme of activities to be undertaken during the second half of the **Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination**.
- On that occasion, the **General Assembly decided that a week of solidarity** with the peoples struggling against racism and racial discrimination, beginning on **21 March**, would be organized annually in all States.

Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)- 83rd Raising Day:

- The **83rd CRPF Raising Day** is held on **March 19** after India's first Home Minister **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel** presented colours to the CRPF following the enactment of the CRPF Act by the **Parliament in 1950**.
- The **CRPF was raised in 1939** and was then known as the **Crown Representative's Police**.
- The CRPF was raised as the **Crown Representative's Police** on this very day in 1939.
- It was given a fresh lease of life soon after Independence when it was renamed and redesigned as the **Central Reserve Police on 28th December 1949** and was mandated to secure the internal security of the country

International Day of Forests-21 March:

- The **world celebrates the International Day of Forests on March 21** every year with the aim to increase awareness about the unprecedented role forests play in sustaining lives on this planet.



- The theme for 2022 is **“Forests and sustainable production and consumption.”**
- Forests provide food, water, and shelter to animals and human beings. They reduce the impact of events threatening to life, such as floods and climate change
- The **United Nations General Assembly** proclaimed 21 March the International Day of Forests (IDF) in 2012.
- The Day celebrates and raises awareness of the importance of all types of forests.
- On each International Day of Forests, countries are encouraged to undertake local, national and international efforts to organize activities involving forests and trees, such as tree planting campaigns.
- The theme for each International Day of Forests is chosen by the Collaborative Partnership on Forests.

World Sparrow Day 2022:

- **World Sparrow Day is celebrated on 20th March** every year and puts the spotlight on the tiny-chirpy House Sparrow and other birds.
- The theme of World Sparrow Day is **“LOVE Sparrows.”**
- The purpose of World Sparrow Day is to raise awareness and protect the bird all across the world.
- A few years ago, house sparrows were commonly seen in people’s homes. As a result of rising noise pollution, the bird is now on the edge of extinction.
- **World Sparrow Day was established by Mohammed Dilawar**, the founder of The Nature Forever Society.
- He started several projects, including the biodiversity Photo Contest, the annual Sparrow Awards, Project Save Our Sparrows, and the Common Bird Monitoring of India programme.
- **The first World Sparrow Day was held in the year 2010.**
- In 2011, the World Sparrow Awards were established.

World Poetry Day-21 MARCH

- **World Poetry Day is celebrated on 21 March**, and was declared by UNESCO in 1999, with the aim of supporting linguistic diversity through poetic expression and increasing the opportunity for endangered languages to be heard.
- World Poetry Day is celebrated every year to **recognise the unique ability of poetry to capture the creative spirit of the human mind**.
- The United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) adopted this day during **UNESCO's 30th session in Paris in 1999**.
- **Some countries** also celebrate **World Poetry Day on October 15** to mark the birthday of Virgil, a Roman poet who is famous for his epic Aeneid.

World Down Syndrome Day 2022:

- **World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD)** is observed annually on **March 21**.
- It is a global awareness day which has been officially observed by the **United Nations since 2012**.
- The **theme of World Down Syndrome Day** this year is **Inclusion Means**.
- The 21st day of the third month of the Gregorian Calendar, March, was selected as the date for World Down Syndrome Day to signify the uniqueness of the triplication of the 21st human chromosome, which causes Down syndrome.
- The **first World Down Syndrome Day** was observed in 2006.
- Then the **Brazilian Federation of Associations of Down Syndrome** worked with Down Syndrome International and its members to launch an extensive campaign to generate international support.
- In November 2011, the **General Assembly** adopted a resolution by consensus to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day every year.
- The next month it declared March 21 as **World Down Syndrome Day**.

World Water Day- 22nd March:

- **World Water Day** is an annual **United Nations** observance day held on **22 March** that highlights the importance of fresh water.

- The World Water Day theme 2022 is “**Groundwater, Making the Invisible Visible**”.
- The day is used to advocate for the sustainable management of freshwater resources.
- This 2022, the focus is groundwater, an invisible resource with an impact visible everywhere.
- Relevant issues include water scarcity, water pollution, inadequate water supply, lack of sanitation, and the impacts of climate change that are looked upon on this day.
- **The idea for this international day goes back to 1992**, the year in which the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro took place.
- That same year, the **United Nations General Assembly** adopted a resolution by which 22 March of each year was declared World Day for Water, to be observed **starting in 1993**.

Shaheed Diwas or Martyrs' Day- 23rd March:

- **March 23 every year is observed as Shaheed Diwas** to mark the death anniversary of Indian freedom fighters **Bhagat Singh, Shivaram Rajguru and Sukhdev Thapar**.
- Also, 30 January is observed as Martyrs Day or Shaheed Diwas in the memory of Mahatma Gandhi.
- In 1928, Bhagat Singh plotted to kill a police officer to avenge Lala Lajpat Rai's death.
- Later, in **1929, Bhagat Singh** and his associates dropped two bombs at the Central Legislative Assembly in Delhi and allowed themselves to be arrested, while shouting the famous freedom struggle slogan, "**Inquilab Zindabad**", or "**Long live the revolution**".
- It was on **March 23, 1931, when the three were hanged to death in the Lahore Central Jail** in British India (now Pakistan) by Britishers.

World Meteorological Day 2022:

- **World Meteorological Day takes place every year on 23 March**, commemorating the date in **1950** when the Convention establishing the **World Meteorological Organization** came into force.
- This year World Meteorological Day is celebrated keeping the **theme of Early Warning and Early Action**.
- The day is celebrated as the establishment of the **World Meteorological Organization (WMO)**, and it concentrates on the behaviour of Earth's atmosphere.



- World Meteorological Day is celebrated as the establishment of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), **which was established on March 23, 1950.**
- Today, it's been 72 years of the organization, and it has made immense progress and helped the world to be a better place.
- WMO headquarters is situated in Geneva, Switzerland.

International Day for the Right to the Truth: March 24

- **Each year, on 24 March, the International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims is observed.**
- The day aims to pay tribute to those who have devoted their lives or lost their lives in, the struggle to promote and protect human rights for all.
- This annual observance pays tribute to the memory of **Monsignor Óscar Arnulfo Romero, who was murdered on 24 March 1980.**
- Monsignor Romero was actively engaged in denouncing violations of the human rights of the most vulnerable individuals in **El Salvador.**

World TB Day: 24 March

- **World Tuberculosis Day, observed on 24 March each year, is designed to build public awareness about the global epidemic of tuberculosis and efforts to eliminate the disease.**
- The theme of **World TB Day 2022 Invest to End TB. Save Lives.**
- The date marks the day in **1882 when Dr Robert Koch** announced that he had discovered the **bacterium that causes TB**, which opened the way towards diagnosing and curing this disease.
- In 2018, 10 million people fell ill with TB, and 1.5 million died from the disease, mostly in low and middle-income countries
- Tuberculosis (TB) is a potentially serious infectious disease that mainly affects your lungs.
- The bacteria that cause tuberculosis are spread from one person to another through tiny droplets released into the air via coughs and sneezes.

Bihar Day: March 22

- The **Bihar Diwas** is celebrated every year on as it was on this day that the **British carved out Bihar from Bengal Presidency in 1912**.
- **Bihar Diwas 2022 marks the 110th anniversary** of the state's founding.
- The annual **Bihar Diwas** is no longer limited to festivities hosted by the state government; citizens from the state living throughout the country and overseas have begun to commemorate the occasion.
- Bihar was a part of the Bengal Presidency until 1912, when the province of Bihar and Orissa was established as a separate province.
- Patna was designated as the new province's capital when the Bengal Presidency was partitioned.

International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members:

- Every year, on 25th March the International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members is observed by the United Nations.
- This day is observed by the UN with the aim of **demanding justice, mobilizing action, and strengthening the resolve to protect the peacekeepers** and personnel of the UN, as well as people who are working in the non-governmental sector and people who are associated with the press.
- The International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members is marked each year on the anniversary of the abduction of Alec Collett, a former journalist who was working for the **United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)** when he was abducted by armed gunman in 1985.
- His body was finally found in **Lebanon's Bekaa Valley** in 2009.

International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade:

- Every year on 25 March, the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade offers the opportunity to honour and remember those who suffered and died at the hands of the brutal slavery system.
- This Year Theme: **"Stories of Courage: Resistance to Slavery and Unity against Racism"**.

- The International Day also aims to **raise awareness about the dangers of racism** and prejudice today.
- International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade is a **United Nations international observance designated in 2007** to be marked on 25 March every year.
- **It was first observed in 2008** with the theme “Breaking the Silence, Lest We Forget”.

Earth Hour 2022: 26 March

- Every year, on the **last Saturday in March, Earth Hour is observed.**
- The date for Earth Hour in 2022 is Saturday, March 26, 2022.
- At 8:30 p.m. local time, Earth Hour will begin and end at 9:30 p.m. local time.
- The topic for Earth Hour 2022 will be **"Shape Our Future."**
- This is a pivotal year for everyone and our world. It is up to us to **#ShapeOurFuture** by raising awareness about the serious issues impacting our world today.
- The Day is a worldwide movement organized by the **World-Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)**, encouraging individuals, communities, corporates, and households to turn off their lights for one hour, from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.
- It was started as a lights-off event in **Sydney, Australia, in 2007** to raise awareness for energy consumption and effects on the environment.

October 5 to be designated as National Dolphin Day, decides National Board for Wildlife:

- The **union environment ministry** has designated October 5 as **National Dolphin Day**, to be observed annually starting this year.
- The decision to designate a National Dolphin Day was taken by the standing committee of **the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL).**
- Considering that **generating awareness amongst the people on the benefits of conservation of dolphins** and participation of people in conservation efforts is imperative, the standing committee recommended that every year **5th of October shall be celebrated as National Dolphin Day**

**World theatre Day- 27th March:**

- **World Theatre Day is celebrated on 27 March every year throughout the world.**
- **World Theatre Day 2022 will be observed by the ITI centres and the theatre fraternity 27 March 2022.**
- **This day is celebrated to promote awareness regarding the significance of theatrical arts and how they have played an essential role in the area of fun. World Theatre Day is observed to promote the positivity that theatre has brought in the lives of people.**
- **This day is extremely important for all theatre artists as it celebrates their works. World Theatre Day was first celebrated by the International Theatre Institute (ITI) in the year 1961, on 27 March.**
- **This day has been celebrated on the same date ever since that day.**