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**IMPORTANT DAYS****World Backup Day 2022: 31 March**

- Every year **World Backup Day 2022** is celebrated on **31 March**.
- This is a yearly reminder for us to back up our files safely to avoid any data loss.
- It is a day for people to learn about the increasing role of data in our lives and the importance of regular backups.
- **World Backup Day** originally began as **World Backup Month**, started by a hard drive company by the name of Maxtor which was later acquired by Seagate Technology.
- There are over **1,500 national days**.

**Transgender Day of Visibility – March 31**

- The **Transgender Day of Visibility (TDOV)** is an international awareness day is observed on **March 31**, honouring transgender and gender nonconforming people's achievements and resilience.
- Its goal is to raise awareness about the work that has to be done to establish equity and justice for **third-gender people**.
- The Transgender Day of Visibility is a day to **celebrate transgender identity, accomplishments, and community**.
- **Rachel Crandall of Michigan, United States**, a transgender activist, launched the day in **2009** as a response to transgender people's poor recognition and acceptance.
- Another important cause was her dissatisfaction with the fact that the only well-known transgender-centred day was the Transgender Day of Remembrance, which commemorated transgender persons who had been murdered but did not honour or celebrate surviving transgender people.

**International Day of Drug Checking- 31st March:**

- The **International Day of Drug Checking** is celebrated on **31st March** every year since **2017**.
- The main objective of this day is to **ensure people are educated on drugs and aware of their effects**.

- Along with it, it also marks promoting harm reduction actions of drugs and reduce drug-related risks.
- **Their goal on the 31st of March** is to raise public awareness of the availability of drug checking services and companies from across the planet.

### Odisha Day or Utkal Divas- 1st April 2022:

- The foundation day of Odisha, known as **Odisha Day**, or **Utkal Divas** will be observed on **1st April**.
- The state of Odisha got its own identity as a separate state in the year **1936**, after **disassociating itself from Bihar and Bengal**.
- The state was originally called Orissa but the Lok Sabha passed the **Orissa Bill**, and **Constitution Bill (113rd amendment)**, in **March 2011** to rename it Odisha.
- The region witnessed the epic “**Kalinga War**” led by **King Ashoka** who invaded and **conquered the region in 260 BC**.
- Later, the state was invaded and taken over by the Mughals till the British took over the administrative powers of the region and divided it into small units in 1803.

### International Children's Book Day- April 2

- **International Children's Book Day (ICBD)** is organised every year on **April 2** since 1967, by the **International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY)** - an international non-profit organisation.
- **The day was first celebrated in 1966** and was organised by **Jella Lepman**, the founder of the **International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY)**.
- It was designed to encourage families, teachers, and children around the world to participate in reading events in their local communities.
- **In 2022, Canada is hosting International Children’s Book Day** with this chosen **theme: “Stories are wings that help you soar every day.”**
- Every year, a different international section of IBBY hosts a children’s books event on or around April 2 (which is the birthday of classic children’s book author **Hans Christian Andersen**).

### World Autism Awareness Day- April 2, 2022

- **World Autism Awareness Day is observed on April 2**, every year to make people understand and accept people with autism, foster worldwide support, and inspire people.
- It is a day that spread kindness and autism awareness.
- The theme for 'World Autism Awareness Day 2022' is **"Inclusive Quality Education for All"**.
- The **United Nations General Assembly** designated a resolution.
- The council passed '**World Autism Awareness Day**' on November 1, 2007, and adopted it on December 18, 2007.
- The purpose was to highlight the need to help improve the quality of life of autistic people.
- The **very first World Autism Day was observed in the year 2008 on April 2**.
- World Autism Day is one of only seven official health-specific UN Days.

### International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action:

- The **General Assembly** approved the decision on **December 8, 2005**, and declared **April 4** of each year to be observed as the **International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action**.
- In 2022 the United Nations Mine Action Service marks the Day under the theme **"Safe Ground, Safe Steps, Safe Home."**
- It is observed for the establishment and development of people affected by the harmful effects of explosive mine action across the world.
- As these mines and explosive elements cause serious threats to the lives, safety, and health of the civilian population.
- Finally, in **2018**, the **United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS)** convened, coordinated, and drafted the **UNMAS strategy for 2019 to 2023**.

### National Maritime Day- 5th April:

- **National Maritime Day** is annually observed on **April 5, 2022**.
- The theme of National Maritime Day 2022 is **Sustainable Shipping beyond Covid-19**.

- Every year, the day is commemorated to support the global economy, which is the most well-organized, safe, and environmentally responsible way of delivering commodities from one end of the globe to the other.
- National Maritime Day was first celebrated on April 5, 1964.
- The saga of Indian shipping first started on April 5, 1919, when the SS Loyalty, the first ship of The Scindia Steam Navigation Company Ltd travelled from Mumbai to the United Kingdom (London).
- On this day an award called “Varuna” is conferred to those who made an outstanding contribution to the Indian maritime sector.

#### United Nations International Day of Conscience:

- The General Assembly of the United Nations agreed in 2019 to declare April 5th the International Day of Conscience, with the aim of creating conditions of stability and well-being and relationships based on respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction based on race, sex, language or religion.
- The year 2022 marks the third edition of the celebrations.
- This day serves to remind people to self-reflect, follow their conscience, and do the right things.
- This Day is observed every year on the 5th of April and the first International Conscience Day was observed in 2020.

#### International Day of Sport for Development and Peace:

- The International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP), which takes place annually on 6 April, presents an opportunity to recognize the positive role sport and physical activity play in communities and in people’s lives across the globe.
- The global theme of IDSDP 2022 is, **Securing a Sustainable and Peaceful Future for All: The Contribution of Sport**”.
- To raise awareness of this potential, 6 April was declared as the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP) by the UN General Assembly.

- The adoption of this Day signifies the increasing recognition by the UN of the positive influence that sport can have on the advancement of human rights, and social and economic development.

### World Health Day- April 7<sup>th</sup>

- **April 7** is celebrated and observed as **World Health Day**.
- The day is celebrated annually in accordance with the World Health Organization's aim to discuss health-related issues and to draw attention to specific health issues concerning people across the world.
- The theme for this year World Health Day is "Our Planet, Our Health".
- World Health Day was one of the first official acts of the **World Health Organization**, which came into force on **7th April 1948**.
- The first World Health Day was celebrated on 22 July in 1949 and the date was later changed to 7 April, in order to encourage student participation.
- In order to understand the history of World Health Day, it is important to look at the creation of the **World Health Organization**, which took place in 1945 at the **United Nations Conference**.

### International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide in Rwanda:

- The **International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Rwandan Genocide** was recognized as an international observance by the **United Nations** on **April 7, 2004**.
- **International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda** is commemorated by **UNESCO**
- **2022** marks the **28th anniversary** of the genocide against the **Tutsi in Rwanda**, one of the darkest chapters in human history.
- On **April 7th**, the date where the genocide against members of the **Tutsi** began.

### CRPF Valour Day- 9th April:

- On **April 9th**, the **Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)** celebrates **Valour Day (Shaurya Diwas)** to tribute to the Force's courteous personnel.

- The 57th CRPF Valour Day will be held in 2022.
- On this day in 1965, a small force of the CRPF made history by beating a Pakistani army that was several times larger at the **Sardar Post in Gujarat's Rann of Kutch**.
- The CRPF forces killed **34 Pakistani soldiers** and kidnapped four others.
- **Six members of the CRPF** were martyred during the violence.
- The Central Reserve Police Force is India's largest Central Armed Police Force.
- It functions under the authority of the Ministry of Home Affairs of the Government of India.
- The CRPF's primary role lies in assisting the State/Union Territories in police operations to maintain law and order and counter-insurgency.

#### World Homeopathy Day-10th April:

- **World Homeopathy Day** is observed annually on **April 10** to commemorate **Dr Samuel Hahnemann's birth anniversary**.
- Dr Samuel Hahnemann is credited with developing the concept of homeopathy medicines.
- This year, the theme for **World Homeopathy Day 2022** in India is **"Peoples Choice For Wellness"**
- The theme, like every year, is decided by the Ministry of AYUSH.
- The **Homeopathy Central Council Act of 1973** established governmental recognition for the medical system in our country.

#### International Day of Human Space Flight -12 April

- The United Nations (UN) celebrates the **International Day of Human Space Flight** on **April 12** each year.
- The day remembers the **first human space flight** on April 12, 1961.
- The day was proclaimed at the **65th session of the United Nations General Assembly** on **April 7, 2011**, a few days before the **50th anniversary of the flight**.
- In the Soviet Union, the day is observed as the **International Day of Aviation and Cosmonautics**.
- **April 12, 1961**, was the date of the **first human space flight**, carried out by **Yuri Gagarin**.



- In 2011 the UN declared April 12 as the “**International Day of Human Space Flight**” to remember the first human space flight and to promote the exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes and to the benefit of humankind.

### National Safe Motherhood Day- April 11

- **National Safe Motherhood Day** is observed every year on **April 11**.
- It is aimed at raising awareness about the care that a pregnant woman needs before, during, and after childbirth.
- In 2003, the Indian government designated the day of **Kasturba Gandhi's birthday, April 11, as National Safe Motherhood Day** in response to the proposal of WRAI.
- The Main Aim of the National Safe Motherhood Program is to reduce maternal and neonatal morbidity and mortality and to improve the maternal and neonatal health through preventive and promotive activities as well as by addressing avoidable factors that cause death during pregnancy, childbirth and postpartum period.

### World Parkinson's Day 2022:

- **World Parkinson's Day** belongs to the Parkinson's community.
- This year, on **11 April**, Parkinson's **UK is supporting 2 activities**, chosen and led by a group of dedicated and passionate volunteers: **Poems for Parkinson's and Light Up Blue for Parkinson's**.
- This year, the theme is **integrated healthcare**.
- **The day marks the birthday of Dr James Parkinson from London**, who was the first person to systematically described the six individuals with the symptoms of Parkinson's Disease.

### International Turban Day- April 13:

- **International Turban Day**, observed annually on **April 13th since 2004**, is an occasion that celebrates Sikh Identity.
- The event began to **raise awareness about the distinct appearance of Sikhs who love and respect principles of faith** which obligate keeping hair uncut and covered with a turban.



- The 2022 Turban Day marks the **553rd birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev and the festival of Baisakhi.**
- Since 2004, on Turban Day, **Sikhs worldwide organize various events to give information about the turban to the general community in their locality.**
- Turbans of every hue are represented at these events and posters highlighting information about Sikhi are also displayed and handed out.

### **38th Siachen Day -13 April:**

- The **Siachen Warriors celebrated the 37th Siachen Day** on 13th April 2021 to honour the soldiers of the Indian army who continue to guard the **Siachen Glacier, the northern frontier which is a part of the Union Territory of Ladakh.**
- Every year this day is observed to pay solemn tributes to the soldiers who laid down their lives to capture the icy heights of **Siachen 38 years ago.**
- The day commemorates the courage and fortitude displayed by Indian Army troops in securing the highest and coldest battlefield in the world.
- On 13 April 1984, the Indian Army launched '**Operation MEGHDOOT**' to secure Bilafond La and other passes on the **Salto Ridge line, from Pakistani aggression.**
- The Siachen Glacier is the highest battleground on earth, where India and Pakistan have fought intermittently since **1984.**
- Both countries maintain a permanent military presence in the region at a height of **over 6,000 metres (20,000 ft).**

### **Ambedkar Jayanti -14 April**

- April 14 is marked as **Ambedkar Jayanti** to honour Dr Ambedkar's countless contributions in the making of present-day India.
- Ambedkar Jayanti is also celebrated to remember the jurist's dedication in fighting social evils like caste discrimination and oppression.
- On the occasion of Dr Ambedkar's **131st birth anniversary**, President Ram Nath Kovind greeted the fellow-citizens and hailed the architect of the Indian Constitution.

- Ambedkar is known as the **Father (chief architect) of the Indian Constitution.**
- He was the first Law and Justice Minister of the country after the independence.
- Dr Bhim has been bestowed with the **country's highest civilian honour, Bharat Ratna in 1990 posthumously.**

### World Chagas Disease Day - 14 April

- To raise awareness about a **life-threatening disease that can cause serious heart and digestive issues**, every year **April 14 is observed as World Chagas Day.**
- The disease is also called American trypanosomiasis, silent disease or silenced disease.
- It is caused by the **parasite Trypanosoma crizu.**
- It is often termed a **"silent and silenced disease"** as the infected majority have no symptoms or extremely mild symptoms.
- World Chagas Disease Day was **first observed on April 14, 2020** with an aim to raise the awareness and the visibility of the people suffering from the disease.
- April 14 was chosen to mark the day as the **first case of Chagas disease in a human was reported on this day in 1990.**

### World Art Day -15th April

- **World Art Day** is observed every year on **15 April globally.**
- World Art Day is marked to promote the development, diffusion and enjoyment of art
- And, the day is observed to spread awareness about **the importance of art in our daily lives.**
- Celebrated on **April 15, World Art Day is a UNESCO dedicated day.**
- World Art Day was **first declared in 2019** during the **40th session of UNESCO's General Conference.**
- The day also marks the birth anniversary of the famous Renaissance polymath **Leonardo da Vinci.**

### Himachal Pradesh statehood Day- 15th April:

- April 15 is observed as **Himachal Day.**

- Four districts of **Mandi, Chamba, Mahasu and Sirmour** were integrated with over two dozen princely states, leading to the formation of **Himachal Pradesh as a Union Territory in 1948**.
- Decades later, in **1971**, **Himachal Pradesh became the 18th state** in India with Shimla as its capital.
- It was on this day in **1948** that **Himachal Pradesh was created as a province of India**.
- The day is marked with a grand parade in the capital city of Shimla.
- Local events are also organised in the cities, towns, and villages to mark the day.

### World Voice Day 2022:

- **Every year on April 16**, the world celebrates **World Voice Day**.
- This day is commemorated to raise awareness and education about the value of speaking in our daily lives.
- **On April 16, 1999**, the **Brazilian Society of Laryngology and Voice**, chaired by **Dr. Nedio Steffen**, declared the day as **Brazilian Voice Day**.
- In addition to the **United States, Portugal and Argentina** honoured the day.
- The **American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery** began to commemorate the day in 2002, and the day was officially designated as **World Health Day** in 2003.

### Save the Elephant Day: 16 April

- **Every year, Save the Elephant Day** is celebrated on **April 16**, aiming to raise awareness regarding the dangers elephants face and the various difficulties they have to overcome to live.
- The Day is established by the **Thailand-based Elephant Reintroduction Foundation**, to spread awareness among the general people about the significance and consequences of their actions, or inactions on the future of elephants.
- According to **WWF data**, at present, the population of **Pachyderms in India** is around **20,000 to 25,000**.

### World Hemophilia Day- 17th April:

- **World Hemophilia Day** was started by the **World Federation of Hemophilia (WHF)** and is annually observed on the **17th of April**.
- World Hemophilia Day is aimed at raising **awareness about haemophilia and other bleeding disorders**.
- This year, the theme of the day has been kept as **'Access for All: Partnership. Policy. Progress. Engaging your government, integrating inherited bleeding disorders into national policy.'**
- It also helps to raise funds for patients who cannot afford haemophilia treatment as well as attract volunteers for the World Federation of Hemophilia.
- The international community started observing **WHD in 1989 and April 17 was chosen to recognize Frank Schnabel the founder of WHF**.

### World Heritage Day- 18th April

- Every year, the world observes **April 18 as World Heritage Day**.
- Also known as **The International Day for Monument and Sites**, it is an internationally recognised day to raise awareness about preserving the history, diversity, and vulnerability of world heritage sites and monuments.
- The theme for World Heritage Day 2022 is **Heritage and Climate**.
- The International Day for Monuments and Sites was proposed by the **International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)** on **18 April 1982** and approved by the **General Assembly of UNESCO** in 1983.
- The aim is to promote awareness about the diversity of cultural heritage of humanity, their vulnerability and the efforts required for their protection and conservation.
- **Later in 1983, UNESCO** adopted the idea during the **22nd General Conference**.
- In order to restore and conserve historical cities, and dying ancient tribes, World Heritage Day is being observed.

### World Liver Day:

- Every year **World Liver Day** is celebrated on **April 19**.
- The day is observed to raise awareness about **liver diseases across the world**.

- The liver is **the largest solid organ of the body that removes toxins from the body.**
- The organ maintains healthy blood sugar levels, regulates blood clotting, and performs several other vital functions in the body.
- It is an essential organ of the human body present beneath the rib cage in the right upper abdomen.
- The liver produces bile that helps in digesting fats and carrying essential waste.

#### **UN Chinese Language Day- 20th April:**

- **UN Chinese Language Day** is observed globally on **April 20 every year.**
- The day has been chosen to pay tribute to Cangjie, who is a mythical figure who is presumed to have invented Chinese characters about 5,000 years ago.
- **The 1st Chinese Language Day was celebrated in 2010** on the 12th of November, but since 2011 the date has been on the 20th of April.
- The day celebrates multilingualism and cultural diversity as well as promote equal use of all six of its official working languages throughout the organization.

#### **National Civil Services Day- 21 April:**

- **Every year on April 21**, the Government of India commemorates ‘**Civil Services Day**’ as an opportunity for city officials to **recommit themselves to the cause of citizens and renew their vows to public service and work excellence.**
- This day was chosen to remember the day in **1947** when **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel**, the first Home Minister of Independent India, addressed the probationers of Administrative Services Officers at Metcalf House in Delhi, referring to public workers as **the steel frame of India.”**
- The first such event took place on **April 21, 2006**, at **Vigyan Bhawan** in New Delhi.

#### **World Creativity and Innovation Day- 21st April:**

- The **UN-designated 21 April** to be celebrated **World Creativity and Innovation Day** in order to raise awareness about the **crucial role of creativity and innovation** in different aspects of human development.

- The global body is of the belief that there is no universal understanding of creativity.
- **World Creativity and Innovation Day (WCID) was founded on 25 May 2001 in Toronto, Canada.**
- The founder of the day was the **Canadian Marci Segal.**
- Segal was studying creativity in **1977 at the International Center for Studies in Creativity.**
- The United Nations on 27 April 2017 resolved to include World Creativity and Innovation Day on 21 April as a Day of observance to raise importance among people about the use of their creativity in problem-solving for all issues that may be related to achieving the 2015 Sustainable Development Goals.

### International Mother Earth Day -22 April

- **Earth Day is observed on April 22** aims to spread awareness about issues, including pollution, deforestation and global warming.
- The theme for Earth Day 2022 is **“Invest In our Planet”** calling for businesses to shift towards sustainable practices.
- The **United Nations celebrates the day as International Mother Earth Day.**
- It will mark the day with a **“Harmony with Nature”** theme.
- Earth Day was first celebrated on **April 22, 1970.**
- Notably, World Earth Day was earlier decided to be celebrated on March 21, 1970, as the day one of spring in the Northern Hemisphere.
- Thereafter, **US Senator Gaylord Nelson** proposed to hold nationwide environmental enlightenment on April 22, 1970, which was later renamed ‘Earth Day.’

### World Book and Copyright Day -23rd April

- **Every year on April 23, World Book and Copyright Day** is observed to promote the love of reading.
- World Book Day, also known as **World Book and Copyright Day or International Day of the Book**, is an annual event organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to promote reading, publishing, and copyright.

- The **first World Book Day** was celebrated on **23 April** in **1995**, and continues to be recognized on that day.
- **Guadalajara, Mexico**, will be the **World Book Capital** in **2022**, with a year-long programme focusing on the role of books and reading in inspiring social change, combating violence, and cultivating a culture of peace.

### English Language and Spanish Language Day-23rd April 2022:

- **UN Spanish Language Day** is observed annually on **23 April**.
- The event was established by the UN's Department of Public Information in 2010, seeking "to celebrate multilingualism and cultural diversity as well as to promote equal use of all six of its official working languages throughout the organization".
- **English Language Day at the UN** is celebrated on **23 April**, the date traditionally observed as both the birthday and date of death of William Shakespeare.
- The Day is the result of a **2010 initiative** by the **Department of Global Communications**, establishing language days for each of the **Organization's six official languages**.
- The purpose of the **UN's language days** is to celebrate multilingualism and cultural diversity as well as to promote equal use of all six official languages throughout the Organization.

### National Panchayati Raj Day- 24th April

- Every year, **April 24** is observed as **National Panchayati Raj Day (NPRD)** by the **Ministry of Panchayati Raj** to celebrate the constitutional status accorded to the Panchayati Raj system in the country.
- The objective of celebrating the National Panchayati Raj Day is **to increase awareness about Panchayats and Gram Sabhas**, the institutions of the local self-governments for the rural areas mandated by the Constitution, and also about their roles, responsibilities, achievements, concerns, resolutions etc.
- The **73rd Constitutional Amendment Act**, which was passed in **1992**, is also commemorated on **this day**.



- The Panchayati Raj system, which is one of the country's oldest governing organisations, governs **about 6 lakh communities in India**.
- The day was initially observed in **April 2010** to commemorate the decentralisation of power, which is considered one of India's most significant milestones.
- **In 1957, a Committee was formulated** which focused on the evolution of the Panchayati Raj in India and The committee was headed by **Balwantrai Mehta**

#### Related Facts:

- In 1959, Rajasthan became the first state in India to launch the Panchayati Raj while Andhra Pradesh became the second state to launch the system.
- The inauguration of the **Panchayati Raj was done in October 1959** in Nagpur by India's first PM Jawaharlal Nehru.

#### International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace- 24<sup>th</sup> April:

- The **International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace** is celebrated annually on **24 April**.
- It seeks to reaffirm the **UN Charter** and its principles of resolving disputes among countries through peaceful means.
- The Day acknowledges the **use of multilateral decision-making and diplomacy in achieving peaceful resolutions** to conflicts among nations.
- It was established on **12 December 2018** and was **first observed on 24 April 2019**.
- To promote and maintain the UN's three pillars of peace and security, development, and human rights, it is critical to preserve the values of multilateralism and international cooperation that underpin the **UN Charter and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**.

#### World Malaria Day- 25<sup>th</sup> April

- **World Malaria Day** is observed on **25 April** every year.
- The theme for World Malaria Day this year is "**Harness innovation to reduce the malaria disease burden and save lives**".

- It is mainly observed to focus on the importance of controlling malaria and creating awareness against the disease.
- The day grew out of African Malaria Day. **Since 2001, African governments have observed Malaria Day.**
- The **World Health Assembly first marked World Malaria Day in May 2007 in its 60th session**, that it was recommended to designate Africa Malaria Day as World Malaria Day in order to recognise the disease's global impact.
- In 2008, the inaugural World Malaria Day was observed.

#### International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day - 26<sup>th</sup> April:

- **Every year on April 26th, International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day marks the anniversary of this historic nuclear accident.**
- The day also focuses on the prevention of future nuclear disasters.
- **On April 26th, 1986**, the worst nuclear accident in history took place.
- The horrific event occurred in **Chernobyl, Ukraine.**
- The radiation released into the air contaminated 150,000 square miles in three countries: **Ukraine, Russia, and Belarus.**
- After the 30th anniversary of the accident, **on December 8, 2016, the United Nations** adopted the resolution and **proclaimed April 26 as the International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day.**

#### World Intellectual Property Day -April 26<sup>th</sup>

- **Every year, on April 26**, people throughout the world celebrate **World Intellectual Property Day.**
- The purpose of the day is to create public awareness about the **importance of intellectual property rights, including patents, copyright, trademarks, and designs.**
- This year, World Intellectual Property Day 2022's theme focuses on **"IP and Youth innovating for a Better Future."**
- The event was established by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in 2000 to "raise awareness of how patents, copyright, trademarks and designs impact on daily life."

- As a result of the 1970 implementation of the WIPO Convention, member nations of the organisation proclaimed **April 26th, 2000**, as World Intellectual Property Day.

#### International Delegate's Day – 25<sup>th</sup> April:

- **International Delegates Day** is observed every year on **April 25th**.
- This day is celebrated to raise awareness of the role of representatives and delegates from the Member States at **the United Nations**.
- International Delegates Day commemorates the first day of the San Francisco Conference, also known as **the United Nations Conference on International Organization**.
- The General Assembly, in resolution 73/286 dated 2 April 2019, recalls the accomplishments of the **San Francisco Conference** and declares **25 April** as **International Delegates Day**.

#### World Immunization Week 2022 - 24 to 30 April

- **World Immunization Week**, celebrated in the **last week of April**, aims to highlight the collective action needed and to promote **the use of vaccines to protect people of all ages against disease**.
- To commemorate the day, WHO has decided on the theme of 2022 Immunization Week as **"Long Life for All"**.
- In **May 2012**, the **World Health Assembly**, the decision-making body of the WHO, endorsed World Immunization Week.
- The world's first "World Immunization Week" was observed in 2012, which witnessed the simultaneous participation of more than 180 countries and territories worldwide.

#### Tamil Nadu to observe Minorities Rights Day annually on December 18:

- The **Tamil Nadu government** will observe **December 18, every year**, as **Minorities Rights Day** at the state level and about **Rs 2.50 lakh** will be earmarked for the purpose, Minister for Minorities Welfare and Non-Resident Tamils Welfare **Gingee K S Masthan** told the Assembly.
- The minority girl students in rural areas to pursue their studies would provide education aid of **Rs 500 to the students of Classes 3 to 5** and **Rs 1,000 to the wards of Class 6**.

- In an initiative aimed at improving the economic prospects of the Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Tribes, the government would form 25 groups with each comprising 10 members (men/women) and encourage them to set up ready-made garment units.
- They would be provided with an assistance of Rs Rs 75 lakh.

### International Girls in ICT Day -28th April

- The **fourth Thursday in April** is designated as International Girls in ICT Day.
- This year's **International Girls in ICT Day** is **April 28th, 2022**.
- The theme for this year is **"Access and safety."**
- International Girls in ICT Day aims to **inspire a global movement to increase the representation of girls and women in technology**.
- International Girls in ICT Day is a global movement encouraging girls and young women to pursue **science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM) education**, inspiring STEAM careers, including career pathways, career attainment and advancement and engaging the community and promoting collaboration through partnerships.

### World Day for Safety and Health at Work- 28<sup>th</sup> April

- The **World Day for Safety and Health at Work** is celebrated annually on **28 April** to promote the **prevention of occupational accidents and diseases globally**.
- The theme for this year's World Day for Safety and Health at Work 2022 is **"Act together to build a positive safety and health culture"**.
- The theme stresses encouraging the workplace for strong work health with a safe and healthy work environment.
- In **2003**, the **International Labour Organization (ILO)**, began to observe World Day in order to stress the prevention of accidents and diseases at work, capitalizing on the ILO's traditional strengths of tripartism and social dialogue.
- **28 April** is also the **International Commemoration Day for Dead and Injured Workers** organized worldwide by the trade union movement since 1996.

**World Stationery Day - 27th April:**

- **World Stationery Day** is celebrated every year on the **last Wednesday of April**.
- This year **World Stationery Day 2022** is observed on the **27th of April**.
- The day is celebrated to mark the importance of stationery and writing on paper than using computers.
- It is celebrated around the world by enthusiasts to protect and encourage the use of Stationery.
- World Stationery Day is celebrated **every year since 2012** to honour the **800th anniversary of the creation of the Magna Carta** which is one of the most important written documents in British history.
- It stands as an excellent example to show the longevity of handwritten documents. **Magna Carta was created in 1215**.

**National Fire Service Day 2022: April 14**

- **National Fire Service (NFS) Day** is observed on **14th April** annually to highlight the importance of fire service and to pay homage to the firefighters who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty.
- April 14th also focus on the 71 Fire Service personnel who lost their lives during the **1944 Mumbai dockyard explosion**.
- The theme of National Fire Service Day 2022 is **“Learn Fire Safety, Increase Productivity”**.
- The Central Government also honours fearless firefighters on NFS day who have done extraordinary work in their service.