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IMPORTANT DAYS**World AIDS Day: 1st December**

- **WORLD AIDS Day 2022** is observed on the **1st of December 2022**.
- World AIDS Day 2022 theme set by the WHO this year is “Equalise”.
- World AIDS Day was first initiated in 1998 and observed on December 1.
- World AIDS day was the **first day celebrated for health awareness**.
- The day is an opportunity for everyone around the world to come together in the fight against the disease and stand in solidarity to support those suffering from HIV, as well as remember those who lost their lives to this illness.
- The Idea of Conceiving World AIDS Day was started in 1988.
- From 1996 onwards, the observance of World AIDS Day was taken over by the **United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS**, expanding the campaign to an annual education and prevention campaign.
- The **World AIDS Campaign** was registered as a nonprofit organization in 2004 in the Netherlands.

World Computer Literacy Day: 2nd December

- **World Computer Literacy Day 2022** is observed on the **2nd of December 2022**.
- World Computer Literacy Day was **launched in 2001** by an Indian company called **N.I.I.T.** to celebrate its **20th anniversary**.
- The **Company was founded in 1981** by **Rajendra Singh Pawar and Vijay K. Thadani**. **N.I.I.T** stands for **National Institute of Information Technology**, is a skills and talent development company.
- A study revealed that men formed the majority of computer users in the world.
- As a result, **N.I.I.T** took up the cause to educate more women and children by equipping them with computer literacy skills.
- Since its starting in 1981, the company has spread to over 30 countries of the world.

International Day for the Abolition of Slavery: 2nd December

- **International Day for the Abolition of Slavery 2022** is observed on the **2nd of December 2022**.
- International Day for the Abolition of Slavery 2022 theme set by the UN this year is “**Stories of Courage: Resistance to Slavery and Unity against Racism**”.

- The International Day for the Abolition of Slavery focuses on eradicating modern forms of slavery like trafficking, sexual exploitation, child labour, forced marriage, and forced recruitment of children into armed conflict.
- The **International Labor Organization** puts the number of victims of modern slavery at 40 million worldwide.
- From past times to the present, slavery has spanned various nations, civilizations, and religions.
- Similarly, victims of slavery hailed from a wide range of races and religious backgrounds.
- **Africans were kidnapped in the 17th and 18th centuries**, sold into slavery in the American colonies, and exploited to work as slaves in the production of products such as tobacco and cotton.
- **ILO has adopted a legally binding Protocol designed to strengthen global efforts to eliminate forced labour**, which entered into force in November 2016.
- U.N. Working Group on Slavery submitted a report that tendered the date for consideration as the **World Day for the Abolition of Slavery in 1985**.

National Pollution Control Day: 2nd December

- **National Pollution Control Day 2022** is observed on the **2nd of December 2022**.
- National Pollution Control Day is observed to **create awareness about pollution which is causing harm to our environment and living beings**.
- It is nationally observed for the remembrance of an Industrial accident that **took place in Bhopa which took thousands of lives in 1984**.
- The **Bhopal gas tragedy happened on the night of 2nd and 3rd December in the year 1984** because of the unintentional discharge of the poisonous chemical known as **Methyl Isocyanate (also called MIC)** as well as some other chemicals released from the Union Carbide Chemical Plant positioned in the city.
- Nearly 25000 people died due to the release of Poisonous gas and it is reported as one of the biggest Industrial Pollution disasters that took place in history.

International Day of Persons with Disabilities: 3rd December

- **International Day of Persons with disabilities 2022** is observed on the **3rd of December 2022**.
- The International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2022 theme set by the UN this year is **“Transformative solutions for inclusive development: The role of innovation in fuelling an accessible and equitable world”**.

- In 1976, UN General Assembly decided that from 1981 International Day of Persons with Disabilities will be celebrated globally.
- UN announced 3rd December as the official date for celebrating the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.
- The First paralympic games were hosted in 1960.
- In 1992 The International Day of People with Disability was proclaimed by the United Nations.
- In 2013 Australia was the first country to pass the National Disability Insurance Scheme for the welfare of people with disabilities.
- Later now many countries announced reservations and Quotas for disabilities in Government and Private jobs.

Indian Navy Day: 4th December

- **Indian Navy Day 2022** is observed on the **4th of December 2022**.
- Indian Navy Day 2022 theme set for this year is “**Swarnim Vijay Varsh**”.
- At the **Senior Naval Officer’s Conference in May 1972**, Indian Navy Day was decided to be celebrated on **December 4 to acknowledge the efforts & achievements of the Indian Navy during the 1971 Indo-Pak war**.
- Indian Navy was established by the **East India Company in 1612**.
- Indo- Pakistan took place in 1971.
- During the war, Pakistan launched an attack on December 3 on Indian air bases.
- In response to their offensive attacks, the Indian Navy planned an attack on the night of December 4 & 5, as Pakistan didn’t have the aircraft to carry out bombings.
- There were hundreds of Pakistani Navy personnel killed during the attack. Commodore Kasargod Pattanashetti Gopal Rao led the whole operation of the Indian Navy.

World Soil Day: 5th December

- **World Soil Day 2022** is observed on the **5th of December 2022**.
- In 2002, the **International Union of Soil Sciences** recommended creating an international day to celebrate and generate awareness about soil.
- It was a movement led by the Kingdom of Thailand under the late **King Bhumibol Adulyadej**.
- His vision and passion for this most precious natural resource led, shaped, and guided the movement.

- The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United States supported the formal establishment of World Soil Day
- In 2014, the U.N. General Assembly designated December 5 as the first official World Soil Day at the 68th UN General Assembly.

International Volunteer Day: 5th December

- **International Volunteer Day 2022** is observed on the **5th of December 2022**.
- International Volunteer Day 2022 theme set by the UN this year is “solidarity through volunteering”.
- Volunteerism started in Europe for supporting elderly people within the community and carrying out Church-related work and helping the poor.
- Organized Volunteering was started in the **18th Century** and mainly to carry out military services than give back to society.
- Organizations like the Red Cross, Lions Club, Rotary Club, and the Y.M.C.A. started collecting donations, mobilizing volunteers, and doing charity work and community service.
- In 1985, the United Nations Volunteers Programme coordinated International Volunteer Day on December 5.

National Microwave Oven Day: 6th December

- **National Microwave Oven Day 2022** is observed on the **6th of December 2022**.
- **Percy Spencer, a self-taught American engineer**, developed a way to safely prepare food with microwaves.
- In 1945, he realized a candy bar in his pocket was melting while working with active radar.
- He discovered that he could direct the magnetron’s power into a metal box and trap it there.
- He also noted that food placed in the box quickly heated up.
- Raytheon submitted a patent for a microwave oven on October 8, 1945.
- In 1955 the first domestic microwave was introduced.
- Litton invented a microwave oven with a design similar to those used today, which helped promote home microwaves even more.
- In the United States, there were around 40,000 microwaves in use in 1971, rising to one million by 1975.

BR Ambedkar Death Anniversary: 6th December

- **BR Ambedkar Death Anniversary 2022** is observed on the **6th of December 2022**.
- **Ambedkar was born into a Mahar (Dalit) caste**, who were treated as untouchables and subjected to socio-economic discrimination.
- 6th December 2022 will be celebrated as the 67th death anniversary of Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar.
- The death anniversary of Dr. BR Ambedkar is referred to as Mahaparinirvana Divas.
- **Ambedkar's ancestors had long worked for the army of the British East India Company**, and his father served in the British Indian Army at the Mhow cantonment. Although they attended school, Ambedkar and other untouchable children were segregated and given little attention or help by teachers.
- They were not allowed to sit inside the class.
- BR Ambedkar was the chief architect of the Indian Constitution.
- He has done various works for the development of various castes in India mainly he tried to demolish untouchability.

International Civil Aviation Day: 7th December

- **International Civil Aviation Day 2022** is observed on the **7th of December 2022**.
- The International Civil Aviation Day 2022 **theme set by the UN** this year is “**Advancing Innovation for Global Aviation Development**”.
- The **International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)**, a specialist organization within the **United Nations**, established **December 7** as the day to celebrate the impact that civil aviation has had on the world.
- Tourism and business have both been changed forever due to flying, not to mention the cultural connections that have been enabled.
- The **first International Civil Aviation Day** was held in **1994** as part of ICAO's 50th anniversary and in **1996** the **United Nations General Assembly** officially recognized 7 December as International Civil Aviation Day.

Armed Forces Flag Day: 7th December

- **Armed Forces Flag Day 2022** is observed on the **7th of December 2022**.
- On Armed Forces Flag Day 2022, patriotic events are arranged to encourage public participation and support the cause across the nation.
- The colour code for the day is red, light blue, and dark blue.

- It represents **three Indian armed forces- Army, Air Force, and Navy.**
- The idea of Armed Forces Flag Day **observation every year was first decided in the year 1949 by the Defence Minister.**
- He set up a committee to observe a Flag Day every year on December 7.
- The general idea behind this was the collection of funds from people by distributing flags.
- The Armed Forces Flag Day also called Flag Day of India as is commemorated through the collection of funds through the distribution of flags.
- Indian citizens express their gratitude to the country's ex-military and current military personnel and pay homage to those who died in service.

International Anti-Corruption Day: 9th December

- **International Anti-Corruption Day 2022** is observed on the **9th of December 2022.**
- International Anti Corruption Day 2022 theme set by the **UN this year is “Recover with Integrity”.**
- Transparency International has organized, easy-to-read data on corruption levels around the **world starting from 1995.**
- The U.N. has launched a special campaign on corruption in the last two years with the theme ‘Recover with Integrity’.
- Corruption has existed from time immemorial.
- Some of the earliest records of Anti Corruption texts can be found in the Code of Hammurabi of Babylonia, the Great Edict of Horemheb in Egypt, and Arthashastra in India.
- These texts spoke about bribery practices among officers of the state and law.
- **The Concept of Public Interest and welfare started to begin in the 19th Century. Corruption became a big topic of decisions in the public interest.**
- Bribes made officials and people compromise their quality of work and time and finally resulted in spreading to all kinds of people making society polluted.

Human Rights Day: 10th December

- **Human Rights Day 2022** is observed on the **10th of December 2022.**
- Human Rights Day 2022 theme set by the **WHO this year is “Dignity, Freedom, and Justice for all”**
- On Human Rights day 2022, donate to some Human Rights Charity that takes care of people’s rights in society.

- Human Rights Day's first observation was started in 1948 when the United Nations General Assembly adopted the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights**.
- The day was popular to all when the UN issued a Human Rights Stamp which covered and understood the concept by millions of people.
- It was issued by the **United Nations Postal Administration in 1952**, which received over 200,000 advanced orders.
- The aim of the **Declaration of Human Rights** is to establish a common standard of living for all people across the planet and to encourage all UN Members of State, to increase the standard of living among people in their respective countries.

Nobel Prize Day: 10th December

- **Nobel Prize Day 2022** is observed on the **10th of December 2022**.
- Alfred Nobel's father was an engineer himself and **Alfred Nobel expressed early interest in engineering, and explosives in particular**.
- Nobel became interested in stabilizing the unpredictable explosive nitroglycerin. While conducting the experiments an unexpected accident took place which cost the life of his brother.
- But Nobel continued his work ultimately succeeding in inventing dynamite as a superior and more stable version of nitroglycerin.
- Alfred Nobel went on to invent an even better alternative to dynamite in the form of gelignite.
- Later he re-evaluated his life's goals and decided to use his earnings to set up a prize that recognized the best in humanity.
- The prizes in the different categories reflect his interests in various fields.
- **Alfred Nobel died on 10 December 1896, in Sanremo, Italy**, at his very last residence, Villa Nobel, overlooking the Mediterranean Sea.

International Mountain Day: 11th December

- **International Mountain Day 2022** is observed on the **11th of December 2022**.
- The International Mountain Day 2022 theme set by the UN this year is **"Women Move Mountains"**.
- Increasing climate variability, resulted in a lack of mountain agriculture, so a lot of men migrated elsewhere in search of alternative livelihoods.

- Women have therefore taken on many tasks formerly done by men, yet mountain women are often invisible due to a lack of decision-making power and unequal access to resources.
- In the **United States**, there was a tradition where students skip classes and visit the nearby mountains that surround them for recreation.
- This is a kind of celebration in the United States.
- The **United Nations General Assembly** declared the **International Year of Mountains** in 2002.
- The U.N. establishes **December 11 as International Mountain Day** each year for the protection and sustainability of mountains.
- Mountain Day is established and celebrated in **Japan as a national holiday** for people.

UNICEF Foundation Day: 11th December

- **UNICEF Foundation Day 2022** is observed on the **11th of December 2022**
- **UNICEF was created by the U.N. Relief Rehabilitation Administration in 1946** to provide relief funds for children and mothers affected by **World War II with immediate aid**.
- In that same year, the U.N. General Assembly founded the **United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)** to further institutionalize post-war relief work.
- UNICEF relies entirely on contributions from governments and private donors.
- In 2019, **UNICEF's 137 government partners**, along with intergovernmental organizations and inter-organizational arrangements, contributed \$4.7 billion.

Universal Health Coverage Day 2022 Theme and History: 12th December

- **Universal Health Coverage Day 2022** is observed on the **12th of December 2022**.
- Universal Health Coverage day 2022 **theme set by the WHO this year is "Build the world we want: A healthy future for all"**.
- The **first healthcare system was established by a German named Chancellor Otto von Bismarck in 1883**.
- The insurance model, called the '**Bismarckian system**', required everyone to have insurance for their medical expenses, which was similar to the current-day non-profit health-insurance companies.
- **Universal Health Coverage Day** was originally promoted by the **World Health Organization**.
- The World Health Organization is part of the United Nations and is responsible for international public health.

- In December 2012, the **United Nations General Assembly** approved a resolution demanding countries to fast-forward universal healthcare progression.

National Energy Conservation Day: 14th December

- **National Energy Conservation Day 2022** is observed on the **14th of December 2022**.
- National Energy Conservation Day 2022 aims to create awareness among the people on saving energy by reducing the use of energy and using it efficiently.
- National Energy Conservation Day 2022 was **first observed on December 14th, 1991 by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency BEE**, under the Union Ministry of Power which falls under the government of India.
- The Bureau of Energy Efficiency assists in the development and implementation of strategies and policies to reduce excessive consumption of energy.
- The committee also executed 'The Energy Conservation Act' in 2001.
- The main objective of the day is to reduce the use of energy and to encourage people to use it efficiently.

Vijay Diwas: 16th December

- **50th Vijay Diwas 2022** is observed on the **16th of December 2022**.
- **Vijay Diwas** is celebrated for the remembrance of the victory of the Indian Armed Forces in '**Operation: Vijay**' against the infiltrating Pakistani troops.
- Rich tributes are given to the Armed Soldiers who lost their lives in the war.
- Pakistani troops attacked 11 Indian airfields that proved **the war on December 3, 1971**.
- At that time **Indira Gandhi was the Prime Minister of India**.
- The war ended in just 13 days which is considered one of the shortest wars in history.
- As a result of the war, **Bangladesh was liberated from Pakistan** as a separate country.
- The Independent Flag of Bangladesh was **first hoisted on March 23**.

Minorities Rights Day in India: 18th December

- **Minorities Rights Day 2022** is observed on the **18th of December 2022**.
- December 18 commemorates declarations on the rights of persons belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious, and Linguistic Minorities.
- Minorities Rights Day was **first observed on December 18th, 1992 by the United Nations**.

- The UN adopted the statement on the individual Rights belonging to religious or Linguistic National or Ethnic Minorities.
- In India, it is the responsibility of the **National Commission for Minorities (NCM)** to carry out the events on **this day**.
- The NCM was established by the Union Government under the **National Commission for Minorities Act, in 1992**.

Goa's Liberation Day: 19th December

- **Goa's Liberation Day 2022** is observed on the **19th of December 2022**.
- Goa was still in disrepair after **450 years of Portuguese rule on August 15, 1947**, when India attained freedom.
- One of the first nations to colonize sections of India was Portugal, which continued to cling onto Goa and other Indian regions even after India gained her freedom.
- The former Indian prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, believed that military intervention was their only choice after numerous fruitless conversations and diplomatic attempts with the Portuguese.
- **Action Vijay, which translates to "Operation Victory,"** was a 36-hour military operation that began on **December 18, 1961**, by the combined forces of the Indian navy, air force, and army.
- 451 years of Portuguese rule in the region **officially came to an end and the territory was taken back by India on December 19, 1961**.

International Migrants Day: 18th December

- **International Migrants Day 2022** is observed on the **18th of December 2022**.
- Although the day was **established in 2000**, it has been observed since **1997** that several **Asian migrant organizations designated December 18** as the day to advocate for the respect, rights, and protection of migrants.
- On account of the ever-increasing number of migrants around the world, on December 4, 2000, the **United Nations General Assembly declared December 18 as the day for International Migrants**
- Goals connected to migration are included in the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development of the United Nations**.
- Among them is education access, which will result in improved prospects and a higher standard of living.

International Human Solidarity Day: 20th December

- **International Human Solidarity Day 2022** is observed on the **20th of December 2022**.
- People are welcome to participate in discussions regarding actions to foster solidarity on International Human Solidarity Day when nations demonstrate their adherence to various international agreements.
- On December 22, 2005, the **UN General Assembly recognized solidarity as one of the fundamental and enduring values of the twenty-first century by passing Resolution 60/209**.
- Through the creation of the World Solidarity Fund to end poverty and the declaration of International Human Solidarity Day, the idea of solidarity was propagated.

National Mathematics Day: 22nd December

- **National Mathematics Day 2022** is observed on the **22nd of December 2022**.
- The renowned mathematician **Srinivasa Ramanujan, whose works had a widespread impact both in India and around the world**, is the driving force behind the **establishment of Mathematics Day in that country**.
- **Ramanujan was born in 1887 to an Iyengar Brahmin family in Erode, Tamil Nadu**.
- Despite having little formal schooling, he mastered trigonometry at the age of 12 and created a number of his theorems.
- Ramanujan ran away from home at the age of 14 and joined Pachaiyappa's College in Madras.
- The aspiring mathematician quickly caught the attention of Chennai's mathematicians. He was assisted in obtaining a clerk position at the Madras Port Trust in 1912 by Ramaswamy Iyer, the Indian Mathematical Society's founder. Ramanujan subsequently started submitting his work to British mathematicians.
- In 1913, GH Hardy, a Cambridge-based mathematician, invited Ramanujan to London after being impressed by Ramanujan's theorems.
- In 1914, Ramanujan travelled to Britain, where Hardy helped him enrol in Trinity College, Cambridge.
- After being elected as a member of the London Mathematical Society in 1917, Ramanujan was well on his path to success.
- In 1918, he also became a Fellow of the Royal Society, one of the youngest individuals to hold this prestigious status.

National Consumer Rights Day: 24th December

- **National Consumer Rights Day 2022** is observed on the **24th of December 2022**.

- When **India's Consumer Protection Act of 1986** was passed, consumer rights were given serious consideration.
- The purpose of this legislation was to protect consumers against unfair commerce, the sale of subpar goods, fraud, and inadequate service.
- India's economy has changed tremendously throughout the years, greatly impacting how many Indians shop and travel.
- As a result, the consumer's tried-and-true habits have been altered, necessitating a revision and overhaul of the **Consumer Protection Act**.
- **On August 6, 2019, India's parliament passed the amended Consumer Protection Bill**, taking into account this dynamic and modern economy.
- The Right to Information Act, which made India's governance procedures open to the public and had significant ramifications for consumer rights, is a supplement to the **Consumer Protection Acts of 1986 and 2019**.
- The rights to safety, information, freedom of choice, and consumer education are a few of these.

Christmas Day: 25th December

- **Christmas Day 2022** is observed on the **25th of December 2022**.
- The truth is that nobody is certain of the date and location of Jesus' birth.
- The **apostles Matthew, Mark, Luke and John** share comparable narratives in the New Testament of the Bible, although they never specify the time of Jesus' birth.
- **Sextus Julius Africanus, the earliest Christian historian, is largely responsible for the creation of December 25.**
- Historians hold that the early church wished to connect the **Son of God's birth with the "rebirth of the sun,"** which occurs after the winter equinox, which is one theory as to why December 25 was picked as the official date for Christmas.
- Another perspective based the date on March 25, which is the spring equinox, as the day of Jesus' conception.
- The birth of Jesus would take place exactly nine months later, on December 25.

Good Governance Day: 25th December

- **Good Governance Day 2022** is observed on the **25th of December 2022**.

- Good Governance Day 2022 is observed for the **birth anniversary of Former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.**
- **Atal Bihari Vajpayee, a former prime minister, and Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya were both named as recipients of the Bharat Ratna, the country's highest civilian honor, on December 23, 2014.**
- Following the declaration, the newly-elected Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared that December 25 would be observed as Good Governance Day.
- Three times, Atal Bihari Vajpayee led India as prime minister. In 1996, his first term lasted just 13 days.
- He completed his second term from 1999 to 2004 after serving it for a total of thirteen months from **March 1998 to April 1999.**
- In 1962, he made his debut appearance in the Rajya Sabha.
- He won seven elections for the Lok Sabha. Mr. Vajpayee received the Bharat Ratna, the highest civilian honour in India, in 2015.