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IMPORTANT DAYS**Global Family Day: 1st January**

- **Global Family Day 2023** is observed on the **1st of January 2023**.
- Every year, Global Family Day, also known as World Peace Day, **is observed to encourage the idea of peace and unity in the world.**
- On the first day of the new millennium, in **1997, the United Nations General** Assembly declared the International Decade for the Culture of Peace and Nonviolence for the Children of the World.
- A significant contributor to its promotion in the United States was Linda Grover, and other initiatives including the publication of publications like "**One Day in Peace - January 1, 2000.**"
- The idea of a time in the future when there is only peace and no war permeated this book.
- But this was only the beginning of a new peaceful world, and in 1999, all U.N. member states were officially invited to spend the first day of that year developing peacebuilding plans.
- As a result of the day's success, the U.N. proclaimed Global Family Day a yearly occasion in 2001

World Braille Day 2023: 4th January

- **World Braille Day 2023** is observed on the **4th of January 2023**.
- On World Braille Day 2023, Create awareness about the word Braille because many have not aware of its importance of Braille.
- On World Braille Day 2023, Give a Braille-written gift to a person who is blind or partially sighted.
- This present might be a book, a toy, or educational materials.

History:

- After its inventor, "Braille," the term was given. When Louis Braille was a young child, he inadvertently injured himself in the eye with his father's awl, which caused him to lose his vision.
- He spent time at the Royal Institute for Blind Youth in France starting at the age of 10 when he developed and improved the raised-dot technique that eventually became known as Braille.
- Braille finished his work by creating a code based on cells with six dots that allowed a fingertip to quickly go from one cell to the next while still feeling the full unit with one touch.
- Braille eventually gained acceptance as the primary method of written information for blind people on a global scale.
- Unfortunately, Braille was unable to witness the usefulness of his creation.
- Two years before the Royal Institute started teaching Braille, in 1852, he passed dead.

- The United Nations General Assembly recognized Braille as a wonderful tool that gave the blind and visually handicapped access to a wide range of opportunities (UNGA).
- The date January 4 was designated as World Braille Day in November 2018.

World Day of War Orphans: 6th January

- **World Day of War Orphans 2023** is observed on the **6th of January 2023**.
- Children who lose their parents in sudden, violent events like war are forced to live with a surviving relative or into the foster care system, where they must deal with horrible living conditions including starvation and disease.
- It's impossible to fathom the emotional and mental strain they experience.
- About half of the casualties in wars over the past few centuries were civilians, a percentage that gradually rose until 2001.
- According to **UNICEF**, there were **"almost 140 million orphans worldwide"** as of 2015.
- Of those, 61 million lived in Asia, 52 million in Africa, 10 million in Latin America and the Caribbean, and 7.3 million in Eastern Europe and Central Asia.
- **SOS Enfants en Detresse**, a **French charity** that aims to restore a sense of normalcy to the lives of children indirectly impacted by war and conflict, **established World Day for War Orphans**.

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2023 Or NRI Day: 9th January

- **NRI Day 2023 or Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2023** is observed on the **9th of January 2023**.
- NRI Day 2023 or Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2023 theme set by the Ministry of External Affairs this year is **"Diaspora: Reliable Partners for India's Progress in Amrit Kaal"**.
- It was in 2000 when the Indian government decided to recognize the NRI community on January 9th by observing Pravasi Bharatiya Divas.
- **Mahatma Gandhi returned to India on January 9, 1915, from South Africa**, which gives the ninth of January its significance as NRI Day.
- **Despite being formally established in 2000**, this day wasn't observed until 2003.
- The idea for NRI Day originated with Indian lawyer, diplomat, and author L.M. Singhvi.
- The day was then formally declared on **January 9, 2002**, by **Atal Bihari Vajpayee**, the country's then-prime minister.

- On 9th January 2006, the concept of OCI (Overseas Citizen of India) was introduced on Pravasi Bharatiya Divas.

World Hindi Day: 10th January

- **World Hindi Day 2023** is observed on the **10th of January 2023**.
- To recognize the significance of the Hindi language and to represent the global Hindi-speaking population, Vishwa Hindi Divas is observed.
- The inaugural **World Hindi Conference**, or **Vishva Hindi Sammelan**, was held in **Nagpur, Maharashtra**, in **1975**, which is when World Hindi Day first became a thing.
- This day was dedicated to honouring both the Hindi language and the many authors who have contributed to its literature.
- Every year, Vishva Hindi Divas is observed to honour the Conference's anniversary.
- On January 10, Hindi-speaking people around the world celebrate World Hindi Day.
- Many public and private organizations in India hold celebrations for the day, and people who speak Hindi abroad also commemorate it with equal fervour.

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day: 11th January

- **National Human Trafficking Awareness Day 2023** is observed on the **11th of January 2023**.
- The fight against human trafficking made progress in the late 20th and early 21st centuries.
- The **Trafficking Victims Protection Act**, which was passed in 2000, was the first federal statute to address contemporary slavery.
- Anti-Slavery International also founded the American nonprofit organization Free The Slaves.
- The resolution designating **January 11 as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day** was approved by the **US Senate** in 2007.
- The entire month of January 2010 was devoted by President Obama to raising awareness and preventing human trafficking.

National Youth Day 2023: 12th January

- **National Youth Day 2023** is observed on the **12th of January 2023**.
- On January 12, 1984, the Indian government declared Swami Vivekananda's birthday as National Youth Day for the first time.

- Since then, the day is celebrated nationwide as National Youth Day.
- The government's primary motivation for making the decision was to improve the quality of life for the people of the country by urging young people to draw inspiration from Swami Vivekananda's life and accomplishments to revive youngsters' enduring vitality and boost the economy of the country.

National Road Safety Week 2023:

- Every year, **National Road Safety Week** is celebrated from **January 11 to 17**.
- **Organized by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways**, the week intends to spread awareness around road safety, which is a major concern for authorities as well as the government.
- **National Road Safety Week** was celebrated for the first time in **1989**.
- On March 15, 2010, the **Centre sanctioned the National Road Safety policy, recommended by the Sunder Committee**.
- The Road Safety Week celebration is initiated by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways to raise public awareness about traffic rules.
- Charitable organizations, non-government organizations, and private firms across the country join hands with the government to provide logistic support for road safety measurements.

Indian Army Day 2023: 15th January

- **Indian Army day 2023** is observed on the **15th of January 2023**.
- One million Indians volunteered to serve in the **British Army during World War I**, and almost **90,000 of them died in the war**.
- In a similar vein, about half of the officers in the World War II engagements were Indian.
- The loyalty of Indian soldiers was torn as the struggle for **Indian independence gained momentum in 1946**.
- The majority of the British-led army and navy divisions either rebelled or quit.
- Although the British military continued to be "**Indianized**" until after the country gained its independence, the ultimate transfer took place on **January 15, 1949**, and this is the day we commemorate.

Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Jayanti: 23rd January

- **Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Jayanti 2023** is observed on the **23rd of January 2023**.

- In **Cuttack, Orissa/Odisha**, on **January 23, 1897**, **Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose** was born. **Janakinath Bose and Prabhavati Dutt** were his parents.
- With the motto "Delhi Chalo," Netaji organized and oversaw a 5,000-man army known as the Azad Hind Fauj (Indian National Army) in Southeast Asia during World War II in 1942.
- To win over the people in his native Bengal, he also started a new political party called "the Forward Bloc."
- According to reports, on August 18, 1945, a plane crash near Tohoku, Japanese Taiwan, caused Netaji to suffer third-degree burns.
- The **posthumous 125th birthday of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose** will be commemorated starting on January 23, 2021, according to a press announcement from the Indian government's Ministry of Culture on **January 19, 2021**.
- To honor Netaji's sacrifice and enormous contribution to the Indian independence cause, this event was given the name Parakram Diwas (or Parakram Divas), which means "Day of Courage" or "Day of Valor."

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National Girl Child Day: 24th of January

- **National Girl Child Day 2023** is observed on the **24th of January 2023**.
- The Ministry of Women and Child Development of the **Government of India** established **National Girl Child Day** in 2008, marking the beginning of the day's history.
- Children who are girls regularly experience discrimination and injustice in Indian society.

International Day of Education: 24th January

- **International Day of Education 2023** is observed on the **24th of January 2023**
- The International Day of Education was declared by the **UN General Assembly** in **December 2018** to honour education and think about how crucial learning is to progress and peace.

National Tourism Day: 25th January

- **National Tourism Day 2023** is observed on the **25th of January 2023**.
- National Tourism Day has a long history dating back to the Indian government's proclamation of **January 25 as Tourism Day in India**.
- This day was created to highlight the value of travel and raise awareness of how vital it is to the economy of the nation.
- The nation as a whole warmly celebrates Indian tourism.

National Voters Day: 25th January

- **National Voters Day 2023** is observed on the **25th of January 2023**.
- The **Election Commission of India (ECI)**, which was established in **1950**, was founded on **January 25**.
- To encourage young people to participate in the election process, **this day was first observed in 2011**.

International Customs Day- January 26

- **International Customs Day** is celebrated on **January 26 every year** and was initiated by the **World Customs Organization (W.C.O.)** in **1983**.
- This day celebrates all the customs officials and agencies that toil day in and day out to ensure effective world trade management.
- Each year, the day also follows a new theme like 'Customs bolstering Recovery, Renewal, and Resilience for a sustainable supply chain' or 'Customs fostering sustainability for people, prosperity, and the planet'.

World Leprosy Day: 30th January

- **World Leprosy Day 2023** is observed on the **30th of January 2023**.
- The **disease is also called Hansen's disease**, named after the Norwegian doctor **Gerhard Henrik Armauer Hansen**, who is known for identifying the bacteria that causes Leprosy.
- **French philanthropist Raoul Follereau started World Leprosy Day in 1954** to raise awareness of the illness, particularly its socioeconomic effects.