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IMPORTANT DAYS**Indian Coast Guard Day 2023: 1st February**

- The ICG Day or Indian Coast Guard Day is celebrated on 01st February every year.
- The Indian Coast Guard is a multi-mission organization, conducting round-the-year real-life operations at sea
- The Indian Coast Guard Day is established on 01st February 1977.
- This year Indian Coast Guard celebrates its 45th Raising Day on 01st February 2023.
- The Indian Coast Guard was initially established on 1 February 1977 due to an emergency.

World Wetlands Day 2023: 2nd February

- World Wetlands Day is celebrated on 2nd February every year.
- celebrated annually on 2 February, aims to raise global awareness about the vital role of wetlands for people and the planet.
- The World Wetlands Day 2023 theme this year is “It’s Time for Wetlands Restoration,” which highlights the urgent need to prioritize wetland Restoration.
- On August 30 last year, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution to mark the day.
- The day is celebrated to mark the date of the adoption of the Convention on Wetlands on February 2, 1971, in the Iranian city of Ramsar on the shores of the Caspian Sea. World Wetlands Day was first celebrated in 1997.

World Cancer Day- 4th February 2023

- World Cancer Day is an international day marked on 4 February to raise awareness of cancer and to encourage its prevention, detection, and treatment.
- The multi-year theme for World Cancer Day 2022-2024 is 'Close the Care Gap.
- So, in order to address cancer-related issues, World Cancer Day is observed on February 4.
- The day aims to get various stakeholders like the government, healthcare professionals, and the general public to work on the single goal of reducing cancer at a global level.
- 'It focuses more on exposure, engagement, and opportunities to meet the global awareness of Cancer Day

International Day Against Female Genital Mutilation: 6th February

- **International Day Against Female Genital Mutilation 2023** is observed on the **6th of February 2023**.
- The Joint Programme on Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting was **initiated by UNFPA and UNICEF in 2007** to accelerate the abandonment of the practice.
- In **2008, WHO and 9 other United Nations partners** released a declaration titled "Eliminating Female Genital Mutilation: An Interagency Statement" regarding the abolition of FGM.
- WHO 2010 published a "Global strategy to stop health care providers from performing female genital mutilation" in collaboration with other key UN agencies and international organizations.

International Development Week 2022: 6th - 12th February

- **International Development Week** is celebrated on **6th - 12th February** every year.
- The theme of International Development Week 2022 is '**Go for the goals**' which refers to the **United Nation's 17 Sustainable Development Goals**.
- The aim of International Development Week (IDW) is to draw attention to international development and shine a spotlight on the important contributions that Canadians are making through partnerships around the world.
- International Development Week is a national event promoted by the **Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)**.

World Pulses Day- Feb 10

- **World Pulses Day** is celebrated on **February 10** every year and recognized Pulses as a global food.
- Pulses, also known as legumes, are the edible seeds of leguminous plants cultivated for food.
- The **UN General Assembly in 2019** decided to dedicate a day to Pulses to increase awareness and access to pulses globally known as World Pulses Day.
- The UN General Assembly after recognizing **the value of pulses in 2013, adopted 2016 as**

the International Year of Pulses (IYP).

- The UN, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), increased public awareness of pulses' nourishing and environmental benefits.
- The International Year of Pulses succeeded Burkina Faso (a landlocked country in West Africa) and proposed the observance of World Pulses Day.
- In 2019, the General Assembly announced February 10 as World Pulses Day.

About FAO:

- The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations is an international organization that leads international efforts to defeat hunger and improve nutrition and food security.
- It was founded on 16 October 1945.
- The FAO comprises 195 members.
- Headquarters: Rome, Italy
- Founded: 16 October 1945, Québec City, Canada

National Productivity Day: 12th February

- **National Productivity Day 2023** is observed on the **12th of February 2023**.
- The National Productivity Day 2023 theme set for this year is **“A chance to set goals”**.
- **On February 12, 1958**, the National Productivity Council of India got Registered under **Societies Registration Act XXI, 1860**.
- To mark the council's establishment, its members decided to observe National Productivity Day every year on the same day.
- So, apart from encouraging people to be more productive in their work, National Productivity Day also celebrates the anniversary of the establishment of the National Productivity Council.

World Radio Day 2022: 13th February

- **World Radio Day is celebrated on 13 February** a date proclaimed by UNESCO to celebrate radio broadcasts, improve international cooperation among radio broadcasters, and encourage decision-makers to create and provide access to information through radio, including community radios.
- **“Yes to Radio, Yes to trust”** is the theme of this year's World Radio Day, being held on 13

February.

- Many people in history have contributed to perfecting radio waves and frequencies, but it was **Italian inventor Guglielmo Marconi who proved the feasibility of communication over the radio.**
- He sent and received a telegram over the **first radio signal in history from Italy in 1895.**
- The **first radio station in America was established in Pittsburgh in 1919**, and FM radio debuted in 1939. Broadcasting over radio went digital in 1994 when radio streaming started via the internet.
- This was accompanied by the first internet-only 24-hour radio station.
- In 2011, at the 36th session of UNESCO's General Conference, February 13 was proclaimed as World Radio Day.
- This date was chosen by UNESCO's director-general as it was the anniversary date of the United Nations international broadcasting service, which was created on February 13, 1946.

World Day of Social Justice 2022: 20th February

- The **United Nations (UN) World Day of Social Justice** is annually observed on February 20 to encourage people to look at how social justice affects poverty eradication.
- The theme this year of the World Day of Social Justice is **“Overcoming Barriers and Unleashing Opportunities for Social Justice”**
- The Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action for Social Development were reviewed by the **UN member states a decade later in New York in 2005.**
- Finally, 20th February was declared as the annual World Day of Social Justice by the United Nations on November 26, 2007.
- The **International Labour Organization (ILO)** is the first specialized agency of the United Nations that was formed on **October 29, 1919.**
- ILO is also credited with proposing the observance of February 20th as World Day of Social Justice adopting the ILO Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalisation in International Labour Conference on June 10, 2008.
- The Philadelphia Declaration of 1944 and the Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work of 1998 are the guiding principles behind this declaration.
- The contemporary vision of the ILO's mandate in the era of globalization and the free-market

economy is guided by the Declaration of 2008.

World Scout Day 2022: 22nd February

- World Scout Day is celebrated every 22nd February.
- Each year on February 22nd, we honour Robert Baden-Powell's anniversary by celebrating World Scout Day

World Thinking Day 2023 Theme and History: 22nd February

- World Thinking Day 2023 is observed on the 22nd February 2023.
- World Thinking Day 2023 Theme is "Our World, Our Thriving Future: The environment and global poverty".

Central Excise Day 2023: February 24

- Every year February 24 is celebrated as the central Excise day all over the world.
- The day is being celebrated to honor the service of the Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) to the country.
- The Central Excise Department was one of the oldest departments in India which was established in the year 1855, under the British Raj.

World NGO Day- Feb 27

- World NGO Day is observed every year on February 27.
- N.G.O. is an acronym for non-governmental organization.
- World NGO Day was originally founded in 2009 by Marcis Liors Skadmanis, a social entrepreneur.
- However, it was observed for the first time on February 27, 2014.

National Science Day 2023: February 28

- Every year, national science is celebrated on February 28 all over India.
- It is celebrated every year to mark the discovery of the "Raman effect".

- The National Science Day 2023 Theme is “Global Science for Global Wellbeing”

Rare Disease Day 2023: February 28

- February 28 is announced as Rare Disease day 2023.
- Rare Disease Day 2023 theme is “Share Your Colors.”
- Founded by the European Organization for Rare Diseases, the first Rare Disease Day was celebrated in 2008 on February 29.
- A “rare” date that happens only once every four years.