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## IMPORTANT DAYS

### Zero Discrimination Day 2023: March 1

- **Zero discrimination day 2023** is celebrated on **March 1st, 2023**
- On Zero Discrimination Day this year, under the theme “**Save lives: Decriminalise**”, UNAIDS is highlighting how the decriminalisation of key populations and people living with HIV saves lives and helps advance the end of the AIDS pandemic.
- Zero Discrimination Day was **first celebrated and observed on March 1st, 2014**.
- Zero Discrimination Day was **launched by UNAIDS**.

### World Civil Defence Day 2023: March 1

- **World Civil Defence Day** is celebrated on **March 1st, 2023**.
- It is celebrated annually on March 1st every year all over the world.
- In **1958, the International Association of Geneva Zones** becomes the **International Civil Defense Organization (ICDO)** and was given a new status as a non-governmental organization with the objectives such as establishing a liaison between national civil defence organizations, undertaking and promoting studies and research on population protection matters, and facilitating the exchange of experience and the coordination of efforts in the area of disaster prevention, preparedness, and intervention.
- In 1972 the representatives of ICDO member states approved the current text of the organization’s constitution, which entered into **force on 1 March 1972**.

### World Wildlife Day: 3rd March

- **World Wildlife day 2023** is celebrated on **March 3rd, 2023**.
- World Wildlife Day 2023 theme is “**Partnerships for wildlife conservation**”.
- This aims to draw attention to the conservation of some of the most severely endangered species of Wild animals and plants.
- It commemorates the day of the signature of the Convention on International Trade in endangered species of wild fauna and flora.
- **Thailand proposed World Wildlife Day in the General Assembly of the UN on December 20, 2013**, to create awareness among people about Worlds’ Wild animals and plants.

### World Hearing Day: 3rd March

- **World Hearing Day** is announced to be celebrated on **March 3rd, 2023**
- World Hearing Day 2023 **Theme** is **“Ear and hearing care for all! Let's make it a reality.”**
- On World Hearing Day 2023, WHO will focus on the importance of safe listening as a means of maintaining good hearing across the life course.
- It is possible to have good hearing across the life course through ear and hearing care.

### National Safety Day: 4th March

- **National Safety Day 2023** is celebrated on **March 4th, 2023**.
- The 4th of March 2023 marks the **51<sup>st</sup> National Safety Day**.
- National Safety day is a national event observed all over India for making people understand the importance of safety, and we all want ourselves and our family members to remain safe.
- National Safety Day 2023 **Theme** is **“Nurture young minds - Develop safety culture”**.

### International Women's Day: 8th March

- **International Women's Day 2023** is celebrated on **8th March 2023**.
- The International Women's Day 2023 **theme** is **“DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality”**
- International Women's Day celebrates the rejoicing in the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women all over the world. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity.
- In 1869, **Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton** started the National Women's Suffrage Association to fight for women's rights

### National No Smoking Day 2023:

- **National No Smoking Day**, is held every second Wednesday of March.
- This year it will be **March 8, 2023**.
- The day has been done to urge people to give up smoking and be aware of its harmful effects.
- The **first National No Smoking Day** was in **1984**, and it now takes place on the second Wednesday of March to encourage people over the world to quit smoking.
- According to the researchers, this effort has proven very effective and was observed that at least

one in ten people gave up smoking on national No Smoking Day.

### CISF Raising Day: March 10

- **CISF Raising Day** is celebrated on **10th March 2023**.
- India celebrates the **54th anniversary of CISF (Central Industrial Security Force) Raising Day** on **March 10, 2023**.
- Observing CISF Raising Day 2023 is important as it brings better protection and security to industrial undertakings in the country
- **CISF was formed on March 10, 1969**, under the CISF Act of the Parliament of India.

### International Day of Action of Rivers: March 14

- **International Day of Action of Rivers 2023** is an international event celebrated on **March 14th, 2023**.
- The International Day Of Action For Rivers 2023 **theme is 'Rights of Rivers'**, which demands that the rivers be declared a national asset.
- The International Day of Action Against Dams and For Rivers, Water and Life was adopted by the participants of the First International Meeting of People Affected by Dams in **March 1997 in Curitiba, Brazil**, according to internationalrivers.org.
- River experts from 20 countries decided that March 14 will be the 'Day of Action for Rivers'.

### World Consumer Rights Day 2023: March 15

- **World Consumer rights Day 2023** is observed all over the world on **March 15th, 2023**.
- Consumers International announced that **World Consumer Rights Day 2023** theme is “**Fair Digital Finance**”.

### National Vaccination Day: March 16

- On **16th March 2023**, **National Vaccination Day** is observed all over India.
- This year, the National Vaccination Day 2023 **Theme is “Vaccines Work For All”**.
- It is a national event celebrated annually since 1995 on 16th March every year.

### World Sleep Day- Mar 17

- **World Sleep Day 2023** is observed on the **17th March 2023**.

- The World Sleep Day theme 2023 is "Quality Sleep, Sound Mind, Happy World."
- It is organised by the World Sleep Day Committee of the World Sleep Society (founded by WASM and WSF) and aims to lessen the burden of sleep problems on society through better prevention and management of sleep disorders.

### **Ordnance Factories Day: March 18**

- Ordnance Factories Day 2023 is observed on the 18th March 2023
- It is a national event celebrated annually on the 18th March every year all over India to commemorate the foundation of the first Ordnance Factory in colonial India at Cossipore near Kolkata in 1801.

### **World Oral Health Day: March 20**

- World Oral Health Day 2023 is observed on the 20th of March 2023.
- This year, the World Dental Federation (FDI) unveiled the three-year theme (2021 – 2023), "Be Proud of Your Mouth" for World Oral Health Day (WOHD).
- WOHD was first declared and originally celebrated on September 12, 2007, however, the campaign came into action in 2013.

### **International Day of Happiness: March 20**

- International Day of Happiness 2023 is observed on the 20th March 2023.
- The International Day of Happiness Theme for the current year 2023 is, Keep Calm, Stay Wise, Be Kind.
- Back in 2011, the idea was introduced to the United Nations by the advisor Jayme Illien.

### **World Poetry Day: March 21**

- On 21st March 2023 World Poetry Day is observed all over the world.
- The day was proposed and adopted by UNESCO in 1999, on the occasion of its 30th General Conference held in Paris to "give fresh recognition and impetus to national, regional and international poetry movements."
- On March 21st, 2000 the first World Poetry day was celebrated

### **World Down Syndrome Day: March 21**

- **World Down Syndrome day 2023** is observed all over the world on **March 21st, 2023**.
- The convention was then opened for signatures on **30 March 2007**.
- It is the **first comprehensive human rights treaty of the 21st century** and is the **first human rights convention** to be open for signature by regional integration organisations.

### **World Forestry Day: March 21**

- On **March 21st, 2023 World Forest day** is celebrated all over the world.
- It is an international event observed all over the world annually on **March 21st** every year to ring a bell among society about the importance of forests and the scores of benefits which are gained from them.
- Previously, the **16th session of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)** voted to "**World Forestry Day**" in **1971**.

### **World Water Day 2023: March 22**

- **World Water Day** is celebrated all over the world on **March 22nd, 2023**.
- It is an international event observed annually on **March 22nd** every year all over the world highlighting the importance of freshwater.
- 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**.
- Later on, other celebrations and events were added.
- For instance, the **International Year of Cooperation in the Water Sphere 2013**, and the current **International Decade for Action on Water for Sustainable Development, 2018-2028**.
- These observances serve to reaffirm that water and sanitation measures are key to poverty reduction, economic growth, and environmental sustainability.

### **World Meteorological Day: March 23**

- **World Meteorological Day** is celebrated on **March 23** every year all over the world and it is an annual event.
- The day is celebrated as the establishment of the **World Meteorological Organization (WMO)**, and it concentrates on the behaviour of **Earth's atmosphere**.

- In 1873, The First Weather Organization was formed and the International Meteorological association is formed to exchange information about weather across national borders.
- On March 23rd, 1953, The International Meteorological Organization becomes the World Meteorological Organization, which it still is today.
- On March 23rd, 1961, The first World Meteorological Day is observed, on the anniversary of the organization's creation.

### World Tuberculosis (TB) Day 2023: March 24

- World Tuberculosis Day, observed on 24 March each year all over the world is designed to build public awareness about the global epidemic of tuberculosis and efforts to eliminate the disease.
- The World TB Day 2023 theme is 'Yes! We can end TB!' This theme emphasises on encouraging high-level leadership, faster uptake of new WHO recommendations, increased investments and adoption of innovations to combat the Tuberculosis epidemic.
- On March 24, 1882, Dr. Robert Koch announced the discovery of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, the bacteria that causes tuberculosis (TB).
- During this time, TB killed one out of every seven people living in the United States and Europe.
- Dr. Koch's discovery was the most important step taken toward the control and elimination of this deadly disease.
- A century later, March 24 was designated World TB Day: a day to educate the public about the impact of TB around the world.

### International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery : March 25

- On March 25th of this current year International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade is celebrated all over the world.
- It is an international event that is celebrated annually on March 25th every year is intended to inscribe the tragedy of the slave trade in the memory of all peoples.
- 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.
- The day honors and remembers those who suffered and died as a consequence of the transatlantic slave trade, which has been called “the worst violation of human rights in history”, in which over 400 years more than 15 million men, women, and children were the victims.

### Purple Day for Epilepsy: March 26

- On **March 26th** of this current year **Purple Day of Epilepsy 2023** is observed all over the world.
- It is a global event that is observed all over the world on March 26th every year to create awareness about Epilepsy.
- In 1067-1046 B.C the earliest known medical texts detailing the signs, symptoms, and types of seizures of what we now know as epilepsy are written.
- In **460 - 377 B.C.Hippocrates is the first person to suggest epilepsy** as a medically treatable disease of the brain
- In the Mid-1800s, Bromide is first released as an effective medication for controlling seizures.
- In 2017, The Anita Kaufmann Foundation sets a Guinness World Record on Purple Day by facilitating the largest ever training session on epilepsy.

### World Theatre Day 2023: March 27

- On **27th March** ,**World Theatre Day 2023** is celebrated all over the world.
- It is an international day observed annually all over the world on the 27th of March every year.
- The **theme for World Theatre Day 2023** is "**Theatre and a Culture of Peace.**"
- World Theatre Day celebrates the importance of theatre arts as it continues to move, entertain, teach and change us.
- In 534 B.C Poet, tragedian, and author Thespis arrives in Athens with his troupe and performs in the marketplace.
- In **55 B.C Rome's First Stone Theatre - Pompey the Great** builds the first permanent stone theatre in Rome.
- In 1585, Widely regarded as **the world's oldest theatre in world, the Teatro Olimpico in Vicenza, Italy**, is inaugurated with a performance of Sophocles' "Oedipus the King."
- In 1962, First World Theatre Day - For the first time, World Theatre Day is celebrated by ITI centers, ITI Cooperating Members, theatre professionals and organizations, theatre academies, and theatre lovers all over the world on March 27.