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## IMPORTANT DAYS

### World AIDS Day: 1st December

- **World AIDS Day 2023** is observed on the **1st of December 2023**.
- On 1st December, WHO, together with communities and partners will commemorate World AIDS Day 2023, under the theme “Let communities lead”.
- World AIDS Day was **first initiated in 1998 and observed on December 1**.
- World AIDS Day was the first day celebrated for health awareness.

### National Pollution Control Day: 2nd December

- **National Pollution Control Day 2023** is observed on the **2nd of December 2023**.
- 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 Bhopal 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.

### International Day for the Abolition of Slavery: 2nd December

- **International Day for the Abolition of Slavery 2023** is observed on the **2nd of December 2023**.
- 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.
- 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**.

### World Computer Literacy Day: 2nd December

- **World Computer Literacy Day 2023** is observed on the **2nd of December 2023**.

- **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.

### **International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2023 Theme and History: 3rd December**

- **International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2023** is observed on the **3rd of December 2023**.
- The theme for 2023 is '**United in action to rescue and achieve the sustainable development goals for, with and by persons with disabilities**'.
- In 1976, the UN General Assembly decided that from 1981 International Day of Persons with Disabilities will be celebrated globally.
- The 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**.

### **Indian Navy Day: 4th December**

- **Indian Navy Day 2023** is observed on the **4th of December 2023**.
- The 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.

### **International Volunteer Day: 5th December**

- **International Volunteer Day 2023** is observed on the **5th of December 2023**.
- This year's theme is "**If everyone did...**"
- Volunteerism started in Europe to support elderly people within the community by carrying out Church-related work and helping the poor.
- Organized Volunteering was **started in the 18th Century** and mainly to carry out military services rather than give back to society.

### **World Soil Day: 5th December**

- **World Soil Day 2023** is observed on the **5th of December 2023**.

- Life begins and ends from the soil.
- It's the source of food, medicine, and naturally filters water through its layers and making it pure water to drink.
- Most of us take soil for granted and assume it will always be around. But that's not the truth.
- It takes 200 to 400 years to form a 1cm layer of soil.
- Making fertile soil takes nearly 3000 years.
- In 2014, the U.N. General Assembly designated December 5 as the first official World Soil Day at the 68th UN General Assembly.

### International Anti Corruption Day: 9th December

- **International Anti Corruption Day 2023** is observed on the **9th of December 2023**.
- 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.

### Human Rights Day: 10th December

- **Human Rights Day 2023** is observed on the **10th of December 2023**.
- 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.

### Nobel Prize Day: 10th December

- **Nobel Prize Day 2023** is observed on the **10th of December 2023**.
- **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.
- **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 2023 is observed on the 11th of December 2023.
- 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: 11th December

- UNICEF Foundation Day 2023 is observed on the 11th of December 2023.
- 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: 12th December

- Universal Health Coverage Day 2023 is observed on the 12th of December 2023.
- 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.
- The World Health Organization is part of the United Nations and is responsible for international public health.

### National Energy Conservation Day: 14th December

- National Energy Conservation Day 2023 is observed on the 14th of December 2023.
- National Energy Conservation Day 2023 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 developing and implementing strategies and policies to reduce excessive energy consumption.

- The committee also executed 'The Energy Conservation Act' in 2001.
- The main objective of the day is to reduce energy use and encourage people to use it efficiently.

#### About BEE

- The Government of India set up the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) on March 1, 2002, under the provisions of the Energy Conservation Act, 2001.
- The mission of the Bureau of Energy Efficiency is to assist in developing policies and strategies with a thrust on self-regulation and market principles, within the overall framework of the Energy Conservation Act, 2001 with the primary objective of reducing the energy intensity of the Indian economy.

#### Vijay Diwas: 16th December

- **Vijay Diwas 2023** is observed on the **16th of December 2023**.
- 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 as one of the shortest wars in history.

#### Minorities Rights Day in India: 18th December

- **Minorities Rights Day 2023** is observed on the **18th of December 2023**.
- 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.

#### International Migrants Day: 18th December

- **International Migrants Day 2023** is observed on the **18th of December 2023**.
- 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

### **Goa's Liberation Day: 19th December**

- **Goa's Liberation Day 2023** is observed on the **19th of December 2023**.
- 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.
- Action Vijay, which translates to "Operation Victory," was a 36-hour military operation that began on December 18, 1961, and 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 Human Solidarity Day: 20th December**

- **International Human Solidarity Day 2023** is observed on the **20th of December 2023**.
- 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 2023** is observed on the **22nd of December 2023**.
- 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 own theorems.
- 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 2023 is observed on the 24th of December 2023.
- When India's Consumer Protection Act of 1986 was passed, consumer rights were given serious consideration. .
- 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.

### Christmas Day: 25th December

- Christmas Day 2023 is observed on the 25th of December 2023.
- The truth is that nobody is certain of the date and location of Jesus' birth.
- Sextus Julius Africanus, the earliest Christian historian, is largely responsible for the creation of December 25.
- The birth of Jesus would take place exactly nine months later, on December 25.

### Good Governance Day: 25th December

- Good Governance Day 2023 is observed on the 25th of December 2023.
- Good Governance Day 2023 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.