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IMPORTANT DAYS**Indian Coast Guard Day 2024: 01st 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.
- Despite being relatively small, it has a wide range of task capabilities for both surface and air operations.
- The Indian Coast Guard was initially established on 1 February 1977 due to an emergency.

World Wetlands Day 2024: 2nd February

- World Wetlands Day is celebrated on 2nd February every year.
- Aims to raise global awareness about the vital role of wetlands for people and the planet.
- On this day, The Convention on Wetlands was adopted in 1971.
- 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 2024: 4th February

- World Cancer Day is celebrated on 4th of February every year.
- It is celebrated annually as a global uniting initiative led by the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC).
- World Cancer Day originated in 2000 at the first World Summit Against Cancer, which was held in Paris.
- The Day was founded by the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) to support the goals of the World Cancer Declaration, written in 2008.

International Development Week 2024: 4th to 10th February

- International Development Week is celebrated every year in the first full week of February (4th to 10th February).
- 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)**.

National Day Of Sri Lanka 2024: 4th February

- The **National Day Of Sri Lanka** is celebrated on **4th February** every year.
- Sri Lanka's Independence Day is celebrated on the 4th of February to commemorate its **internal political independence from British rule on that day in 1948**.
- Every year, February 4 is celebrated as National Day in Sri Lanka.
- It existed as a dominion within the British Empire, and its first Prime Minister was Don Stephen Senanayake.

Safer Internet Day 2024: 6th February

- **Safer Internet Day 2024** is observed on the **6th of February 2024**.
- The inaugural Safer Internet Day was observed globally in 2003, and since then, it has been observed annually.
- On this day, numerous organizations and stakeholders from various nations can demonstrate their support for a safer online environment.
- In **2004 the EU SafeBorders project launched it, and in 2005 the Insafe network of European Safer Internet Centers (SICs) adopted it**.

International Day Against Female Genital Mutilation: 6th February

- **International Day Against Female Genital Mutilation 2024** is observed on the **6th February 2024**.
- 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.

National Deworming Day: 10th February

- **National Deworming Day 2024** is observed on the **10th of February 2024**.
- Worms can create long-term health issues in Children and interfere with their health, education, and overall well-being, even if their effects might not be visible immediately.

- Without knowing, children can carry worms for a long time and the only visible symptoms might be their hindered physical and mental health.
- **National Deworming Day** was launched first on 10th February 2015.

World Pulses Day: 10th February

- **World Pulses Day 2024** is observed on the 10th of February 2024.
- Building on the success and momentum of the I.Y.P., and recognizing the potential of pulses to further achieve the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**, Burkina Faso, a landlocked West African nation, proposed the global observance of World Pulses Day.
- On **December 20, 2018**, the **General Assembly of the United Nations** proclaimed **February 10** as World Pulses Day through resolution (A/RES/73/251), and the day has been celebrated as a global event since 2019 and supported by many member nations.

World Day of the Sick 2024: 11th February

- **World Day of the Sick** is a **Catholic Church awareness day**, or observance, on **February 11**, aimed at praying and sharing, sacrificing one's suffering for the welfare of the church, and urging everyone to see the face of Christ in his or her ailing brother or sister.
- On **February 11, 1993**, the first **World Day of the Sick** was observed.

International Day of Women and Girls in Science: 11th February

- **International Day of Women and Girls in Science 2024** is observed on **11th February**.
- The Commission on the Status of Women adopted a report on **March 14, 2011**, with the goal of encouraging girls and women to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and math.

National Productivity Day: 12th February

- **National Productivity Day 2024** is observed on the **12th of February 2024**.
- National Productivity Day is commemorated to promote India's productivity culture.
- On **February 12, 1958**, the **National Productivity Council of India** was Registered under the **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.

International Epilepsy Day: 12th February

- **International Epilepsy Day 2024** is observed on the 12th of February 2024.
- International Epilepsy Day is the brainchild of the International Bureau for Epilepsy and the International League Against Epilepsy.
- The two organizations have put together various events on the day since their inception.

Abraham Lincoln's Birthday 2024: 12th February

- **Abraham Lincoln's birthday** is celebrated every year on **February 12th** to honour the 16th president of the United States.
- Abraham Lincoln, who led the nation during the Civil War and advocated for the abolition of slavery, remains a crucial figure in American history.
- The history of Lincoln's Birthday in 2024 dates back to **February 12, 1809**, when Abraham Lincoln was born in Hardin County, Kentucky.

World Radio Day 2024: 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.
- **World Radio Day was first proposed by Spain in September 2010.**
- With backing from broadcasting associations worldwide, it was unanimously accepted by the UNESCO Member States in November 2011.

Sarojini Naidu's Birth Anniversary 2024: 13th February

- **Sarojini Naidu's birth anniversary, which falls on 13 February**, is observed as **National Women's Day** across the country.
- Sarojini Naidu's birthday is celebrated as National Women's Day in India. She actively worked for the empowerment of women. She spoke about women's rights and fought for them. She urged women to take part in the freedom struggle.
- **National Women's Day is observed on 13 February** to celebrate the social, cultural, political, and economic achievements of women.

Arunachal Pradesh Foundation Day: 20th February

- **Arunachal Pradesh Foundation Day 2024** is observed on the **20th of February 2024**.

World Day of Social Justice 2024: 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.
- 20th February was declared 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 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 at the International Labour Conference on June 10, 2008.
- The guiding principles behind this declaration are the Philadelphia Declaration of 1944 and the Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work of 1998.
- 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.

International Mother Language Day 2024: February 21

- Every year **February 21** is celebrated as **International Mother Language Day 2024** all over the world.
- It is a worldwide annual observance to bring awareness among people about linguistic and cultural diversities.
- UNESCO declared February 21st as International Mother Language Day in the year 1999 and has been witnessed all throughout the world since 2000.

World Thinking Day 2024: 22nd February

- **World Thinking Day 2024** is observed on the **22nd of February 2024**.
- In **1999**, during the Dubai Conference, the name of Thinking Day was changed to 'World Thinking Day.'

World Scout Day 2024: 22nd February

- Each year on **February 22nd**, we honour Robert Baden-Powell's anniversary by celebrating **World Scout Day**.
- Baden-Powell maintained a testing centre on **Brownsea Island, Poole, Dorset**, in 1907.
- In 1908, 'Scouting for Boys' was published by Baden Powell for the first time.

Central Excise Day 2024: February 24

- Every year **February 24** is celebrated as the **central Excise Day** all over the world.
- The day is being celebrated to honour 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.
- "The Central Excise Act" or "The Central Excise and Salt Act" was regulated in the year 1944, in which year for the first time Central Excise Day was celebrated but later in the year 1996 these acts got some changes.

World NGO Day: 27th February

- **World NGO Day 2024** is observed on the **27th of February 2024**.
- 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**.
- The holiday was officially declared back in 2010 by the 12 member countries of the Baltic Sea NGO Forum, recognized as a partner of the Council of the Baltic Sea States.

National Science Day 2024: February 28

- Every year, **National Science Day** is celebrated on **February 28** all over India.
- It is celebrated every year to mark the discovery of the "**Raman effect**".
- The **Raman effect** was discovered by the Indian scientist **Sir C.V. Raman**.
- On this day, **Sir C.V. Raman** got the **Nobel prize** for his discovery.
- **Sukumar Chandra Sirkar** (1898-1983) invented science day.