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IMPORTANT DAYS**World Autism Awareness Day 2024: April 2**

- **World Autism Awareness Day** is celebrated annually on **April 2nd**.
- This day marks the **17th anniversary** since its inception, which was recognized by the **United Nations** to promote awareness and advocacy for the rights of people with autism.
- **Autism, also known as autism spectrum disorder (ASD)**, is a developmental disorder that causes difficulties in social communication and interaction. People on the autism spectrum experience the world differently, which can affect how they communicate, behave, learn, and process sensory information.
- Since the **first observation of World Autism Awareness Day in 2008**, various events and activities have been marked worldwide.

International Day for Mine Awareness 2024: April 4

- **International Day for Mine Awareness 2024** is observed all over the world on **April 4th, 2024**.
- The theme for International Day for Mine Awareness & Assistance in Mine Action 2024 is **'Protecting Lives, Building Peace.'**
- The history of **International Mine Awareness Day** can be traced back to **1980** when the **International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)** first proposed the idea of a day to raise awareness about the dangers of landmines.
- The ICRC's proposal was endorsed by the **United Nations General Assembly** in 1982, and **the first International Mine Awareness Day** was held on **4 April 1983**.

National Maritime Day 2024: April 5

- Every year, **National Maritime Day** in India is celebrated on the **5th of April**.
- It is a day celebrated to show gratitude to the men who spent many months in the sea, carrying out the bulk of India's trade and commerce at a global level.
- The 2024 World Maritime Day theme is **"Navigating the future: safety first!"**
- In 1964, on April 5, the first National Maritime Day was observed.

World Health Day 2024: April 7

- **World Health Day 2024** is observed worldwide on **7th April**.
- The theme for World Health Day 2024 is **'My health, my right'**.

- On April 7, 1948 the constitution of the World Health Organisation came into being.
- The World Health Assembly (WHA) was formed to oversee the work for the WHO.

Ugadi 2024: Telugu New Year- April 9

- **Ugadi** or **Yugadi** is grandly celebrated as the first day of the year by the people of **Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, and Karnataka.**
- Ugadi, also known as **Telugu New Year**, is celebrated on the first day of Chaitra.
- It is an important day in most Hindu calendars that are based on lunisolar calendars, and it is also known as **Vikram Samvat and Bhartiya Nava Varsha.**

World Homeopathy Day 2024: April 10, 2024

- **World Homeopathy Day 2024** is celebrated on the **10th of April every year.**
- The day is celebrated to spread knowledge of homeopathy medicine in public health.
- The World Homeopathy Day tribute to the father and founder of the Homeopathy system in medicine **Dr.Christian Samuel Hahnemann.**
- The day is observed on the occasion of the birth anniversary of German physician Dr Christian Friedrich Samuel Hahnemann, the founder of homoeopathy.
- **Born in Paris on April 10, 1755,** Hahnemann was an acclaimed scientist, great scholar, and linguist.

National Pet Day 2024: April 11

- Every year **April 11th** is celebrated as **National Pet Day.**
- It is a day to celebrate the joy that pets bring into our lives and to raise awareness about the importance of animal welfare.
- The day was **first launched in 2006** by **Colleen Paige,** an animal welfare campaigner.

National Safe Motherhood Day 2024: April 11

- Every year on **April 11** India celebrates **National Safe Motherhood Day.**
- National Safe Motherhood Day (NSMD) is observed on the **birth anniversary of Kasturba Gandhi.**
- The National Safe Motherhood Day was **first proposed by (WRAI) White Ribbon Alliance.**
- In 2003, the **Government of India** declared **11 April** as **National Safe Motherhood Day,** upon the request of **WRAI.**

Jallianwala Bagh Massacre 2024: April 13

- Every year April 13th is observed as **Jallianwala Bagh Massacre**.
- Jallianwalla also called as Massacre of Amritsar incident on **April 13, 1919**, in which British troops fired on a large crowd of unarmed Indians in an open space known as the **Jallianwala Bagh Massacre in the Punjab region** of India.
- Jallianwala Bagh is a historic garden and memorial of national importance close to the Golden Temple complex in Amritsar, Punjab, India, preserved in the memory of those wounded and killed in the Jallianwala Bagh Massacre that took place on the site on the festival of Baisakhi Day, 13 April 1919.

World Haemophilia Day 2024: April 17

- **World Haemophilia Day** is celebrated on April 17th every year.
- This day is recognized worldwide to increase awareness of haemophilia and other inherited bleeding disorders.
- The **World Federation of Haemophilia** established **World Haemophilia Day** in 1989.
- The date of April 17 was chosen to commemorate the birthday of the **World Federation of Haemophilia's** founder, Frank Schnabel.

World Heritage Day 2024: April 18

- Every year, April 18th is celebrated as **World Heritage Day** or **International Day for monuments and sites**.
- The International Council on Monuments and Sites 1982 suggested that April 18 should be celebrated as **World Heritage Day**.
- The **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization** in its 22nd general conference in 1983 approved the date.

National Civil Service Day 2024: April 21

- Every year April 21st is celebrated as **National Civil Service Day**.
- The National Civil Service Day is known as the spine of the administration of the country.
- After India became independent, the first batch of civil servants of the country was addressed by Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel.
- In 1947, **Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel** announced that National Civil Service Day would be observed every year to honour the contributions of the civil servants for the country.
- In Vigyan Bhavan, on April 21, 2006. The first **National Civil Services Day** was observed.

World Earth Day 2024: April 22

- The annual event of **World Earth Day** falls on April 22.
- The theme for World Earth Day 2024 is **Planet vs Plastics**.
- The **origin of Earth Day** can be traced back to 1970.
- The idea behind the event originated from Gaylord Nelson, a US senator, and Denis Hayes, a Harvard student.
- In 1995 Nelson the man behind the Earth Day movement was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

World Book and Copyright Day 2024: April 23

- Every year **World Book and Copyright Day** is celebrated on April 23 and it is also known as World Book Day.
- The day is celebrated by the **United Nations, Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organizations**, and other related organisations across the world to honour authors, and books, and to promote the art of reading etc.
- In 1995, this date was finalised by the **United Nations, Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organizations general conference, held in Paris**, to pay tribute to and honour authors and books worldwide.
- The idea to celebrate a day of books came originally from the Catalan Day of Books called Dia del Llibre.
- Dia del Llibre is celebrated in Catalonia every year on April 23.

English Language Day 2024: April 23

- Every year **April 23rd** is celebrated as **UN English Language Day**.
- The day was chosen because it is considered **William Shakespeare's birthday** and the anniversary of his death.
- The English Language Day is celebrated as a mark of respect and to celebrate the life and work of **English poet and writer William Shakespeare**.
- He was born on **23rd April 1564** and died on **23rd April 1616**.

NRL celebrated the 32nd Foundation Day

- **Numaligarh Refinery Limited** celebrated its **23rd Foundation Day** on April 22.

- It was on this day that the company was established in 1993 in fulfilment of the commitment made in the historic Assam Accord of 1985.
- NRL Day was celebrated with enthusiasm in all company locations where employees got together to observe this special day.

National Panchayati Raj Day 2024: April 24

- In India, 24th April is designated as National Panchayati Raj Day.
- The day is held to remember the passing of the 73rd Amendment to the Constitution on June 17, 1992, and on April 24, 1993, the law went into force.
- In the early 1950s, the first National Development Council recommended the formation of a democratic system of governance at the grassroots level.

World Malaria Day 2024: April 25

- World Malaria Day is observed on April 25 all over the world.
- World Malaria Day will reinforce the Global Fund Investment (GFI) using the themes of advancing quality, building resilience, and ending malaria.
- World Malaria Day was established in May 2007 during the 60th session of the World Health Assembly, which is the decision-making body of the WHO.
- Before the creation of World Malaria Day, Africa Malaria Day was observed on April 25 starting in 2001, after the signing of the Abuja Declaration by 44 malaria-endemic countries at the African Summit on Malaria.

World Intellectual Property Day 2024: April 26

- Every year April 26 is celebrated as World Intellectual Property Day to learn about the role that intellectual property rights play in encouraging innovation and creativity.
- Theme: "IP and the SDGs: Building Our Common Future with Innovation and Creativity."
- In 1883, the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property was signed which further established protection for intellectual properties.
- This was aimed to protect inventions, trademarks, and industrial designs.
- In 1970, the Convention establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization came to be known as WIPO.

World Day for Safety and Health at Work 2024: April 28

- Every year, **April 28th** is celebrated as **World Day for Safety and Health at Work** all over the world.
- World Day for Safety and Health at Work Day is observed to promote the prevention of occupational accidents and diseases globally.
- **On April 29, 1971**, the **International Labour Organisation** adopted the **Occupational Safety and Health Convention**.
- **In 2003**, the **International Labour Organisation** announced that **April 28** will be observed as **World Day for Safety and Health at Work**.

International Dance Day 2024: April 29

- Every year **April 29th** is celebrated as **International Dance Day** also known as **World Dance Day**.
- International Dance Day or World Dance Day celebration for those who can see the value and importance of dance.
- It was established by the **Dance Committee of the International Theatre Institute (ITI)**, **UNESCO's main partner for the performing arts**.
- The date was chosen to commemorate the birthday of **Jean-Georges Noverre**, a French dancer and ballet master often credited as the creator of modern ballet.
- The **first International Day of Dance** was celebrated in **1982**.

Ayushman Bharat Diwas 2024: April 30

- In India, **Ayushman Bharat Diwas** is observed on **April 30**.
- The Ayushman Bharat Diwas is observed to uplift the ideals of the Ayushman Bharat Yojana.
- The scheme of the Ayushman Bharat Diwas reflects the fulfilment of the objectives of the Indian government that align with the Sustainable Development Goals under the United Nations.
- The scheme was announced by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** in **2018**.
- It has two main pillars:
- **Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs)**: These centres aim to bring primary healthcare services closer to people's homes, offering preventive, promotive, and curative care.
- **Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY)**: This is a health insurance scheme that provides cashless and affordable medical cover of up to **Rs. 5 lakh** per year to economically disadvantaged families.