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IMPORTANT DAYS**GST Day - July 1**

- **GST Day is observed on July 1st** each year, commemorating the date when GST was officially launched in India.
- **The first GST Day was observed on July 1, 2018**, marking the first anniversary of the adoption of this transformative tax system.
- The parliament enacted the Constitution (101st Amendment) Act in August 2016 authorising the central government to charge and collect GST.
- Hence, GST came into effect on July 1, 2017, establishing a single market for easy interstate trade.

World UFO Day 2024: July 2

- Every year on **July 2nd**, **World UFO Day** is commemorated to raise awareness About **Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO)** spotted in several parts of the world and alien life forms.
- **July 2 is celebrated as World UFO Day** to commemorate the supposed UFO crash incident in Roswell New Mexico in 1947.

World Sports Journalists Day 2024: July 2

- **World Sports Journalists Day** is observed globally on **2nd July** every year to acknowledge the work of sports journalists & to encourage them to do better at their work.
- In **1924**, the **International Sports Press Association** was founded in **Paris, France** during the Olympic Games.
- In **1994**, **World Sports Journalists Day** was created by the **A.I.P.S.**

International Plastic Bag Free Day 2024: July 3

- **International Plastic Bag Free Day 2024** is observed on **July 3** every year to motivate people to avoid using single-use plastic to eliminate plastic pollution.
- Rezero, a member of **Zero Waste Europe (ZWE)**, initiated the **first International Plastic Bag Free Day** which was observed on **July 3, 2008**.
- In **2015**, the **European Union** also passed certain directives to reduce the usage of single-use plastic bags.

World Zoonoses Day 2024: July 6

- Every year on **July 6th**, **World Zoonoses Day** is commemorated as the anniversary of the first-ever vaccine given for any zoonotic disease way back in 1885.

- In 2300 B.C., Rabies was first recorded and the Mosaic Esmuna Code of Babylon showed the first written account of rabies causing death in humans and dogs.
- On this day on **6th July 1885**, a French biologist named **Louise Pasteur** who is also very known for his theory of pasteurization successfully administered the first-ever vaccination given for a zoonotic disease to a man named Joseph Meister who was bitten by a dog with rabies.

World Population Day 2024: July 11

- On **July 11th** of this current year, **World Population Day 2024** is celebrated and observed all over the world as an awareness program.
- "World Population Day 2024 theme is **"To leave no one behind, count everyone."**
- In **1989**, **The United Nations** recognized **July 11** as **World Population Day**.

World Malala Day 2024: July 12

- On **July 12th**, **World Malala Day 2024** is celebrated and observed all over the world as an honouring event.
- In honour of the young campaigner **Malala Yousafzai**, the **UN** has declared **July 12th** to be **World Malala Day**.
- On the anniversary of **Malala Yousafzai's** birth, a day known as **Malala Day** is commemorated to recognize women's and children's rights worldwide.
- On **July 12, 1997**, **Malala Yousafzai** was born in **Mingora, Pakistan**.

World Youth Skills Day 2024: July 15

- On **July 15th** **World Youth Skills Day 2024** is celebrated to mention the significance of developing skills among young people worldwide.
- **World Youth Skills Day 2024**, the theme **"Youth Skills for Peace and Development"**
- The **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** proclaimed this day in **November 2014** to highlight the importance of investing in youth skills development.
- **World Youth Skills Day** was created by the **United Nations General Assembly** on **November 11, 2014**, through a resolution initiated by **Sri Lanka**, and supported by some other countries.
- The **first World Youth Skills Day** was celebrated on **July 15, 2015**.

World Day for International Justice 2024: July 17

- **World Day for International Justice 2024** is celebrated and observed all over the world on **July 17th**.

- Every year on July 17, the day of many names, also known as **International Justice Day**, **World Day for International Justice**, or **Day of International Criminal Justice**, is celebrated to acknowledge the system of international justice.

Nelson Mandela International Day 2024: July 18

- On **July 18th**, **Nelson Mandela International Day 2024** is celebrated and observed worldwide as an honouring event.
- **Nelson Mandela International Day (also known as Mandela Day)** is a yearly international celebration honouring Mandela, which is observed on his birthday, July 18th.
- Theme for 2024: **"It's still in our hands to combat poverty and inequity"**.
- On **July 18, 2009**, The first **Nelson Mandela International Day** was held in **New York**.

International Moon Day 2024: July 20

- **International Moon Day** is celebrated every year on **July 20th** to commemorate the **anniversary of Neil Armstrong's landing on the Moon** as part of the **Apollo 11 mission** and to promote international cooperation in space exploration
- The first global celebration of **International Moon Day** took place on **July 20, 2022**.

World Chess Day 2024: July 20

- **World Chess Day** is globally celebrated on **July 20th** every year to mark the date of the establishment of the **International Chess Federation (FIDE)** in **Paris** in **1924**.
- **World Chess Day** is celebrated on **July 20th** every year to commemorate the founding of the **International Chess Federation (FIDE)** in **1924**.
- The purpose of **World Chess Day 2024** is to promote chess as a game for everyone, regardless of age, gender, or background.
- The **Global Chess Alliance (FIDE)** was established in **Paris, France** in **1924** by the public chess organizations of **Argentina, Czechoslovakia, France, Poland, Romania, Spain, Switzerland, and Yugoslavia**.

World Brain Day 2024: July 22

- Every year on **July 22nd**, **World Brain Day** is celebrated by people worldwide to prevent brain disabilities and treat and rehabilitate them.
- The **World Federation of Neurology** was the first to establish **World Brain Day** as a worldwide commemoration.
- The theme of **World Brain Day 2024** is **"Brain Health and Prevention"**.
- **World Brain Day 2024** was discovered by the **World Federation of Neurology** for the first time.

- The World Federation of Neurology (WFN) was founded on July 22, 1957 in Belgium.

National Broadcasting Day 2024: July 23

- Every year **National Broadcasting Day** is celebrated in India on **July 23rd** to commemorate the first-ever radio broadcast that took place in the country on this day in 1927.
- The **Indian Broadcasting Company (IBC)** was established in 1927 after the success of BIBC. IBC had to shut down in 1930 due to financial problems.
- The Government of India took over the broadcasting service and created the **Indian State Broadcasting Service (ISBS)** in 1930.

National Flag Day 2024: JULY 22

- Every year, India observes **National Flag Adoption Day** on **July 22** to honour the adoption of the tricolour flag and the Ashoka Chakra, symbols of the country's freedom, unity, and sovereignty.
- This observance commemorates the **Constituent Assembly's 1947** adoption of India's tricolour flag, just weeks before the country's independence from British colonial authorities on **August 15**.
- **Ashoka Chakra:** The Ashoka Chakra, which replaced the spinning wheel or 'Charkha' on the flag, symbolized self-reliance and resistance during India's struggle for freedom. This modification was proposed by **Badr-ud-Din Tyabji** and supported by **Mahatma Gandhi**.
- **Flag Code of India:** In 2002, amendments to the **Flag Code of India** expanded citizens' rights regarding the national flag. Previously restricted to national days, the flag can now be displayed and used on any day of the year, subject to guidelines ensuring respect and dignity.

Income Tax Day 2024: July 24 Celebrated As Aaykar Diwas

- India's **National Income Tax Day** or **Rashtriya Aaykar Divas** is a significant event in India, commemorated on **July 24th** each year.
- It marks the country's commitment to responsible financial citizenship and reflects the **importance of taxation in nation-building**.
- The Indian National Income Tax Day is an annual observance held on **July 24th** to commemorate the introduction of **India's first Income Tax Act in 1860** by **Sir James Wilson**.
- This year we will witness the **164th** National Income Tax Day.
- National Income Tax is observed every year to spread the awareness and **understanding of the Taxation System** in India.

Kargil Vijay Diwas 2024: July 26

- **Kargil Vijay Diwas 2024** is observed on **July 26** every year in memory of soldiers who sacrificed their lives in the Kargil War.

- Kargil Vijay Diwas 2024 celebrates the victory of the Indian Armed Forces over Pakistan during the Kargil War, which took place between May and July 1999
- The Kargil War was an armed conflict between India and Pakistan in the Kargil district of Jammu and Kashmir.

World Nature Conservation Day 2024: July 28

- On July 28th, World Nature Conservation Day 2024 is celebrated and observed all over the world as an awareness program to conserve Nature.
- In 2018, The E.U. completely restricted the outdoor use of three neonicotinoids (a type of pesticide).
- On October 5, 1948, In Fontainebleau, a small town in France, the International Union for Conservation of Nature was established.

International Tiger Day 2024: July 29

- International Tiger Day is celebrated and observed worldwide as an awareness program on July 29th.
- In 1973, India launched Project Tiger to revive the tiger population.
- In 2010, 13 tiger range countries committed to TX2 to double wild tiger numbers by 2024.
- In 2017, IUCN recognized the continental tiger and the Sunda island tiger as tiger subspecies.
- In 2024, The WWF aims to double the number of wild tigers in 2024.

World Day Against Trafficking in Persons 2024: July 30

- Every year, World Day Against Trafficking in Persons 2024 is observed on 30th July to build awareness of the anxiety of human trafficking victims and to promote and protect their rights.
- The theme for the 2024 World Day Against Trafficking in Persons is "Leave No Child Behind in the Fight Against Human Trafficking".
- In 2013, the UN General Assembly arranged a high-level meeting to work on the Global Plan of Action.
- The member states took on a resolution A/RES/68/192 and designated 30 July as the World Day against Trafficking in Persons.

World Ranger Day: July 31, 2024

- World Ranger Day is celebrated on July 31 each year.
- It commemorates rangers who have been injured or killed while performing their duties.
- The day also acknowledges the essential work rangers do globally to protect cultural heritage and natural treasures.

- The first World Ranger Day was celebrated in **2007**, marking the 15th anniversary of the **International Ranger Federation (IRF)**.
- The IRF was founded in **1992** through a joint agreement by the **Scottish Countryside Rangers Association (SCRA)**, the **US Association of National Park Rangers (ANPR)**, and the **Countryside Management Association (CMA)** from Wales and England.