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IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day of Older Persons 2024: October 1

- The International Day of Older Persons is observed every year on 1st October
- The theme for the 2024 United Nations International Day of Older Persons (UNIDOP) is "Ageing with Dignity: The Importance of Strengthening Care and Support Systems for Older Persons Worldwide".
- This day was first observed on October 1, 1991.

World Vegetarian Day 2024: October 1

- World Vegetarian Day is observed on the 1st of October of every year.
- In 1977, the North American Vegetarian Society (NAVS) founded World Vegetarian Day.
- World Vegetarian Day aims to promote life-enhancing possibilities and the joy of eating vegetarian dishes.

International Coffee Day 2024: October 1

- The International Coffee Day is observed on 1st October of every year.
- The International Coffee Organisation first declared the International Coffee Day.
- The International Coffee Organisation was started in the year of 1963.
- This day was launched in Milan.
- So in 2015, the International Coffee Organisation officially announced that International Coffee Day is celebrated on October 1.

International Day of Non-Violence 2024: October 2

- The International Day of Non-violence is observed on the 2nd October of every year.
- In 2004, Iranian Nobel laureate Shirin Ebadi had a proposal of an International Day of Non-Violence.
- This idea was gradually attracted by some leaders of India's Congress Party.
- The International Day of Non-Violence is observed on 2nd October in order to commemorate the birth anniversary of the Non-violent freedom fighter Mohandas Karmchand Gandhi.

Gandhi Jayanti 2024: October 2

- Gandhi Jayanti is celebrated in India to commemorate the birth anniversary of the freedom fighter Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, also known as Mahatma Gandhi.
- This day is celebrated on 2nd October of every year as he was born on 2nd October 1869.

- This day is one of the national holidays in India.
- Mahatma Gandhi is also called the “Father of The Nation.”

National Wildlife Week 2024: October 2 to 8,

- As **National Wildlife Week** approaches from **October 2 to 8, 2024**, India is gearing up to celebrate its diverse ecosystems and emphasize the vital importance of wildlife conservation.
- This year's(2024) theme, “**Wildlife Conservation Through Coexistence,**” aims to raise awareness about the pressing challenges faced by wildlife and the urgent need for collective action to preserve these invaluable resources.
- Initially observed as **Wildlife Day** in **1955**, it was later expanded and renamed **Wildlife Week** in **1957**.

Swachh Bharat Diwas 2024: Celebrating a Decade of Sanitation Progress

- On **October 2, 2024**, coinciding with **Gandhi Jayanti**, Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** participated in **Swachh Bharat Diwas** at **Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi**, marking the completion of a **decade** of the **Swachh Bharat Mission**.
- During this event, he will inaugurate and lay the foundation for several projects worth over **₹9,600 crore** related to sanitation and cleanliness.

The funding allocation includes:

- **₹6,800 crore** for urban water and sewage systems under **AMRUT** and **AMRUT 2.0**.
- **₹1,550 crore** for water quality and waste management in the **Ganga** basin under the **National Mission for Clean Ganga**.
- **₹1,332 crore** for **15 Compressed Biogas (CBG) Plant** projects under the **GOBARdhan Scheme**.

World Smile Day 2024: October 4

- **World Smile Day** is celebrated on the **first Friday of October** every year.
- This year **World Smile Day** was celebrated on **4th October**.
- The theme for **World Smile Day 2024** is “**Do an act of kindness. Help one person smile**”.

World Animal Day 2024: October 4

- **World Animal Day** is celebrated on the **4th October** of every year.
- This day is observed to raise awareness about the welfare standards of the animals.
- The theme for **World Animal Day 2024** is “**The World Is Their Home Too!**”.
- **World Animal Day** was first organized by **Heinrich Zimmermann**, the **German Writer** on **March 24, 1925**, in **Berlin**. More than five thousand people attended this event.

World Space Week (WSW) 2024: October 4 to 10.

- **World Space Week (WSW)** is an annual international celebration of science and technology and their contributions to improving the human condition. **The United Nations General Assembly** declared WSW will be observed every year from **October 4 to 10**.
- **Theme of 2024 WSW: "Space & Climate Change"**

World Teachers Day 2024: October 5

- **World Teachers Day or International Teachers Day** is celebrated on the **5th October** of every year.
- This year, World Teachers Day Theme 2024 is Valuing teacher voices "**Valuing Teacher Voices: Towards a new social contract for education.**"
- World Teachers Day was established by the **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)** in the year of **1994**.

World Cerebral Palsy Day 2024: October 6

- Every year **October 6th** is observed as **World Cerebral Palsy Day**.
- **This year's theme, '#UniquelyCP'**, celebrates the uniqueness of the cerebral palsy community - their interests, passions, and identities - showing that they are not solely defined by their disability.
- **Dr. Sigmund Freud** was the first person who stated that **Cerebral Palsy** may be caused by abnormal development before birth.

World Cotton Day 2024: October 7

- **World Cotton Day** is observed on **7th October** of every year.
- The theme of World Cotton Day is, '**Cotton for Good**'
- In 2019, The four Cotton producers namely Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad and Mali initiated the World Trade Organisation about the World Cotton Day on October 7.
- The **first World Cotton Day** was celebrated on **7th October 2019** and it was hosted by the World Trade Organization.

World Habitat Day 2024: October 7

- **World Habitat Day** is observed on the **first Monday of October** of every year. This year World Habitat Day is celebrated on the **7th of October**.
- In 1985, The UN General Assembly adopted resolution 40/202 and established World Habitat Day on the first Monday of October.
- Since 1986, World Habitat Day has been celebrated on the **First Monday of October** of every year.

Indian Air Force Day 2024: October 8

- **The Indian Air Force Day** is celebrated on the **8th of October** of every year in India.
- The Indian Air Force was **first established on the 8th of October of 1932**, so the Indian Air Force Day is celebrated on the 8th of October of every year.
- The first flight of the Indian Air Force came into being on 1 April 1933.

World Post Day 2024: October 9

- **World Post Day** is celebrated on **9th October** of every year.
- the World Post Day theme for 2024 is: "**150 years of enabling communication and empowering peoples across nations**".
- World Post Day was first declared by the **Universal Postal Union (UPU) Congress** in Tokyo, Japan in the year of 1969.

Indian Foreign Service (IFS) Day 2024: October 9

- **Indian Foreign Service (IFS) Day** is observed annually on **October 9**, commemorating the establishment of the Indian Foreign Service in 1946.
- **First Observed:** 1946
- **Purpose:** To honor and recognize the contributions of Indian diplomats in safeguarding national interests and enhancing India's global reputation.
- The IFS was officially established on **October 9, 1946**, just before India gained independence.

World Mental Health Day: October 10

- **World Mental Health Day 2024** falls on the **10th of October**.
- World Mental Health Day with the theme '**It is Time to Prioritise Mental Health in the Workplace**'
- A non-governmental organization called the **World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH)** was established in 1948.
- On **October 10, 1992**, Richard Hunter, who was the deputy secretary general of the WFMH at the time, declared the **first World Mental Health Day**.

World Sight Day : October 10

- **World Sight Day** is an International Day of Awareness, held annually on the **second Thursday of October**. This year, **World Sight Day** is observed on the **10th of October 2024**.
- Lions Clubs International partnered with blindness presentation organizations worldwide for the **first World Sight Day** in 1998.

National Post Day: October 10

- **National Postal Day** is observed in India on **October 10** each year, celebrating the establishment of the Indian postal system and acknowledging the vital role it plays in connecting people across the country.
- For 2024, the theme for National Postal Day is "**Connecting India: The Role of Postal Services in Nation Building**".
- **Establishment:** The Indian Postal Service was initiated on **October 10, 1854**, when the East India Company implemented a comprehensive postal network across the nation.

World Day against the Death Penalty, 10 October 2024

- **October 10** marks World Day Against the Death Penalty
- The Committee of Ministers reaffirms its strong opposition to the death penalty, emphasizing the need for its abolition.
- Aims to establish a death penalty-free zone in Europe and beyond, consistent with the **Reykjavík Declaration** adopted by Heads of State and Government in May 2023.
- **Theme of the World Day: "The Death Penalty Protects No One"**

International Day of the Girl Child: 11 October

- On **11 October 2024**, the **International Day of the Girl Child** is celebrated
- **Theme for 2024: "Girls' Vision for the Future"**
- Adopted on **December 19, 2011**, to declare October 11 as the International Day of the Girl Child.
- Aims to recognize girls' rights and address the unique challenges they face globally.

World Arthritis Day: October 12

- **World Arthritis Day 2024** falls on **October 12**.
- The theme for World Arthritis Day 2024 is "**Informed Choices, Better Outcomes.**"

- The Arthritis Foundation established World Arthritis Day.

International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction: October 13

- The International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction 2024 is observed on the 13th of October.
- The International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction was established by a resolution passed by the UN General Assembly in 1989.
- Also, the day was renamed International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction.

World Standards Day: October 14

- World Standards Day is observed annually on the 14th of October 2024.
- The first World Standards Day was celebrated in 1946 in London, the same year that the International Organization for Standardization was founded.

International Day of Rural Women: October 15

- International Day of Rural Women 2024 is observed on the 15th of October 2024.
- This year's theme, "Rural Women Sustaining Nature for Our Collective Future: Building climate resilience, Conserving Biodiversity, and Caring for land towards gender equality and Empowerment,"
- October 15 will be recognized yearly as International Day of Rural Women globally, according to a resolution 62/136 passed by the United Nations General Assembly on December 18, 2007.

White Cane Safety Day: October 15

- White Cane Safety Day 2024 is observed on the 15th of October 2024. (This day is dedicated to visually impaired people)
- White Cane Safety Day was established annually on October 15 by a joint resolution that President Lyndon B. Johnson and the U.S. Congress signed on October 6, 1964.

Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day: October 15

- Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day 2024 is observed on the 15th of October 2024.
- Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day (PAILRD) is a memorial day that is annually honoured on October 15 in the United States and Canada.
- The month of October had previously been declared to be Pregnancy & Infant Loss Awareness Month by President Ronald Reagan.

Global Handwashing Day: October 15

- Global Handwashing Day 2024 is observed on the 15th of October 2024.

- The Global Handwashing Partnership established Global Handwashing Day as a chance to develop and put into practice original strategies for inspiring people to wash their hands with soap, particularly in times of need.
- In 2008, the first Global Handwashing Day was observed.

World Students Day: October 15

- World Students Day 2024 is observed on the 15th of October 2024, to honor the birthday of our former president, the late Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam.
- In 2010, World Students Day was established by the United Nations. In honour of former Indian president APJ Abdul Kalam, who was born on the same day in 1931, October 15 of each year is observed as World Students' Day.
- The purpose of the day is to honor Kalam's contributions to education and students. Early in his life, Kalam studied science and physics. He was born in Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu.

World Anaesthesia Day: October 16

- World Anaesthesia Day is observed on October 16 in remembrance of W.T.G. Morton, who made the first successful official demonstration of ether as an anaesthetic on this date 173 years ago.
- Since 1903, unique occasions have been planned to commemorate this momentous day.

World Food Day: October 16

- World Food Day 2024 is observed annually on the 16th of October 2024.
- The World Food Day 2024 theme is "Right to Foods for a Better Life and a Better Future,"
- The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), a specialised body of the United Nations, created World Food Day in 1945.

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty 2024

- The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty 2024 will be observed on October 17th, focusing on global efforts to eliminate poverty and uphold human rights.
- The day was first commemorated on October 17, 1987, at the Trocadéro in Paris, where more than 100,000 people gathered.

International Stuttering Awareness Day 2024

- International Stuttering Awareness Day 2024 is observed on the 22nd of October 2024.
- This year, the theme of International Stuttering Awareness Day 2024 is 'The Power of Listening.'
- International Stuttering Awareness Day was established in the year 1998 to bring attention to the millions of people across the world who are living with his specific Communication Disorder.

World Iodine Deficiency Day: 21st October

- **World Iodine Deficiency Day**, also known as **Global Iodine Deficiency Disorders Prevention Day**, is observed on **21st October** every year.
- The day aims to spread awareness about iodine's vital role in maintaining health and preventing iodine deficiency disorders (IDD).
- **Iodine** is essential in thyroid hormones, **thyroxine (T4)** and **triiodothyronine (T3)**, which are crucial for metabolism and fetal and infant development.

World Development Information Day: 24th October

- **World Development Information Day 2024** is observed on the **24th of October 2024**.
- The **United Nations General Assembly** conducted a conference on Trade and Development on **17th May 1972**.

International Snow Leopard Day: October 23

- **International Snow Leopard Day** is celebrated on **October 23** each year to raise awareness about the conservation of snow leopards and their endangered status.
- **Theme for 2024:**
 - The theme for **International Snow Leopard Day 2024** is “**Safeguarding Snow Leopard Habitats for Future Generations.**”
 - This theme emphasizes the critical importance of protecting the natural habitats of snow leopards to ensure their survival and the health of mountain ecosystems.
 - **International Snow Leopard Day** was established following the **adoption of the Bishkek Declaration** by **12 countries**, focusing on snow leopard conservation.

ITBP Raising Day 2024 : 24th October

- **ITBP Raising Day 2024** is observed on the **24th of October 2024**.
- The war took place between **India and China** in **1962** in the Himalayan region which is the highest altitude in the country.
- Since it is at the highest altitude the weather conditions are worse which will be around **25 degrees Celcius**.
- Every Year the **ITBP raising day** is celebrated to honour the **Police forces** and to issue medals to the officers who showed **bravery and courage** in emergency situations.

World Polio Day : 24th October

- **World Polio Day 2024** is observed on the **24th of October 2024**.

- World Polio Day was first initiated and Celebrated by Rotary International for the birthday of Jonas Salk, the Medical Researcher who led the first team to develop a vaccine against polio.
- Rotary International and WHO established the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) in 1988.

United Nations Day: 24th October

- United Nations Day 2024 is observed on the 24th of October 2024.
- United Nations Day is celebrated annually on October 24, commemorating the entry into force of the UN Charter in 1945.
- The idea of forming an international body to prevent wars was proposed during World War II, with the first official proposal emerging in 1941 through the Atlantic Charter.
- The foundation of the UN was further developed through several conferences, notably the San Francisco Conference in 1945, where the UN Charter was drafted.

International Artist Day - October 25

- International Artist Day is celebrated annually on October 25 to honour and recognize artists from various fields, including visual arts, music, dance, literature, and performance.
- The day was initiated in 2004 by Chris MacClure, a Canadian artist known for his "Romantic Realism" style, to highlight the essential role that artists play in society and to encourage support for the arts.

National Lemur Day - October 25, 2024

- National Lemur Day is celebrated on October 25, 2024, under the theme "Lemurs, a National Treasure, a Global Pride."
- This day highlights the importance of lemurs, the iconic animals of Madagascar, and their critical role in maintaining the balance of ecosystems.
- Origin: The celebration of lemurs started with the World Lemur Festival initiated by Professor Jonah Ratsimbazafy in 2014 in Antananarivo, Madagascar. The aim was to raise awareness about the significance of lemurs in Madagascar, an island renowned for its unique biodiversity.

Disarmament Week: October 24 - 30

- Disarmament Week is observed annually from October 24 to 30, 2024 starting on the United Nations (UN) Day.
- This week aims to raise awareness about the importance of disarmament and promote international dialogue to reduce the spread and impact of weapons.

- Established by the UN in **1978**, it emphasizes reducing or eliminating weapons, including nuclear, chemical, biological arms, and conventional weapons.

Global Media and Information Literacy Week: October 24 - 31

- **Global Media and Information Literacy (MIL) Week** is observed annually from **October 24 to 31**.
- It aims to raise awareness about the importance of Media and Information Literacy (MIL) and celebrates the progress made towards ensuring that people around the world are equipped with the skills to critically navigate the information landscape.
- This year's theme is "**The New Digital Frontiers of Information: Media and Information Literacy for Public Interest Information.**"
- **Media and Information Literacy (MIL)** involves competencies that enable individuals to effectively navigate the information and communication landscape.

World Stroke Day: 29th October

- **World Stroke Day 2024** is observed on the **29th of October 2024**.
- The theme for World Stroke Day 2024 is "**#GreaterThanStroke Active Challenge.**" The theme has been designated by the World Stroke Organization (WSO).
- The **European Stroke Organization**, which spearheaded the initiative, observes its awareness day on May 10.
- It wasn't until October 29 that World Stroke Day was designated, an event that was **initiated in 2004** during the World Stroke Congress in Vancouver, Canada.

International Day of Care and Support: October 29, 2024

- The **International Day of Care and Support** is observed annually on **October 29** to honour caregivers' invaluable role in society.
- This day acknowledges the dedication of caregivers, promotes supportive policies, and emphasizes the importance of care work in building stronger, more inclusive communities.
- Theme for 2024 "**Ageing with Dignity: The Importance of Strengthening Care and Support Systems for Older Persons Worldwide**"

International Animation Day (IAD) - October 28, 2024

- **International Animation Day (IAD)** is celebrated annually on **October 28** to honour the origins and impact of animation as a significant artistic and cultural medium.

- Established by the **Association Internationale du Film d'Animation (ASIFA)** in 2002, IAD commemorates the first public projection of animated images by **Émile Reynaud** at his **Théâtre Optique** in Paris in 1892.

National Unity Day 2024 Theme and History: 31st October

- **National Unity Day 2024** is observed on the **31st of October 2024**.
- The National Unity Day 2024 was first started in the year 2014 by our Honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modi to honour the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on 31st October 1875.

World Savings Day : 31st October

- **World Savings Day 2024** is observed on the **31st of October 2024**. (30th October in India)
- World Savings Day, also called **World Thrift Day**, was first established in the year 1924 during the first International Savings Bank Congress.