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**IMPORTANT DAYS****Muslim Women Rights Day – Observed on Aug 01**

- Muslim Women Rights Day is observed on August 1.

**Additional Info:**

- This year marks the **second anniversary** of the passage of the **triple talaq bill** in Parliament which is officially known as the **Muslim Women Act (Protection of Rights on Marriage)** passed in the **Rajya Sabha**.
- The law made the 'triple talaq' a criminal offence.

**World Breastfeeding Week 2021: 01 – 07 August**

- **World Breastfeeding Week** is an annual celebration which is held every year from 1 to 7 August in more than 120 countries.
- the **theme** for breastfeeding week 2021: **“Protect Breastfeeding: A Shared Responsibility”**.

**Additional Info:**

- The World Health Organization states, breastfeeding is one of the most effective ways to ensure child health and survival.
- World Breastfeeding Week is celebrated to **encourage women to breastfeed** for the all-around development of a child.

**Hiroshima Day - Observed on Aug 06**

- **August 6**, observed solemnly as **Hiroshima Day** around the world, will be the **76th anniversary** of the atomic bombing of the Japanese city in the final year of World War II.
- On this day in **1945**, the United States dropped the very first deployed nuclear bomb in the city of Hiroshima, wiping out an **estimated 39 per cent** of the population, most of whom were civilians.

**Additional Info:**

- **Along with the atomic bombing of Nagasaki three days later**, these instances remain the only recorded use of nuclear weapons in armed conflict.
- Hiroshima bombings of 1945 were **"necessitated"**, by the **United States**, as the Allied Forces continued to struggle against Japan even after Germany's surrender in **World War II**.

**TRIFED to celebrate its 34th Foundation Day**

- On Aug 06, 2021, Tribal Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (TRIFED) celebrated its **34th foundation day**.
- TRIFED was founded to drive tribal development through **marketing support** for **tribal products**, both, **handicrafts** and **Non Timber Forest Produce (NTFP)**.

**Purpose :**

- To raise awareness among one and all regarding the issues related to trade in tribal areas, and the need to ensure a fair deal for the tribes in the commerce of their products.
- It shall also recognize the **achievements and contributions** that the tribes and people working for them have made in this regard.

#### About TRIFED :

- **Formed** : 6th of August 1987
- **Headquarters** : New Delhi
- **Minister Responsible** : Arjun Munda
- **Chairman** : Ramesh chand meena
- **MD** : Pravir Krishna
- **Objective** : socio-economic development of tribals.

#### About the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. :

- **Founded**: 1999
- **Headquarters** : New Delhi
- **Cabinet Minister** : Arjun Munda
- **Minister of State** : Renuka Singh, Bishweswar Tudu

#### National Handloom Day - observed on Aug 07

- To raise awareness about the handloom industries and hand-weavers, the Modi Government announced **August 7** as the National Handloom Day in the year 2015.
- the theme of the day is – “Hand Loom – An Indian Legacy.”

#### Additional Info:

- The **first Handloom Day** was celebrated on **7 August 2015**, the day was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the Centenary Hall of Madras University, Chennai.
- National Handloom Day is celebrated on the day the **Swadeshi Movement** was launched in 1905.

#### Nation observes 79th anniversary of Quit India movement on 8 August

- The **Quit India Movement** was started by **Mahatma Gandhi** on **August 8, 1942**, during the **Second World War**, demanding an end to **British rule** in India.
- The **Movement** was accompanied by a mass protest on non-violent lines by which Mahatma Gandhi called for “an orderly British withdrawal; from India.”

#### International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples – Observed on Aug 09

- The **International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples** is observed on **9 August** each year to raise awareness and protect the rights of the world's indigenous population.

- Theme 2021: “Leaving no one behind: Indigenous peoples and the call for a new social contract.”

**Additional Info:**

- This event also recognizes the achievements and contributions that indigenous people make to improve world issues such as environmental protection.
- It was first pronounced by the **General Assembly of the United Nations in December 1994**, marking the day of the first meeting of the UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations of the Sub commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, in 1982.

**Nagasaki Day Observed on August 9**

- **Nagasaki Day** is observed on **9 August**.
- In 2021, the world is observing the **76th anniversary** of the Nagasaki bombing.

**Aim :**

- To promote peace politics and raise awareness of the effects of the **bomb attack on Nagasaki**.
- This day plays an important role as it focuses on **anti-war** and **anti-nuclear demonstrations** in many countries.
- The bomb that was dropped on Nagasaki was code-named the '**Fat Man**', due to the design of the bomb as it had a wide, round shape.
- It is the **second city** after Hiroshima to be attacked by a nuclear bomb.
- An area of about 5 square miles was completely obliterated and around 65,000 people were killed in the bombing.

**World Lion Day Observed On Aug 10, 2021**

- Globally every year on **August 10 World Lion Day** is observed.

**Additional Info:**

- To raise **awareness about lions** and to mobilise support for their protection and conservation.
- It was established by '**Big Cat Rescue**' - world's largest accredited sanctuary for big cats.
- World Lion Day was launched in **2013**.
- As per the International Union for Conservation of Nature's (IUCN)'s Red List of Threatened Species (2016), the Panthera leo has two subspecies: **Panthera Leo** and **Panthera leo persica**, found in Africa and Asia.

**Note :**

- Lions are currently listed as “**vulnerable**” on the **International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species**.
- In West Africa, the species is now classified as “**critically endangered**.”

**About IUCN:**

- **Headquarters:** Gland, Switzerland
- **CEO:** Bruno Oberle
- **Founder:** Julian Huxley
- **Director General :** Bruno Oberle
- **President :** Zhang Xinsheng
- **Founded:** 5 October 1948, Fontainebleau, France
- **Motto:** United for Life and Livelihoods

### World Biofuel Day: 10 August

- The **World Biofuel Day** is observed every year on **August 10**

#### Additional Info:

- The day was **first** observed in **2015** by the **Ministry of Petroleum and Gas**.
- Also, the day honours the research experiments by **Sir Rudolf Diesel**.
- To raise **awareness** about the **importance of non-fossil fuels** as an alternative to conventional fossil fuels and highlight the various efforts made by the Government in the biofuel sector.

#### About Biofuel :

- Any **fuel** that is derived from **biomass** (plant, or algae material, or animal waste) is known as **biofuel**.
- They are renewable, biodegradable, and sustainable sources of energy.
- Biofuels are known to contain **no sulfur** and produce low carbon monoxide and toxic emissions, as compared to conventional fossil fuels.

### International Youth Day - observed on Aug 12

- Every year, **International Youth Day** is observed on **August 12**.
- This year's **theme** is "**Transforming Food Systems: Youth Innovation for Human and Planetary Health**".

#### Additional Info:

- On this day, governments and citizens across the world come together to recognize and bring attention to the **problems faced by the youth**.
- In **1999**, the United Nations decided to commemorate **International Youth Day** every year on **August 12**.
- It was based on a recommendation made by the **World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth** in **Lisbon** to the UN General Assembly.

### World Elephant Day - observed on Aug 12

- **World Elephant Day** is celebrated on **August 12 every year** to help protect elephants for maintaining the biodiversity of rainforests.
- This **theme** for this year's World Elephant Day has **not been announced**; however, last year it was 'Haathi Hamara Saathi.'

**Additional Info:**

- This day is marked by **raising awareness about the difficulty of the elephants** in the forests and also finding out possible ways to protect them.
- The main aim of World Elephant Day is to make people **aware of better treatment of captive elephants** and against their illegal poaching and trade for ivory.
- World Elephant Day was launched to highlight the difficulty of Asian and African elephants, which face many threats like poaching, habitat loss, and conflict with humans and being mistreated in captivity.

**World Organ Donation Day – Observed on Aug 13**

- **August 13 of every year** is observed as **World Organ Donation Day** aimed at raising awareness about the importance of organ donation and encourages people to take a pledge for the same.
- One person can save up to **eight** lives from chronic illness by pledging to donate their **heart, kidney, pancreas, lungs, liver, intestines, hands, face, tissues, bone marrow, and stem cells**.

**Additional Info:**

- The **first-ever organ donation** was done in **1954** when **Ronald Lee Herrick** donated a kidney to his identical twin brother.
- Doctor Joseph Murray conducted the procedure for which he has also won the **Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine** in **1990** for advances in organ transplantation.

**Organ donation in India:**

- India has the **Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act** to regulate organ donation in the country.
- The law allows both deceased and living people to donate their organs.
- According to a **World Health Organization**, around 0.01 per cent of people in India donate their organs after death.

**International Lefthanders Day – Observed on Aug 13**

- **International Left Handers Day** is an international day observed annually on **August 13** to celebrate the **uniqueness and differences of left-handed individuals**.
- The day was first observed in **1976** Campbell, founder of Lefthanders International, Inc.

**Additional Info:**

International Lefthanders Day was created to celebrate sinistrality and raise awareness of the advantages and disadvantages of being left-handed in a predominantly right-handed world.

It celebrates left-handed people's uniqueness and differences, a subset of humanity comprising seven to ten percent of the world's population.

### **PM Modi announces August 14 to be observed as 'Partition Horrors Remembrance Day'**

- In Red Fort on A day before India's Independence Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared that **August 14** will be observed as **Partition Horrors Remembrance Day**.
- **Displacement of millions, killing and rapes during the partition** are still vivid and **observing this day** is recognition of their sacrifices.
- **Pakistan** celebrates August 14 as its Independence Day.

### **75th Indian Independence Day 2021**

- India is celebrating '**Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav**', marking the completion of a quarter to a century of freedom from British colonial rule.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** unfurled the **national flag at the Red Fort in New Delhi** and addressed the nation.
- It was followed by a series of events organized by the armed forces and security personnel saluting the tricolour with a guard of honour.

### **World Humanitarian Day – Observed on Aug 19**

- **World Humanitarian Day** is observed every year on **19 August**.
- The **theme** for World Humanitarian Day 2021 : **immediate human cost of the climate crisis**.

#### **Additional Info:**

- The **aim** is to pressurize world leaders to take **meaningful climate action** for the **world's most vulnerable people**.
- The day is observed around the world to **recognize the people who work for a humanitarian cause**, and **the people who lost their lives working for humanitarian causes**.

### **World Photography Day – Observed on Aug 19**

- **August 19 of every year** is celebrated as **World Photography Day** across the world, dedicated to the art, craft, science and history of photography.
- The **theme** for World Photography Day 2021 : **Pandemic lockdown through the lens**.

#### **Additional Info:**

- However, people are encouraged to click their Selfies and upload them on social media handles with a tagline as "World Photography Day".

- On this day, **photographers come together to celebrate the creativity and nuances of photography** that captivates us for years.

#### Origin of the day:

- The **day traces its origins to 1837** when the first-ever photographic process, the ‘**Daguerreotype**’ was developed by the Frenchmen **Louis Daguerre** and **Joseph Nicephore Niepce**.
- On **January 9, 1839**, the French Academy of Sciences announced this process, and later in the same year, the French government purchased the patent for the invention and gave it as a gift, **"free to the world."**

#### Akshay Urja Diwas 2021 – Observed on Aug 20

- **Akshay Urja Diwas** is celebrated every year on **August 20**.
- It is an **awareness campaign** aimed at enlightening the masses about the **benefits of renewable energy resources** in their lives as well as that of our blue planet.

#### Additional Info:

- The campaign was first organized in **Delhi** by former Prime Minister **Manmohan Singh** with the **Indian Ministry for New & Renewable Energy Sources (MNRE)** as the power station.
- The event saw **12000-odd school students** making a **human chain to promote efficient and green energy sources**.
- The **main motive of Akshya urja Diwas** is to make people aware that they have to think about the **renewable energy (Akshya Urja)** apart from tradition energy, The energy which we are getting naturally doesn't have any side effect on environment, and by using this energy we can use the traditional energy for more long time.

#### Sadbhavana Diwas – Observed on Aug 20

- **Sadbhavana Diwas (Harmony Day)** is celebrated in India on **20th August every year**.
- On this day, we celebrate the **birth anniversary of former PM Rajiv Gandhi of the country**.

#### Additional Info:

- This year marks his **77th birthday**.
- **Rajiv Gandhi** became **India's youngest PM at the age of 40** from 1984 to 1989.
- The message of this day celebrated in the memory of **Rajiv Gandhi** is that people of all religions and beliefs should live together in the country.
- The aim of the young PM's government was to motivate people to have a good spirit towards others, to instill brotherhood, community harmony, unity, and love, belonging among people of all religions.



**World Mosquito Day - observed on Aug 20**

- **World Mosquito Day** is observed every year on August 20.
- The **theme** of World Mosquito Day 2021: “Reaching the zero malaria targets”.

**Additional Info:**

- This day observed to commemorate Sir Ronald Ross's discovery in 1897 that Anopheles mosquitoes transmit the malaria parasite to humans.
- The **London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine** has been organizing the annual event since the 1930s to mark the British doctor's work.
- **World Mosquito Day** is observed every year to highlight the efforts of healthcare officials, NGOs, and others in fighting diseases caused by malaria.

**World Senior Citizen Day – Observed on Aug 21**

- Every year, **World Senior Citizens’ Day** is celebrated on August 21.
- This year's theme is, “**Pandemics: Do They Change How We Address Age and Ageing?**”

**Additional Info:**

- The **World Senior Citizens’ Day** is dedicated to **increasing awareness** about the issues that affect the elderly.
- A number of **schemes including** Integrated Programme for Older Persons, Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana, Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme, and Vayoshreshtha Samman are announced for senior citizens in India.
- These **schemes aim to improve the quality of life of senior citizens** by providing them with basic amenities and opportunities.
- The government has also announced that elders, who age above 60 and fall under the BPL category, should be provided with free assisted living aids and physical devices.

**Note:**

For the unknown, **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day** is observed on June 15.

**International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism – Observed on Aug 21**

- **To remember and pay tribute** to the victims who lose their life or suffer the trauma of terrorism, United Nations observes **August 21** as the **International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to victims of terrorism**.

**Additional Info:**

- **Terrorism is the biggest threat** to our civilization currently.
- Terrorism has spread its presence in almost every part of the world.
- While the impact may vary, there's no country that has not suffered the trauma.

- In a time like this, there's a need for the world to come together and end this problem right from the root.

### **India Celebrates Sanskrit Week 2021 – Observed from August 19 To 25**

- **Sanskrit Week** has been celebrated from **August 19 to August 25**.
- The Sanskrit Week is observed to **promote and popularise the ancient language**.

#### **Additional Info:**

- As part of the celebration of Sanskrit Week beginning, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has urged everyone to **learn and promote the ancient language**.
- While the Union Education Minister **Dharmendra Pradhan** has asked to take a pledge and generate a new enthusiasm towards Indian cultural traditions and languages and to make Sanskrit accessible to people easily.

### **World Sanskrit Day 2021 – Observed on Aug 22 (full moon day in the month of Shravana in the Hindu calendar)**

- **World Sanskrit Day or Sanskrit Diwas** is also known as **Viswa Samskrita Dinam**.
- It is celebrated on **Shraavana Purnima**, which is the Purnima day that is on full moon day in the month of Shravana in the Hindu calendar.

#### **Additional Info:**

- **World Sanskrit Day or Sanskrit Diwas** was first time celebrated in 1969.
- It is celebrated to spread awareness, promote and revive the ancient India Language.
- It attributes to the rich culture of India.
- Sanskrit Diwas comprises **several events** and **full-day seminars** that talked about the importance of the Sanskrit language, its impact, and promote this beautiful language of Sanskrit.
- As we know that in Hindu culture puja and mantras are recited in Sanskrit.
- The Sanskrit language is believed to be originated in India around 3500 years ago.

### **International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief – Observed on Aug 22**

- The **International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief**, observed on **August 22**, emphasises the significance of aiding victims of religious persecution as part of the UN's efforts to **promote Human Rights** related to religious or belief freedom.
- It was **first made official in 2019**.

#### **Additional Info:**

- The resolution was enacted immediately after **mosques in New Zealand** and **churches in Sri Lanka** were attacked.

- The resolution was **introduced** by Poland's Foreign Minister, Jacek Czaputowicz.
- It was approved by a small group of countries, including the United States, Iraq, Jordan, Canada, Brazil, and Pakistan.

### **International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition – Observed on Aug 23**

- **August 23** is marked as the **International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition**.
- During the **imperialist regimes** run by the colonial powers of Europe, slave trade was a cruel yet common practice.
- Through this practice, a section of the world and its peoples, mainly from Africa and Asia were reduced to mere slaves who were bought and sold and transported to colonial settlements in Haiti, Caribbean, and other parts of the world.

#### **Additional Info:**

- **Santo Domingo**, which is modern day Haiti and the Dominican Republic, was an erstwhile colonial settlement of France in the eighteenth century.
- The days of **August 22 and August 23, 1791** saw the start of the uprising that would play a vital role in the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade led by the European colonial powers.
- The uprising inspired the Haitian Revolution which was led by the **Black and the mixed race people against the colonial rulers**.

### **I&B Minister to launch Iconic Week as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav - from 23rd to 29th August**

- Union minister for information and broadcasting **Anurag Thakur** will kick off a series of activities to celebrate the '**Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav**' starting **August 23**.
- The series of events will go on till August 29.

#### **Additional Info:**

- The **activities organised by the ministry** will aim to '**showcase the convergence of the values and glories of the freedom struggle of the past with the aspirations and dreams of a young, new and iconic India**'.
- Thakur will kick off the '**Iconic Week**' which will attract participation from across the country under the overall spirit of '**Jan Bhagidari and Jan Andolan**'.

### **World Water Week 2021 – Observed on 23-27 August**

- **World Water Week 2021** will take place **23-27 August** under the **theme "Building Resilience Faster"**.
- It will be held **entirely online**, in a new, **digital format** designed to ensure that people across the world can collaborate to find solutions to the world's greatest water-related challenges.

**Additional Info:**

- **World Water Week 2021** will have a **new, digital format** to meet people where they are – both physically and mentally – and find better ways to bring about the transformation we all know is desperately needed.
- Given the ongoing global pandemic, this was a natural decision.
- No one knows what the world will look like in August 2021, but one thing you can count on – **World Water Week** is happening, no matter what.

**Women's Equality Day – Observed on Aug 26**

- **Women's Equality Day** is celebrated in the **United States on August 26**.
- This day is celebrated to commemorate the **1920 adoption of the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution**, which prohibits the states and the federal government from denying the right to vote to citizens of the United States on the basis of sex.

**Additional Info:**

- The **fight for equality** never really ends for women regardless of which milieu they may inhabit.
- On this Women's Equality Day, watch **rare films** that depict women as beings with agency, self-belief and yes, a hunger for equality.

**International Dog Day 2021 – Observed on Aug 27**

- **Every year on 26 August, International Dog Day** is celebrated across the world.
- It is a day to **encourage people to adopt dogs**, instead of buying them from pet stores or shops.
- The **day is also recognised to celebrate all dogs**, irrespective of their shape, size, breed among others.

**Additional Info:**

- The day is significant because there are hundreds of dogs around the world who need to be rescued by local authorities as people do not take proper care of them.
- As these dogs have no home, many of them are abused while some are even brutally killed or poisoned.
- Apart from encouraging people to adopt, the day **also raises awareness** about problems faced by canines.
- It also encourages people to take better care of these animals as they deserve a good life.

**About the day:**

- **In the year 2004**, the day was founded by animal welfare **advocate** and pet lifestyle expert, Collen Paige.
- He is also a **conservationist, dog trainer, and author**.

- The date 26 August was selected for **International Dog Day** because it was the **first time when Paige's family adopted Sheltie**; he was 10-years-old.

### **National Sports Day – Observed on Aug 29**

- National sports day is celebrated on **29th August every year** to commemorate the birth anniversary of legendary hockey player Major Dhyan Chand.
- **Major Dhyan Chand**, widely known as the “**Hockey Wizard**” and “**The Magician**”, was **born on August 29, 1905**.

#### **Additional Info:**

- This day marks the birthday of Major Dhyan Chand Singh, the hockey player who won **gold medals in Olympics for India in the years 1928, 1932 and 1936**.
- **First National Sports Day** was celebrated in India on **29 August 2012**.

### **International Day against Nuclear Tests – Observed on Aug 29**

- The **International Day against Nuclear Tests** is observed on **August 29**.
- It was established on December 2, 2009, at the 64th session of the **United Nations General Assembly** by the resolution 64/35, which was adopted unanimously.

#### **Additional Info:**

- **Palau** became the **first nuclear-free nation in 1980**.
- **New Zealand** was the **first Western-allied nation** to legislate towards a national nuclear free zone by effectively renouncing the nuclear deterrent.
- The **International Day against Nuclear Tests** aims to **raise people's awareness** on the need to prevent nuclear catastrophes to avert devastating effects on humankind, the environment and the planet.

### **National Small Industry Day – Observed on Aug 30**

- **National Small Industry Day 2021** is on **August 30**.
- The day is celebrated to make the small **scale business sector** stronger and promote their well being.

#### **Additional Info:**

- **Small scale industries** are those businesses that are set up on a small scale and are usually run with the aid of local artisans and workers.
- Small Scale Industries is an industrial project with decided assets in **investment plants and tools**.
- The **best quality gains** have been produced in the base and cottage manufacturers of India.
- Although this area like other Indian businesses experienced a huge drop in British rule, it has grown at a very fast step after independence.

### International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances – Observed on Aug 30

- The **International Day of the Disappeared**, on **August 30** of each year, is a day created to draw attention to the fate of individuals imprisoned at places and under poor conditions unknown to their relatives and/or legal representatives.
- International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances is marked every year on August 30 to honour and pay tribute to people who have faced enforced disappearances.

#### Additional Info:

- Global organisations UN and Amnesty International observe this day to raise awareness about how enforced disappearance is a crime and should not be used as a tool to deal with situations of conflict.
- **More than 6,000 people** were registered as **missing** in Kosovo since 1999.
- Hence, the resource centre for missing persons in Kosovo has also been **initiated by the UN**.

### International Day for People of African Descent – observed on Aug 31

- The **International Day for People of African Descent** will be celebrated for the first time on 31 August 2021.
- Through this Observance the United Nations **aims to promote the extraordinary contributions of the African diaspora** around the world and to eliminate all forms of discrimination against people of African descent.
- International days reflect the values that society shares.

#### Additional Info:

- **All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights** and have the potential to contribute constructively to the development and well-being of their societies.
- Any doctrine of **racial superiority** is scientifically false, morally condemnable, socially unjust, and dangerous and must be rejected, together with theories that attempt to determine the existence of separate human races.

### Manipur's Patriot's Day 2021 – August 13

- **Manipur** observed **Patriots' Day** on **13 August** each year in memory of state heroes who laid down their lives fighting the British during the **Anglo-Manipuri war of 1891**.
- On August 13, 1891, Manipur prince **Bir Tikendrajit** and **General Thangal** were hanged publicly at the park by the British for waging war against the empire.

#### Additional Info:

- On the same day **Niranjan Subedar**, **Kajao** and **Chirai Naga freedom fighters** who were hanged to death inside the Manipur jail



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- Manipur has been observing the day of the public hanging as Patriots' Day to commemorate the war heroes.

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