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IMPORTANT DAYS**World Coconut Day – Observed on Sep 02**

- Every year on September 2, the **World Coconut Day** is celebrated.
- The day is especially observed in Asian and Pacific nations, which are home to most of the **world's coconut producing areas** and production centers.
- World Coconut Day is observed by **increasing public awareness** about the health and commercial benefits of coconut.

Additional Info:

- Coconut is being planted in tropical places for millions of years and has benefited humanity in a variety of ways.
- The entire globe celebrates **one of nature's healthiest fruits** on this day.
- So, on this World Coconut Day, let's look at some of the health advantages of coconut.

National Wildlife Day – Observed on Sep 04

- **National Wildlife Day** is observed every year on **September 4th**.
- **World Wildlife Day** will be celebrated in **2021** under the theme "**Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet**", as a way to highlight the central role of forests, forest species and ecosystems services in sustaining the livelihoods of hundreds of millions of people globally, and particularly of Indigenous and local communities with historic ties to forested and forest-adjacent areas.

Additional Info:

- NWD encourages wildlife lovers to stand up and fight for animals that need a voice, to visit their local zoo and donate what they can to make a difference in the lives of our beloved animal friends.
- It's an opportunity for everyone to step back, take a deep breath and think about all that surrounds us.
- It inspiring to **consider preservation and conservation efforts** that work to improve the natural world.
- This aligns with **UN Sustainable Development Goals** 1, 12, 13 and 15, and their wide-ranging commitments on alleviating poverty, ensuring sustainable use of resources, and on conserving life land.

International Day of Charity – Observed on Sep 05

- The **International Day of Charity** is an international day observed annually on 5 September.
- It was declared by the **United Nations General Assembly** in 2012.

Additional Info:

- The **date of 5 September** was chosen in order to commemorate the anniversary of the passing away of **Mother Teresa of Calcutta**, who received the **Nobel Peace Prize in 1979** "for work undertaken in the struggle to overcome poverty and distress, which also constitute a threat to peace".
- To honour the important work that these many charities do, in **2012** the United Nations decided to nominate an annual International Day of Charity as an official day of recognition and celebration.

National Teachers' Day – Observed on Sep 05

- India celebrates **Teachers' Day** on **September 5 every year** to mark the birth anniversary of **Dr. Sarvopalli Radhakrishnan**, the first Vice-President and second President of independent India (from 1962-67).

Additional Info:

- **Dr. Radhakrishna** was a scholar, philosopher, and teacher.
- The **Bharat Ratna award recipient** was born on September 5, 1888, in Andhra Pradesh.
- The tradition of celebrating his birthday as the Indian Teachers' Day started when one day in 1962, some of his students went to **Dr. Radhakrishna** wanting to celebrate his birthday.
- He asked them to observe this day (September 5) as a mark to pay homage to all the great teachers of India and Bangladesh and remember their contribution.

Food Processing Week - observed from September 06 to 12

- The **Ministry of Food Processing Industries** is observing '**Food Processing Week**' from **6th to 12th September 2021**, under which, the Ministry is organizing various programs.
- The Ministry launched the '**Food Processing Week**', 6th September, 2021, through an official video on social media platforms.

Additional Info:

- The success story of the beneficiary of the PMFME scheme, Smt. Radhika Kamat was also published on the Ministry's website in the '**Atmanirbhar Enterprises**' series.
- A webinar on Tomato Processing and Value Addition under '**One District, One Product**' was also organized by the Indian Institute of Food Processing Technology at Damoh, Madhya Pradesh.
- An amount of Rs.3.16 crore Seed Capital amount has been transferred to **Gram Panchayat Level Federations** for 811 SHG Members.

International Day of Clean Air for blue skies - Observed on Sep 07

- **Clean air, free from dust and smoke**, is an essential requirement for human beings and **all life on Earth**.
- "**Healthy Air, Healthy Planet**" is the **theme for this year**
- Unfortunately, industrialization, which began around the **mid-19th century**, polluted our air and water sources heavily, leading to severe disorders of the lungs and heart and causes millions of premature deaths annually.

Additional Info:

- Air pollution also **negatively impacts Earth's delicate ecosystems, biodiversity and climate**.
- **September 7** is celebrated annually as the **International Day of Clean Air for blue skies** to address this very issue.

International Literacy Day – Observed on Sep 08

- **International Literacy Day** is observed and celebrated widely **every year** on **September 8**.
- 2021 the **theme** of International Literacy Day: '**Literacy for a human-centred recovery: Narrowing the digital divide**'.

Additional Info:

- The **first International Literacy Day** was observed in the year 1967.
- It is usually observed to remind the **international community** about the importance of literacy for individuals, communities and societies.
- September 8 was declared as International Literacy Day by the **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)** in the year 1966.

International Day to Protect Education from Attack – Observed on Sep 09

- The **International Day to Protect Education** from Attack is an international observance established by a unanimous decision of the **United Nations General Assembly** in 2020.
- It is observed on September 9 of each year.

Additional Info:

- In 2015, the governments of **Norway and Argentina** led a process among UN member states to develop the Safe Schools Declaration, a **voluntary international agreement** dedicated to the protection of education in armed conflict.
- The **Declaration sets out a number of key commitments** states can make to protect education, including bringing the Guidelines for Protecting Schools and Universities from Military Use during Armed Conflict into domestic policy.

World Suicide Prevention Day: 10 September

- **World Suicide Prevention Day** is an **awareness day** observed on **10 September every year**, in order to provide worldwide commitment and action to prevent suicides, with various activities around the world since 2003.
- The **2021 theme** of World Suicide Prevention Day is "**Creating Hope Through Action**", which promises a collective initiative towards suicide prevention.

Additional Info:

- **World Suicide Prevention Day** was **first celebrated** in 2003.
- The pandemic has increased anxiety and depression among a lot of people all over the world, young and old.
- On the occasion of World Suicide Prevention Day, here are seven ways to reduce stress and depression amid the pandemic without taking any medication.

Himalayan Day 2021 – Observed on Sep 09

- **Environmental** **Anil Joshi** announced that **Himalaya Diwas** will be observed on **September 9** in Uttarakhand.
- National Mission For Clean Ganga & Naula Foundation Celebrate Himalayan Day 2021 With The **Theme 'Contribution Of Himalayas And Our Responsibilities'**.

Additional Info:

- Joshi, founder of Doon-based '**Himalayan Environmental Studies and Conservation Organisation**', stated that other Himalayan states are also being urged to celebrate the unique biodiversity of the Himalayas on the date.
- Additionally, **Delhi University** will also observe the day.
- The environmental organisations that have been working for a long time towards the conservation of the flora of Uttarakhand will participate in the September 9 event.

World EV Day – Observed on Sep 09

- **World EV Day** is observed on **September 9** every year.
- The day marks the celebration of e-mobility.
- Special awareness campaigns are organised globally to educate people about the benefits of electric vehicles. World EV Day was an **initiative** created by sustainability media company Green.TV.

Additional Info:

- The **first World EV day** was observed in 2020.
- It was largely a social media campaign that encourages drivers to recognise the benefits of electric vehicles and make a commitment that the **next car they drive will be electric and not run on conventional fuels**.
- World EV Day works **alongside Green.TV's EV Summit**.
- It brings the world's e-mobility leaders together to brainstorm on how to take electrification and sustainable transport forwards.

World First Aid Day 2021 – Observed on second Saturday of September

- **World First Aid Day** is an **annual campaign** to 'promote the importance of first aid training in preventing injuries and saving lives'.
- Every year, the **second Saturday of September** is observed as World First Aid Day, **this year the day falls on September 11**.
- Theme **this year**: The **theme** for World First Aid Day 2021 is '**First aid and road safety**,' according to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).

Additional Info:

- The day was **first observed in 2000** by International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

(IFRC) according to whom first aid is a 'humanitarian act' and should be accessible to everyone.

- The IFRC also urges people to learn basic first aid skills as volunteers and communities for first aid help save lives 'without discrimination'

United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation – Observed on Sep 12

- **South-South cooperation is a manifestation of solidarity among peoples and countries** of the South that contributes to their national well-being, their national and collective self-reliance and the attainment of **internationally agreed development goals**, including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- Taking into account the current pandemic, these types of collaborations are now more important than ever.

Additional Info:

- **Several countries of the global South have already demonstrated effective** responses to contain the outbreak and mitigate its impact.
- The United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation **aims to raise people's awareness** of the UN's efforts to work on technical cooperation among developing countries.
- It also **celebrates** the economic, social and political developments made in recent years by regions and countries in the south.

National Hindi Day – Observed on Sep 14

- **National Hindi Day 2021**. Observed on Sep 14.
- Hindi is not only among the **most spoken languages in the world**, it is also the official language of India, alongside English, featuring in government documents of the Union.

Additional Info:

- Hindi is also the **official language** of Bihar, Delhi, Haryana, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh.
- Hindi was the language that was adopted by **Indian leaders as a symbol of national identity** during the struggle for freedom. Of Persian origin, the word Hindi is comprised of Hind, meaning 'India', and ī, meaning 'of'.
- Hence Hindi translates as 'Indian'.
- Hindi has been used as a **literary language since the 12th century**.

World Lymphoma Awareness Day – Observed on Sep 15

- **World Lymphoma Awareness Day** is held on **September 15 every year** and is a day dedicated to raising awareness of lymphoma, an increasingly common form of cancer.

Additional Info:

- It is a **global initiative** hosted by the Lymphoma Coalition, a non-profit network organisation of 83

lymphoma patient groups from 52 countries around the world.

- Around the world, **more than 735,000 people** are diagnosed with lymphoma, including CLL, every year.
- With this **lesser known type of cancer**, patients face a variety of unique challenges and rely on the support of a team of professionals and personal connections throughout their cancer experience.

International Day of Democracy – Observed on Sep 15

- September 15 is celebrated as International Day of Democracy after being **established in 2007** through a resolution passed by the **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)**.
- It is a day which highlights the importance of participation of all members for **proper functioning of a democracy**.

Additional Info:

- According to the **United Nations (UN)**, the International Day of Democracy provides an opportunity to review the state of democracy in the world.
- In the words of the United Nations, International Day of Democracy provides an opportunity to review the state of democracy in the world.
- **Democracy** is as much a process as a goal, and only with the full participation of the international community, can the ideal of democracy be made into a reality.

National Engineer's Day – Observed on Sep 15

- **India** celebrates **Engineer's Day** to commemorate the **birth anniversary of the greatest Indian Engineer, Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya**, on September 15 every year.
- Engineer's Day is celebrated to pay rich tributes to **Bharat Ratna Visvesvaraya** who was regarded as the '**Father of Modern Mysore**'.

Additional Info:

- A prolific civic engineer, educationist, economist, scholar of the 20th century, Visvesvaraya made significant contributions in the field of engineering.
- However, **UNESCO** celebrates **World Engineer's Day on March 4 annually**.
- Engineer's Day is observed to acknowledge the efforts of various engineers who have made contributions in this field to make our present lives comfortable.

International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer - Observed as Sep 16

- **September 16** was designated by the **United Nations General Assembly** as the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer.

Additional Info:

- This year's **theme: 'Montreal Protocol – Keeping us, our food, and vaccines cool.'**
- This designation had been made on December 19, 2000, in commemoration of the date, in 1987, on

which nations signed the **Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer**.

Malaysia Day - Observed as Sep 16

- **Malaysia Day** is a public holiday held on **16 September every year** to commemorate the establishment of the Malaysian federation on that date in 1963.
- Malaysia Day marks the joined day of **Malaya, North Borneo, Sarawak and Singapore** to form Malaysia.

Additional Info:

- It may seem strange that Malaysia has two different national days, however, both of them are embedded with **tales of sacrifices and freedom**.
- So both days are **recognized as honorable days by Malaysia**.
- Malaysia Day is also known as '**Hari Malaysia**'.
- The celebrations of Malaysia Day primarily include national ceremonies that celebrate the strength of Malaysians.

About Malaysia:

- **Capital:** Kuala Lumpur
- **Currency:** Malaysian ringgit
- **Prime minister:** Ismail Sabri Yaakob

World Patient Safety Day – Observed on Sep 17

- **World Patient Safety Day**, observed annually on 17 September, aims to raise global awareness about patient safety and call for solidarity and united action by all countries and international partners to reduce patient harm.
- the theme "**Safe maternal and newborn care**".

Additional Info:

- The focus of quality-oriented health care is patient safety.
- Adverse events that are the unwanted result of **treatment endanger patient safety**.
- That is why the APS advocates strategies to avoid adverse events.
- Many undesirable events can be traced back to errors that arise as a result of complex processes involving the division of labor.
- The most important tool for **improving patient safety** is therefore learning from mistakes together.

World Bamboo Day – Observed on Sep 18

- **World Bamboo Day** is celebrated every year on **18th September**.
- The theme for 12th edition of WBD 2021 is '**#PlantBamboo: It Is Time To Plant Bamboo**'.

Additional Info:

- **World Bamboo Day** is a day of celebration to increase the awareness of bamboo globally.

- It was officially **established** by the **World Bamboo organization** at the 8th World Bamboo Congress held in Bangkok in 2009.
- The World Bamboo Organization **aims to bring the potential of bamboo to a more elevated exposure** – to protect natural resources and the environment, to ensure sustainable utilization, to promote new cultivation of bamboo for new industries in regions around the world, **as well as promote traditional uses** locally for community economic development.

International Equal Pay Day – Observed on Sep 18

- “To build momentum around the urgent need to address the gender pay gap,” the United Nations observes the **International Equal Pay Day** on **September 18** each year.
- The **first** International Equal Pay Day was **observed** in **2020** and this year marks the second edition of this international reminder.

Additional Info:

- **257 years** — that is how long it will take to close the **pay gap between the salaries of men and women**, as per the World Economic Forum.
- This quantification signifies that **human society has left women behind in economic terms** by more than two-and-a-half centuries, even if we set aside the oppression and other inequalities existing for centuries.
- Guterres emphasises that this inequality is even bigger for women with children, women of colour, women migrants and refugees, and women with disabilities.

World Water Monitoring Day – Observed on Sep 18

- **World Water Monitoring Day** was originally celebrated **annually on September 18**.
- The **theme** of World Water Day 2021 is **valuing water**.

Additional Info:

- **World Water Monitoring Day** was established in **2003** by America's Clean Water Foundation (ACWF) as a global educational outreach program.
- The program, subsequently named the "World Water Monitoring Challenge" and "EarthEcho Water Challenge," aims to build public awareness and involvement in protecting water resources around the world by empowering citizens to carry out basic monitoring of their local water bodies.
- This date was initially chosen to be a month later (October 18) to recognize the anniversary of the US Clean Water Act, which was enacted by Congress in 1972 to restore and protect the country's water resources.
- In 2007, the date was changed to facilitate participation in parts of the world where temperatures reach freezing conditions at that time.

International Coastal Clean-Up Day 2021 – Observed on Third Saturday in September

- The International Coastal Cleanup Day is traditionally held on the **third Saturday in September**.
- **Theme 2021: “Keep trash in the bin and not in the ocean”.**

Additional Info:

- **More than 8 million tons of plastic end up in the oceans every year**, polluting the water, endangering marine life, and littering our beaches.
- But volunteers around the world are rallying together to clean up our coasts and waterways.
- For more than 35 years, **Ocean Conservancy** has brought together millions of volunteers from all over the world to participate in the annual **International Coastal Cleanup (ICC)**.

International Day of Peace – Observed on Sep 21

- The **International Day of Peace**, sometimes officially known as **World Peace Day**, is a United Nations-sanctioned holiday observed **annually on 21 September**.
- This year, the **theme** for the day is '**Recovering better for an equitable and sustainable world**' September 21 is commemorated as the International Day of Peace world over.

Additional Info:

- The International Day of Peace was established in 1981 by the United Nations General Assembly.
- The **United Nations** invites all nations and people to honour a cessation of hostilities during the Day, and to otherwise **commemorate** the Day through education and public awareness on issues related to peace.
- Also known as Peace Day, the observance is designed to bring the world together.
- It is no secret that we are living in turbulent times.

International Week of Deaf People 2021 – Observed on Sep 20 to 26

- The **International Week of Deaf People** has been celebrated during the **last full week of September**.
- This week, we come together to **recognise** that deaf people have our own communities, our own cultures, our own languages, sign languages, which unite us all.
- This year’s **theme** for the International Week of Deaf People is **“Celebrating Thriving Deaf Communities”**.

Additional Info:

- Deaf communities have been expanding and thriving throughout the years and giving us all strength, now is the time to celebrate their incredible endurance at the local, national and international level.
- This is an important week for the recognition of deaf people, it is vital for deaf communities and deaf organisations.
- This falls under the key principle, **“Nothing about us, without us!”**.

World Alzheimer’s Day – Observed on Sep 21

- On September 21, the world acknowledges **World Alzheimer’s Day** with the goal of **raising awareness** of the disease, common symptoms, and risk factors.

- The **theme** for World Alzheimer's day in 2021 is '**Know dementia, know Alzheimer's**'.
- **This day raises awareness** of the cause and severity of Alzheimer's disease, and it is observed throughout the month in certain countries.

Additional Info:

- Alzheimer's disease is a degenerative brain condition that **gradually deteriorates memory** and cognitive abilities, among other things.
- It is the most frequent cause of dementia in older individuals.
- It is also a progressive illness that causes brain cells to deteriorate and die.
- Memory loss is a significant **symptom** of Alzheimer's disease.

World Rhino Day observed on Sep 22

- **World Rhino Day** is observed on **September 22** every year.
- The **theme** of World Rhino Day 2021 is '**Keep the Five Alive**'.
- The day aims to raise awareness about the African and Asian species of rhinos.

Additional Info:

- World Rhino Day was announced by World Wildlife Fund -South Africa in 2010.
- World Rhino Day is observed on September 22 every year to celebrate **all the five species of rhinoceroses** - black and white (in Africa), and greater one-horned, Sumatran and Javan (in Asia).
- The day aims to raise awareness about the African and Asian species of rhinos and encourage people to take steps for their conservation.

International Day of Sign Languages Observed On September 23

- The **International Day of Sign Languages** is observed on **September 23** every year.
- **Theme** of 2021 is "**We Sign For Human Rights**".

Additional Info:

- The day is given by the United Nations in order to raise awareness of sign language to address the issues of deaf people in their everyday lives.
- The date 23 September was chosen because it marks the establishment of WFD in **1951**.
- The first International Day of Sign Languages was observed in 2018 as a part of International Week of the Deaf.
- The International Week of the Deaf was first celebrated in September 1958.

About World Federation of the Deaf :

- **Founded:** 23 September 1951, Rome, Italy
- **Headquarters:** Helsinki, Finland
- **President:** Joseph Murray

Vanijya Saptah being Observed from 20-26 September

- To **celebrate and commemorate 75 years** of progressive India and its glorious history, the Ministry of Commerce & Industry is organizing special events and programmes throughout the week as part of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebrations.
- The Department of Commerce is observing the '**Vanijya Saptah**' (Trade & Commerce Week) during the period 20-26 September, 2021.

Additional Info:

- A slew of programmes and events are organized across the country highlighting Aatmanirbhar Bharat, Showcasing India as a Rising Economic Force and Green & Swachh SEZs besides handholding sessions focusing on '**From Farm to Foreign Lands**' and exporter conclaves, '**Vanijya Utsav**', covering all 739 districts of the country.
- In West Bengal, state government and Export And Market Development Assistance (E&MDA) helped the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) to **organized 2 days 'Vanijya Utsav'** (Trade & Commerce Festival) at Viswa Bangla Convention Centre , Newtown, Kolkata.

Nation observes Antyodaya Diwas on 25 September

- **Union Urban Development Minister M. Venkaiah Naidu** announced that the government has decided to observe September 25 as '**Antyodaya Diwas**' every year to mark the birth anniversary of erstwhile **Bharatiya Jana Sangh** and BJP icon **Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya**.

Additional Info:

- The **birthday of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya**, one of the great thinker and philosopher of the nationalist movement of the country.
- Every year here afterwards, it will be observed as Antyodaya Diwas.

World Pharmacist Day: 25 September

- **World Pharmacists Day** is observed on **September 25 each year** to pay tributes to pharmacists for the role they play in improving global health.
- This year's **theme**, developed by the **International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP)**, is "**Pharmacy: Always trusted for your health**".

Additional Info:

- The theme was chosen to **highlight** the importance of trust in healthcare and the practice of pharmacy across diverse clinical settings.
- The **purpose** of the annual Pharmacists Day is to encourage activities that promote and advocate for the role of the pharmacist in improving health in every corner of the world.

International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons - Observed on Sep 26

- In 2013, **The United Nations (UN)** passed resolution 68/32 which established the **International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons** to take place annually, every September 26th.
- The resolution calls for the **critical negotiation** on nuclear weapons to prohibit their development, manufacturing, possession, testing, transfer, storing, and use or threat of use.

Additional Info:

- The **goal for the day** is to provide an opportunity for the **global community** to reaffirm its dedication to the urgency for global nuclear disarmament and to mobilize new-found international efforts towards achieving a nuclear free world. You can participate in this **International Day**.

World Environmental Health Day – Observed on Sep 26

- **World Environmental Health Day 2021** is observed annually on **September 26** to spread awareness globally regarding the health of the environment.
- The **theme** for this year is '**Prioritising Environmental Health for healthier communities in the global recovery.**'

Additional Info:

- The central idea behind celebrating this day is that the health of the human race is irrevocably intertwined with the health of the environment.
- Therefore, in order to **protect** and advance human health, preserving and enhancing the planet's health is not a matter of choice instead a matter of concern.

World Rivers Day 2021 – Observed on Fourth Sunday of September

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** dedicated a significant portion of the latest episode of his Mann Ki Baat radio address to **World Rivers Day**, which is being observed on Sunday.
- The **theme** for this year is '**Prioritising Environmental Health for healthier communities in the global recovery.**'

Additional Info:

- PM Modi, in fact, began his speech by acknowledging the occasion, and used early parts of his address to **highlight** the significance of rivers and the need to ensure their cleanliness.

World Tourism Day – Observed on Sep 27

- Since 1980, the **United Nations World Tourism Organization** has celebrated World Tourism Day as international observances on September 27.
- This year World Tourism Day holds more significance as the **theme** is '**Tourism for Inclusive Growth**'.

Additional Info:

- This date was chosen as on that day in 1970, the Statutes of the UNWTO were adopted.
- The adoption of these Statutes is considered a milestone in global tourism.

- World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) has therefore designated World Tourism Day 2021 as a day to focus on “Tourism for Inclusive Growth.”

International Day for Universal Access to Information - Observed on Sep 28

- The **International Day for Universal Access to Information** was proclaimed on 15 October 2019 at the 74th **UN General Assembly** to be held on **28 September**.
- The **theme** chosen for the **2021** International Day for Universal Access to Information (IDUAI) celebrated yearly on 28 September is “**The Right to Know – Building Back Better with Access to Information.**”

Additional Info:

- Initially the day was designated by the **UNESCO General Conference**.
- It was inaugurated in November 2015 and was first held on 28 September 2016.
- The **main objective** of the Day is to accelerate sustainable solutions aimed at reaching the **Sustainable Development Goals** by mobilizing governments, civil society and people to take ownership and contribute to SDG 16 (Just, Peaceful and Inclusive Societies), as measured by public access to information, particularly in regards to building effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

World Rabies Day – Observed on Sep 28

- **World Rabies Day** is an **international awareness campaign** coordinated by the Global Alliance for Rabies Control, a non-profit organization with headquarters in the United States.
- This year, the **theme** for World Rabies day is '**Rabies: Facts, not Fear**', based on ending the fear from the people and empowering them with the facts.

Additional Info:

- The theme is **aimed** at sharing facts about rabies and not spreading fear about the disease by relying on misinformation and myths.
- It is celebrated annually to **raise awareness** about rabies prevention and to highlight progress in defeating this horrifying disease.
- **28 September** also marks the anniversary of **Louis Pasteur's death**, the French chemist and **microbiologist**, who developed the first rabies vaccine.

World Heart Day - Observed on Sep 29

- As per the World Heart Federation, **World Heart Day** is important as **cardiovascular disease** (CVD) remains the world's number one killer, resulting in 18.6 million deaths a year.
- This year, the theme of World Heart Day is “**Use Heart to Connect**”.

Additional Info:

- The international holiday was established by the World Heart Federation in collaboration with the World Health Organization.

- The president of the World Heart Federation from 1997 to 1999, Antoni Bayés de Luna, had conceived this idea.
- The first celebration of the annual event took place on September 24, 2000, and, until 2011, World Heart Day was observed on the last Sunday in September.

International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste - Observed on Sep 29

- The **International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste** is observed to draw human interest in agri-food-nature dependence.

Additional Info:

- According to the **UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)**, reducing food loss is of significant importance as it contributes to the realisation of broader improvements towards achieving food security, safety, and quality to deliver nutritional outcomes.
- **September 29 was designated as the International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste** by the United Nations in order to promote global efforts and collective action against responsible consumption and production of food.

World Maritime Day 2021 – Observed on Sep 30

- **World Maritime Day 2021** is being **observed** across the globe on **September 30** in a tribute to the professionalism and sacrifice of the two million seafarers who served the world's merchant navy fleet even amid the corona virus disease (Covid-19) pandemic situation.
- The 2021 **theme** for the '**World Maritime Day**' respects the sacrifice made by the navy men: '**Seafarers at the core of shipping's future.**'

Additional Info:

- **During these dire times** – shipping played a major role in transporting vital medical supplies, food, and other basic goods that are significant for Covid-19 response and recovery.
- However, according to the United Nations, the seafarers themselves sacrificed aplenty – being stranded at sea for days as their contracts kept on being extended by many months.

International Translation Day – Observed on Sep 30

- **International Translation Day** is an international day recognising translation professionals.
- It is on **30 September**, which is the day of the feast of **St. Jerome, the Bible translator who is considered the patron saint of translators.**
- The **theme** of International Translation Day 2021 is "**United in translation.**"

Additional Info:

- United Nations describes International Translation Day as an “opportunity to pay tribute to the work of language professionals,” which, according to the world body, plays an important role in “bringing

nations together, facilitating dialogue, understanding and cooperation, contributing to development and strengthening world peace and security.”

- Every year, **since 2005**, it invites all its employees, accredited permanent missions staff and students from partner universities **to participate in the UN St. Jerome Translation contest.**

National Nutrition Week 2021 – 1st to 7th September

- The purpose behind celebrating is to spread awareness about good nutrition, and health. Initiatives have been taken up by the government focussing on nutrition, good food, healthy body, mind, and lifestyle.
- Nutrition is the science or practice of consuming and utilizing foods. A balanced diet is important for good health and well-being.

Additional Informtaion:

- People should include a healthy diet in their daily routine like whole grains, fruits, vegetables, fat-free milk, etc. full of nutrition which not only helps in growth but also makes the immune system strong.
- The theme for National Nutrition Week 2021 is "Feeding smart right from start".
- The theme for National Nutrition Week 2020 was 'Eat Right, Bite by Bite'.
- The theme for National Nutrition Week 2018 was 'Go Further with Food' and in 2017 was 'Optimal Infant & Young Child Feeding Practices: Better Child Health'.

National Forest Martyrs Day 2021 – September 11

- Every year on 11 September, National Forest Martyrs Day is marked and observed in the country.
- It is a day to pay tribute to those who sacrificed their lives to protect the wildlife, forests, and jungles in India.
- The day was officially declared by the Ministry of Environment and Forest in 2013.
- The main objective of commemorating the day is to pay tribute to those who sacrificed their lives to protect the wildlife, forests, and jungles in India.

Additional Info:

- The date 11 September has been chosen by the ministry as it was on this day in 1730, the Khejarli massacre took place in the country.

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- To commemorate the death anniversary of freedom fighter Subramania Bharati, Tamil Nadu government has declared September 11 as 'Mahakavi' Day.

About Subramania Bharati

- Son of Chinnasamylyer and Lakshmi Ammal, Subramania Bharati was born on December 11, 1882, in Ettayapuram, South India.

- Bharati found his mentor and inspiration in Bal Gangadhar. He exhibited a skill for writing poetry at a very young age. He started composing poems at the age of 8.
- He has left his legacy in Tamil Literature.
- He was not only a poet but a patriot, journalist, philosopher, reformer, and freedom fighter during the pre-independence era.
- Also referred to by the name of MahakaviBharathiyar, meaning Great Poet of Tamil, Bharati's name is counted amongst the most celebrated poets of the country.
- He was an expert at both prose and poetry writing.
- He was also the first Asian poet to sing the glory of the Bolshevik revolution.
- Literary works: "KannanPattu" "NilavumVanminumKatrum" "PanchaliSabatam" "KuyilPattu".

Additional Info:

- The Government of India in 1987 instituted the highest National Subramania Bharati Award conferred along with the Ministry of Human Resource Development (now Education), annually conferred on writers of outstanding works in Hindi literature.
- Bharathiar University, a state university has been named after the poet in Coimbatore.
- Subramania Bharati's commemorative stamp was also issued by the Indian Post in his respect.



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