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- ▶ Aug 15, 2021 - **75th Independence Day** of India, observed under campaign titled *Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav*.
 - ✎ On this occasion, PM Narendra Modi addressed the nation from Red fort in Delhi -
 - ✎ Announced Rs 100 lakh crores *Pradhan Mantri Gati Shakti National Master Plan*, for developing *holistic infrastructure*.
 - ✎ Announced To open entry for girls into Sainik schools across country.
 - ✎ Announced a National Hydrogen Mission in view of climate change, aiming to make India a hub for production and export of green hydrogen.
 - ✎ Announced India's Target of becoming an 'energy independent country by 2047, the year when India will celebrate the 100th year of Independence.
 - ✎ Announced 'Mission Circular Economy' that will replace petroleum with other forms of energy to make India achieve self-reliance in energy production by 2047. It would include a mix of electric mobility, gas-based economy, doping ethanol in petrol and making the country a hub for hydrogen production.

- ✍️ Announced rice distributed under several government schemes to be fortified by 2024 (including Public Distribution System and mid-day meals in schools), to tackle malnutrition. Fortified rice is a cost-effective strategy to increase mineral and vitamin content in diets.
- ✍️ Announced that 75 'Vande Bharat' trains will connect different parts of the country in 75 weeks to mark the ongoing 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'.
- ✍️ Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) successfully carried out Ground Run and Low Speed Taxi Trials (LSTT) of the Hindustan-228 (VT-KNR) aircraft, as a milestone for first fixed-wing Made-in-India civil aircraft in India.
- ✍️ An All Women Tri-Services Mountaineering Team scaled Mt Manirang (21,625 ft) in Himachal Pradesh.
- ✍️ Gallantry Awards 2021 Announced -
 - ✍️ President Ram Nath Kovind approved 144 Gallantry awards to Armed Forces, police and paramilitary personnel on eve of Independence Day.
 - ✍️ These include one Ashok Chakra, one Kirti Chakra, 15 Shaurya Chakras, four Bar to Sena Medals (Gallantry), 116 Sena Medals (Gallantry), five Nao Sena Medals (Gallantry) and two Vayu Sena Medals (Gallantry).
 - ✍️ Ashok Chakra - Babu Ram (ASI in Jammu and Kashmir Police).
 - ✍️ Kirti Chakra - Altaf Hussain Bhat (Constable in Jammu and Kashmir police) (posthumous).
 - ✍️ Shaurya Chakra -
 - ✍️ Arun Kumar Pandey (Army)
 - ✍️ Ravi Kumar Chaudhary (Army)
 - ✍️ Ashutosh Kumar (Army)
 - ✍️ Vikas Khatri (Army)
 - ✍️ Li. Kumar (Army)
 - ✍️ Neeraj Ahlawat (Army)
 - ✍️ Sachin Reuben Sequeira (Navy)
 - ✍️ Perminder Antil (Air Force)
 - ✍️ Varun Singh (Air Force)
 - ✍️ Chitesh Kumar (CRPF)
 - ✍️ Manjinder Singh (CRPF)
 - ✍️ Sunil Choudhary (CRPF)
 - ✍️ Debasis Sethy (Odisha Police)

- ✍ Sudhir Kumar Tudu (Odisha Police)
- ✍ Shahbaz Ahmad (J&k Police)
- ✍ Nao Sena Medal -
 - ✍ Prashant Handu
 - ✍ Sunil S Korti
 - ✍ Bipin Panikar
 - ✍ Raj Krishna Manu
 - ✍ Prahlad, MCA
- ✍ Vayu Sena Medal - Uttar Kumar, Deepak Mohanan
- ✍ Additionally, 1380 Police personnel been awarded Medals on Independence Day 2021.
- ✍ Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports organized Fit India Freedom Run 2.0 throughout country. Under it, Each week programmes will be held in 75 districts and at 75 villages in each district till 2nd October 2021.
- ✍ Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Virendra Kumar unfurled national flag at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre New Delhi and also flagged off a pioneering expedition 'Operation Blue Freedom'.
 - ✍ Under it, A team of people with disabilities from across country undertook an expedition till Siachen Glacier to create a new World Record for largest team of people with disabilities to reach the world's highest battlefield.
- ✍ Ministry of Science and Technology's Institute of Bioresources and Sustainable Development (IBSD) established *Science Museum* in Chandel, an Aspirational District of Manipur. It has been established at Maha Union Govt. Hr. Sec. School, Japhou, Chandel.
- ✍ Govt also announced Prime Minister's Shram Awards (PMSA) for 2018, awarded to 69 workers in 3 categories - Shram Bhushan Awards (1 Lakh), Shram Vir/Shram Veerangana Awards (60000) and Shram Shree/Shram Devi Awards (40000).
- ✍ Sports minister Anurag Thakur launched nationwide Fit India Freedom Run 2.0 programme, as part of Independence Day celebrations - Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. The series of events will conclude on October 2, 2021.
- ✍ Defence Secretary Ajay Kumar unveiled a website to mark 75th Independence Day celebrations across country, at URL indianidc2021.mod.gov.in. It is installed with a Virtual Reality (VR) feature for first time, to showcase real-time celebrations from Red Fort in New Delhi in a 360-degrees format.
- ✍ Indian Army installed a 100-ft tall Indian National Flag in Gulmarg, Jammu & Kashmir.
- ✍ Indian Diaspora in US hoisted biggest Indian Flag at Times Square in New York (25 feet tall).
- ✍ Other Nations that Observe their Independence Day on Aug 15 - Republic of the Congo, Liechtenstein, North Korea & South Korea, Bahrain.

2. ▶ Jul 11 - **World Population Day**. It was established by Governing Council of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in 1989. It was inspired by public interest in Five Billion Day on 11 July 1987, approximate date on which world's population reached 5 billion
 - ✎ On this occasion, Uttar Pradesh Cabinet approved Draft **Population (Control, Stabilization, and Welfare) Bill 2021**, Prepared by Uttar Pradesh Law Commission (UPLC). It aims at curbing over-population issue. It proposes to incentivise couples who do not have more than two babies.
3. ▶ July 14 is observed as National Day of France, also known as Bastille Day. It is commemorated the anniversary of Storming of the Bastille during French Revolution on 14 July 1789. July 14 is also observed as Shark Awareness Day Globally.
4. ▶ 8th July is Observed as Rythu Dinotsavam meaning Farmer's Day in Andhra Pradesh. It marks birth anniversary of 14th CM of Andhra Pradesh, Y.S Rajasekhara Reddy, being celebrated since 2019.
5. ▶ **Aug 20** is observed as **Sadbhavana Diwas**, commemorating birth anniversary of former PM Rajiv Gandhi.
 - ✎ Indian National Congress instituted Rajiv Gandhi Sadbhavana Award in 1992, an year after his death. It was last conferred upon Gopalkrishna Gandhi, in 2018 (24th edition of this award).
 - ✎ Aug 20 is also observed as **Akshay Urja diwas** in India, observed since 2004, to raise awareness about the developments and adoption of renewable energy in India.
6. ▶ Aug 01 is observed as **Muslim Women's Rights Day**, to mark enacting of law that made Triple Talaq a criminal offence. Triple Talaq Bill was passed by Both houses in July 2019. The day is observed since 2020.
7. ▶ Aug 10 is observed as **World Biofuel Day**, to create awareness about importance of non-fossil fuels as an alternative to conventional fossil fuels. Theme set by India's Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas for WBD 2021 is *Biofuels for Sustainability and Rural Income*.
 - ✎ On this occasion -
 - ✎ PM Narendra Modi launched Ujjwala 2.0 at Mahoba (Uttar Pradesh), aiming to issue deposit-free LPG connections to one crore additional families who could not be covered under earlier phase of PMUY.
 - ✎ Also, India's national Policy on Biofuels 2018 aims 5% blending of Biodiesel in HSD by 2030.
 - ✎ Aug 10 is also birth anniversary of V V Giri, 4th president of India Between 1969 - 1974.
 - ✎ Aug 10 is also observed as World Lion Day.
8. ▶ Aug 12 - **International Youth Day**, proclaimed by UN General Assembly (UNGA) in December 1999. 2021 Theme is *Transforming Food Systems: Youth Innovation for Human and Planetary Health*.
 - ✎ On This occasion, Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur conferred National Youth Awards 2017-18 and 2018-19 to 22 awardees. He also felicitated 10 young winning entrepreneur teams of agri-enterprise challenge S.O.L.V.E.D 2021 (Social Objectives-Led Volunteer Enterprise Development).

9. ▶ Aug 12 is Observed as World **Elephant Day**, being observed since 2012.

✍ On this occasion, Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav released population estimation protocol to be adopted for All India elephant and tiger population estimation in 2022, which are to be converged for the First time.

✍ Aug 12 is also Birth anniversary of ISRO Founder Dr. Vikram Sarabhai, known as father of India's Space Programme. It is observed as National Remote Sensing Day.

10. ▶ Aug 13 - World organ donation day.

✍ Aug 13 is also observed as International Left-Handers Day.

✍ 13 August is also commemorated as "Patriots Day" in Manipur, to honour Kangleipak soldiers that lost their lives during Anglo-Manipur War.

11. ▶ Aug 19 - UN **World Humanitarian Day**, Being observed since 2009. It is dedicated to recognize humanitarian personnel and those who have lost their lives working for humanitarian causes. 2021 theme is *The Human Race*.

✍ Aug 19 is also observed as World Photography Day.

✍ Aug 19 is also birth anniversary of 9th president of India - Shanker Dayal Sharma.

12. ▶ Aug 20 is observed as World Mosquito Day, to raise awareness about causes of malaria and how it can be prevented. 2021 theme is Reaching the zero-malaria target.

✍ It commemorates discovery by British doctor Sir Ronald Ross in 1897 that female mosquitoes transmit malaria between humans. In 1902, Ross won Nobel Prize for Medicine becoming first British person to receive the award.

13. ▶ Aug 24 is observed as World Gujarati Day, Marking Poet Narmad's birth anniversary.

14. ▶ Aug 29 is observed as **National Sports Day** in India. It marks birth anniversary of India's hockey legend, Major Dhyan Chand.

✍ Notably -

✍ Recently, Govt renamed India's Highest Sports Honour *Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award*, as *Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award*.

✍ This year, Govt delayed conferment of National Sports Awards 2021, to include consideration of performance in 2020 Olympics and Paralympics into selection criteria.









✍ On this occasion -

✍ Sports Minister Anurag Thakur launched Fit India Mobile Application at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in Delhi, to celebrate second anniversary of Fit India Movement and as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.

✍ President Ram Nath Kovind laid foundation stone for Mahayogi Guru Gorakhnath AYUSH Vishwavidyalaya at Gorakhpur (Uttar Pradesh).

- ✎ Aug 29 is also observed as UN **International Day Against Nuclear Tests**, established in December 2009.
- ✎ Aug 29 is also observed as **Telugu Language Day**, to mark birthday of Telugu poet Gidugu Venkata Ramamurthy. Govt of Andhra Pradesh provides funds and presents awards, to promote Telugu language.
- 15. ▶ Aug 30 is observed as National Small Industry Day In India, to support and promote small Industries for their overall growth.
 - ✎ Aug 30 is also observed as UN International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances.
- 16. ▶ Aug 7 is observed as **National Handloom Day**, being observed since 2015. It commemorates Swadeshi movement that was launched On Aug 7, 1905. It focuses on contribution of handloom to the socio economic development of the country and also increase the income of weavers.
- 17. ▶ Aug 8 is observed in India as *Quit India Movement Day*, which marks launching of Quit India Movement at Bombay session of All India Congress Committee by M K Gandhi, on 8 August 1942, demanding end to British rule in India.
 - ✎ Also, Sarla Thukral, first Indian woman to pilot an aircraft, has been honoured by Google with a Doodle on her 107th birth anniversary on Aug 08, 2021.
- 18. ▶ Aug 9 is observed as **International Day of World's Indigenous Peoples** (Also called World Tribal Day). 2021 Theme is *Leaving no one behind: Indigenous peoples and the call for a new social contract*.
 - ✎ The day was proclaimed by UNGA in 1994. August 9 marks 1st meeting of UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations of Sub-Commission on Promotion and Protection of Human Rights was held in 1982.
 - ✎ August 9 also marks anniversary of atomic bombing in Nagasaki during World War II. The incident took place on August 9, 1945, when United States dropped an atomic bomb named Fat Man, on Nagasaki in Japan.
 - ✎ Three Days Earlier, on Aug 6, An atomic bomb named Little Boy was dropped on Hiroshima (Japan). The two bombings killed between 129000 and 226000 people, most of whom were civilians. It still remains only use of nuclear weapons in armed conflict.
 - ✎ Aug 9 is also observed as National Traders' Day.
- 19. ▶ August 14 is observed as Naga Independence Day, celebrated in states of Nagaland and Manipur.
 - ✎ When India became independent from British rule, Nagas under Naga National Council wished to remain free. On 14 August 1947, Nagas declared independence of Naga region. Nagas did not take part in first and second general elections held in 1952 and 1957 respectively.
 - ✎ Also, Govt decided to observe 14th August every year as Partition Horrors Remembrance Day (विभाजन विभीषिका स्मृति दिवस), to commemorate sacrifice of people who faced pain during violence during India-Pakistan partition in 1947.
- 20. ▶ First Ever **UN International Day for People of African Descent** has been observed on **31 August 2021**.

 Notably, UN is observing International Decade for People of African Descent, between 2015-2024.

21. ▶ Jul 17 - **World Day for International Justice**. It marks adoption of Rome Statute in 1998. With help of this treaty International Criminal Court (ICC) was established.
22. ▶ July 10 is observed as **National Fish Farmers Day**, proclaimed by Government in 2001.
 -  It is celebrated in remembrance of scientists Dr. K. H. Alikunhi and Dr. H.L. Chaudhury who successfully demonstrated technology of induced breeding (Hypophysation) in Indian Major Carps on 10th July, 1957 at erstwhile 'Pond Culture Division' of CIFRI at Cuttack.
23. ▶ July 15 - **World Youth Skills Day**. On 18 December 2014, UN General Assembly (UNGA) declared 15th July as World Youth Skills Day.
 -  July 15 also marks Anniversary of Skill India Mission (Pradhanmantri Kaushal Vikas Yojna), in which over 1.25 crore youth have been trained so far. It was launched by PM Narendra Modi on July 15, 2015.
 -  Also, Jul 15 is observed as Educational Development Day in Tamil Nadu, to mark birth Anniversary of Former CM K Kamaraj.
 -  Also, India's National Plastic Surgery Day, which is observed on July 15, has now been Adopted as World Plastic Surgery Day.
24. ▶ July 18 - UN **Nelson Mandela International Day**, proclaimed by United Nations in 2009, and first UN Mandela Day held in July 2010.
 -  Notably, United Nations Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela Prize was established by UN in 2014, awarded every 5 years. It was last awarded in 2020, to Guinean doctor Morissana Kouyate and Marianna Vardinoyannis of Greece.
25. ▶ July 2 is observed as World **Sports Journalists Day**.
 -  July 2 is also observed as World UFO (Unidentified Flying Objects) day, observed since 2001. On some places, it is observed on June 24, the date on which 9 unusual objects were saw flying over Washington (USA) in 1947.
26. ▶ July 20 - International Chess Day, marks founding of International Chess Federation in 1924.
27. ▶ July 20 is observed as Space Exploration Day, marking Anniversary of NASA's Apollo 11 Mission, which was spaceflight that first landed humans on the Moon. Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin formed American crew that landed Apollo Lunar Module Eagle on July 20, 1969.
 -  They spent about two and a quarter hours together outside the spacecraft, and collected 47.5 pounds (21.5 kg) of lunar material to bring back to Earth. This day marks man's first historic landing and walk on the surface of another celestial body.
28. ▶ July 23 is observed as **National broadcasting Day** in India. On this day in 1927, 1st ever radio broadcast in country went on the air from Bombay Station under a private company called Indian Broadcasting Company (IBC).
 -  July 23 is also birth anniversary of Legendary Indian Freedom Fighters Chandra Shekhar Azad and Bal Gangadhar Tilak.
29. ▶ July 24 is Observed by Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) as Income Tax Day (Aayakar Diwas). On this day in 1860, Income Tax was introduced for first time in India by James Wilson.

30. ▶ July 26 is Observed as International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem, adopted by UNESCO in 2015.
31. ▶ July 26 marks **Kargil Vijay Diwas**. On this date in 1999, India took command of high outposts which were captured by Intruding Pakistanis.
32. ▶ July 28 is observed by World Health Organization as **World Hepatitis Day**. 2021 theme is *Hepatitis can't wait*.
🖋 July 28 is also observed as World Nature Conservation Day.
33. ▶ July 29 is observed as World Tiger Day. It was proclaimed in 2010 at Saint Petersburg Tiger Summit in Russia where signatories declared an agreement that the governments of tiger populated countries would double tiger population by 2022, termed as TX2. 2021 Theme is *Their Survival is in our hands*.
🖋 In 2018, Nepal became first country to double tiger population. India also doubled tiger population in 2018.
🖋 As per 4th All India Tiger Estimation 2018 (Released in 2019)-
🖋 India has 70 % of world's tiger population.
🖋 Number of Tiger reserves in India has reached 50, up from 9 in 1973. Earlier 3 Tiger estimation reports were released in 2006, 2010, 2014.
🖋 Count of tigers in India rose to 2967 in 2018. Count grew from 1,411 in 2006 to 2,226 in 2014 and to 2,967 in 2018.
🖋 Top 5 States - Madhya Pradesh (526), Karnataka (524), Uttarakhand (442), Maharashtra (312) and Tamil Nadu (264).
🖋 Notably, India's 14 Tiger Reserves received Global CA/TS recognition for good Tiger Conservation standards.
34. ▶ July 3, 2021 is Observed as UN **International Day of Cooperatives**. 2021 Theme is Rebuild better together. It is observed on First Saturday of July.
35. ▶ July 30 is observed as UN **World Day Against Trafficking in Persons**, proclaimed by UN General Assembly in 2013. 2021 theme is *Victims' Voices Lead the Way*.
🖋 July 30 is also birth anniversary of Muthulakshmi Reddi, India's first female legislator and also known as a woman of many firsts. Tamil Nadu Government declared that every year hospitals will celebrate her birth anniversary as 'Hospital Day.'
🖋 Jul 30, 2020 is also named as International Day of Friendship.
36. ▶ July 31 is observed as World Ranger Day, to mark founding day of International Ranger Federation (IRF) on this day in 1992.
37. ▶ July 4 marks US Independence Day, commemorating Declaration of Independence of United States on July 4, 1776.
38. ▶ June 1 - **World Milk Day**. It has been marked by Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), observed since 2001.
🖋 Nov 26 is observed as **National Milk Day** In India, to commemorate birth anniversary of Dr. Verghese Kurien, father of India's White Revolution. India is top Milk Producer Nation, followed by US.
🖋 June 1 is also observed by United Nations as Global Day of Parents.

39. ▶ June 11 is observed as Green Mizoram Day in Mizoram State.
40. ▶ June 12 - **World Day against Child Labour**. 2021 theme *Act now: end child labour*. It was established by International Labour Organization (ILO) in 2002.
41. ▶ June 13 is observed as International **Albinism Awareness Day** (IAAD). 2021 Theme is *Strength Beyond All Odds*.
42. ▶ June 14 is observed as **World Blood Donor Day**.
43. ▶ June 15 is observed as UN *World Elder Abuse Awareness Day*.
✎ June 15 is also observed as Global Wind Day.
44. ▶ June 16 - International Day of **Family Remittances** (IDFR).
45. ▶ June 17 - World Day to **Combat Desertification and Drought** (WDCDD), proclaimed in Jan 1995 by United Nations General Assembly. 2020 theme is *Restoration. Land. Recovery*. On this occasion -
✎ 2021 **Land for Life Award** has been won by *Familial Forestry* of Rajasthan, a unique concept that relates a tree with a family, making it a *green family member*.
✎ UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) organises Land for Life Award every two years to recognize excellence and innovation in efforts towards land in balance. Theme for 2021 Award is “Healthy Land, Healthy Lives”.
✎ Land for Life Award was launched at UNCCD COP 10 in 2011, and is considered world’s highest reward regarding land conservation and restoration.
✎ Environment Ministry released latest version of *Desertification and Land Degradation Atlas of India*, published by Space Application Centre, ISRO, Ahmedabad. It provides state wise area of degraded lands for time frame 2018-19.
46. ▶ June 18 is observed by UN as Sustainable Gastronomy Day.
✎ June 18 is also observed as Autistic Pride Day.
47. ▶ June 19 is observed as World Sickle Cell Day, to raise public awareness about sickle cell disease and its treatment methods. It was proclaimed by United Nations General Assembly in 2008.
✎ Sickle Cell Disease is a commonly occurring genetic disease. It is an inherited genetic abnormality of hemoglobin (oxygen-carrying protein found in red blood cells) due to which red blood cells (RBCs) causes stuck in small blood vessels and are unable to carry adequate amount of oxygen throughout body.
✎ June 19 is also observed as International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict.
✎ June 19 is also observed as National Reading Day, to honour father of Library Movement in Kerala, P.N. Panicker whose death anniversary falls on June 19.
48. ▶ June 2 is Statehood Day of **Telangana**, which was formed in 2014 as India's 29th State.

49. ▶ June 20 - UN **World Refugee Day**, Proclaimed by United Nations General Assembly in Dec 2000. 2021 Theme is *Together we can achieve anything*.

50. ▶ June 21 - UN **International Yoga Day**, being Observed Since 2015. 2021 Theme is **Yoga for well-being**.

✎ On this occasion -

✎ PM Narendra Modi launched **WHO M-Yoga** App, developed by Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga.

✎ Ayush Minister Kiren Rijiju launched **Namaste Yoga** app, to raise awareness about yoga and make it accessible.

✎ Health Minister addressed inaugural ceremony of Global Yoga Conference 2021.

✎ India Post issued a special cancellation stamp, through its 810 Head Post offices.

✎ Education Minister of State Sanjay Dhotre launched NIOS Diploma course in Yogic Science.

✎ Other Observations Made on June 21 -

✎ World Music Day.

✎ First all-day musical celebration on the day of the summer solstice was celebrated in Paris in 1982.

✎ For this Observance, French integrated content, media and communications group Vivendi partnered with Grammy winner Ricky Kej for “My Earth Concert for Kids”.

✎ Summer Solstice day. Summer Solstice is longest day of year which marks official start of summer season in Northern hemisphere.

✎ International Day of Celebration of the Solstice was proclaimed by UN General Assembly in 2019.

✎ World Hydrography Day, Proclaimed by International Hydrographic Organization in 2005.

51. ▶ June 23 - United Nations Public Service Day, proclaimed in 2003.

✎ June 23 is also observed as International Olympics Day and UN International Widows' Day.

✎ June 23 is Death Anniversary of Noted politician Syama Prasad Mukherjee, who founded Bharatiya Jana Sangh (the predecessor to Bharatiya Janata Party).

52. ▶ June 25 is observed as International Day of Seafarer (DotS).

✎ June 25 is also observed as World Vitiligo Day.

53. ▶ June 26 - **International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking**, Proclaimed by United Nation General Assembly in December 1987 and Observed since 1989. 2021 Theme is Share Facts On Drugs, Save Lives.

✎ June 26 is also observed as International Day in Support of Victims of Torture.

54. ▶ June 27 - International **MSME Day**, being observed since 2017. 2021 theme is MSME 2021: key to an inclusive and sustainable recovery.

✎ On this occasion, MSME and Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari called for creation of Ratings system for MSMEs and Dashboard for effective monitoring of schemes.

55. ▶ June 28, 2021, is 100th Birth Anniversary of P. V. Narasimha Rao, 9th Prime Minister of India.

56. ▶ June 29 is observed as **National Statistics Day** in India.

✎ 2021 Theme is *Sustainable Development Goal (SDG)- 2 (End Hunger, Achieve Food Security and Improved Nutrition and Promote Sustainable Agriculture)*.

✎ It is celebrated annually on occasion of Birth anniversary of India's eminent statistician, Late Prof Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis.

✎ 2021 Awardees -

✎ Prof. P. C. Mahalanobis National Award in Official Statistics for **lifetime achievements** was conferred upon **Dr. R. B. Barman** (Former Chairman of National Statistical Commission).

✎ Prof. P. C. Mahalanobis National Award in Official Statistics in category of **in-service Official Statistician** above 45 years age, was conferred upon Dr. Sitabhra Sinha (Professor at Institute of Mathematical Sciences Chennai).

✎ Prof. **C.R. Rao National Award in Statistics for Young Statisticians** was given to Dr. **Kiranmoy Das** (Indian Statistical Institute Kolkata).

✎ June 29 is also observed by UN as International **Day of the Tropics**, proclaimed by UN in 2016.

57. ▶ June 3 - World Bicycle Day, declared by United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in 2018. It promotes use of Bicycle for its environmental and health benefits.

58. ▶ June 30 is observed annually as International **Asteroid Day**. It marks event anniversary of Tunguska event in 1908, when an asteroid leveled about 2,150 square kilometres forest in Siberia.

✎ June 30 is also observed as UN International **Day of Parliamentarism**, proclaimed in 2018.

✎ June 30 is also observed as World Social Media Day.

59. ▶ June 5 - **World Environment Day**, designated by United Nation General Assembly (UNGA) in 1972. It was first celebrated in 1974.

✎ 2021 Theme is *Ecosystem Restoration*. It is hosted in Pakistan in 2021. India was host Nation in 2018.

✎ On this occasion -

✎ *UN Decade of Ecosystem Restoration 2021–2030* has been launched, which was proposed by El Salvador in 2019.

✎ Films Division presented *Oasis of Hope* online festival, to mark WED.

✎ A New product category of Green Room Air Conditioners has been launched on Government e-Marketplace (GeM).

✎ NTPC become a signatory to UN Global Compact's CEO Water Mandate, joining coveted league of companies that focus on efficient water management.

- ✍ PM Narendra Modi released *Report of the Expert Committee on Road Map for ethanol blending in India 2020-2025*. Govt has reset target to achieve 20 % ethanol blending in petrol by 2025, compared to target of 2030 earlier.
 - ✍ Haryana Govt announced creating a 80 acres of *Oxi-van* in Karnal district, consisting 10 types of forests.
 - ✍ June 5 is also observed as International Day for the fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated fishing, observed by UN Food and Agriculture Organization since 2018.
60. ▶ June 7 is observed as World **World Food Safety Day**, with 2021 theme - ‘Food Safety, everyone’s business’. It was First Observed in 2019, facilitated by World Health Organisation (WHO) in collaboration with Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of United Nations (UN).
61. ▶ June 8 - **World Oceans Day**. 2021 theme is ‘The Ocean: Life and Livelihoods’.
62. ▶ Observations on July 1 -
- ✍ July 1 is Observed as GST (Goods & Services Tax) Day. GST regime came into Force on July 1 2017, unifying indirect taxes in India into One.
 - ✍ July 1 is observed as Doctors Day in India. This day honours legendary physician and second Chief Minister of West Bengal, Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy.
 - ✍ July 1 is observed as Chartered Accountants Day In India.
 - ✍ July 1 is Observed as National Postal Worker Day in India.
 - ✍ July 1 is observed as Foundation Day of SBI, India's Largest Bank. On 1 July 1955, Imperial Bank of India became State Bank of India.
 - ✍ July 1, 2021 marks 200th year anniversary of India’s oldest running newspaper, Mumbai Samachar. The Gujarati newspaper, with its office located in an iconic red building at Horniman Circle in Mumbai’s Fort area, was first published in 1822.
63. ▶ UT of Puducherry Observed its *De-Jure* day on 16th August, meaning *The Legal Merger of the UT with the Indian Union*.
- ✍ Puducherry became independent by virtue of a referendum on October 18, 1954. But treaty of cession signed between French and Indian governments was ratified by French Parliament only on August 16, 1962.
 - ✍ Also, Google paid a tribute to Indian activist and poet Subhadra Kumari Chauhan on her 117th birth anniversary, on Aug 16, 2021.
64. ▶ World Water Week is organized by Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) since 1991, to address global water issues and concern. 2021 theme is *Building Resilience Faster*.

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