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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu School Education Department will soon implement an initiative, 'Thiran', to increase students' proficiency in English, Tamil, and maths.
- ❖ Bhuvnesh Kumar assumed charge as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)
- ❖ China has launched its Shenzhou-20 mission, carrying three astronauts to the Tiangong space station on the occasion of China's 10th Space Day.
- ❖ Madhya Pradesh has received the formal approval for the ₹2,100 crore PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) Park project.
 - It is considered to be India's First Such Park.
- ❖ AIIMS Raipur in Chhattisgarh successfully performed its first Swap Kidney Transplant, also known as a Kidney Paired Transplant.
- ❖ The Costa Rican National Emergency Commission (CNE) declared a red alert for the Poás Volcano National Park, after reporting a sustained uptick in the eruptive activity.
- ❖ The WHO has announced 13 ambitious commitments across 8 key areas at the Nutrition for Growth (N4G) Summit, hosted by the Government of France.
- ❖ Tamil Nadu State government would bear the 18% GST levied on the MLA constituency development fund.
 - Tamil Nadu had the highest allocation for the scheme in the country and that every constituency received ₹3 crore per year.

TAMIL NADU NEWS

Coercive recovery of Loan

- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government introduced a Bill seeking to protect the people from coercive actions of money lending entities.
- ❖ This bill is named as Tamil Nadu Money Lending Entities (Prevention of Coercive Actions) Bill, 2025.
- ❖ Intimidating the borrower or any of his family members, obstructing or using the violence, interfering with any property owned or used by the borrower are part of the description that shall constitute an offence.

- ❖ Punishments for specified offences include imprisonment up to three years and it may also further extend to five years or fine up to five lakhs, or both.

வலுக்கட்டாய கடன் வசூல் - தமிழ்நாட்டில் புதிய சட்டம்!

- கடனை வலுக்கட்டாயமாக வசூலித்தால் 3 ஆண்டுகள் வரை சிறை தண்டனை. பிணையில் வெளிவர முடியாது.
- வலுக்கட்டாய கடன் வசூலால், கடன் பெற்றவர்கள் தற்கொலை செய்து கொண்டால் கடனை வழங்கிய நிறுவனம் தற்கொலைக்கு தூண்டியதாக கருதப்படும்.
- கடன் பெற்றவரையோ அவரது குடும்பத்தினரையோ நிறுவனங்கள் மிரட்டவோ, பின் தொடரவோ, அவர்களது சொத்துக்களை பறிக்கவோ கூடாது.
- கடன் பெறுவோருக்கும் கடன் வழங்கும் நிறுவனத்திற்கும் இடையே உள்ள பூசல்களை தீர்த்து வைக்க குறை தீர்ப்பாயரை அரசு நியமிக்கலாம்

Urudhunai Loan scheme

ரூ. 25 கோடியில்

உறுதுணை - குறு மற்றும் நுண் கடன் மானிய நிதி உதவித் திட்டம்

ஆதிதிராவிடர் மற்றும் பழங்குடியினரின் பொருளாதார மேம்பாட்டை உறுதி செய்யும் வகையில், தேசிய நிதி மேம்பாட்டுக் கழகங்களிலிருந்து குறைந்த வட்டியில் கடன் பெற்று, சிறு வணிகர்கள், வர்த்தகர்கள் மற்றும் தொழிலாளர்கள் பயன்பெறும் வகையில், அரசு மானியத்துடன், மாவட்ட கூட்டுறவு வங்கி மூலம் **உறுதுணை - குறு மற்றும் நுண் கடன் திட்டம்** செயல்படுத்தப்படும்.



- ❖ Tamil Nadu State government will implement the Urudhunai scheme to provide small and micro loans, worth ₹25 crore, at reduced interest rates.
- ❖ It will provide to small retailers, traders and manufacturers from Adi Dravidar and tribal communities through the National Finance Development Fund.

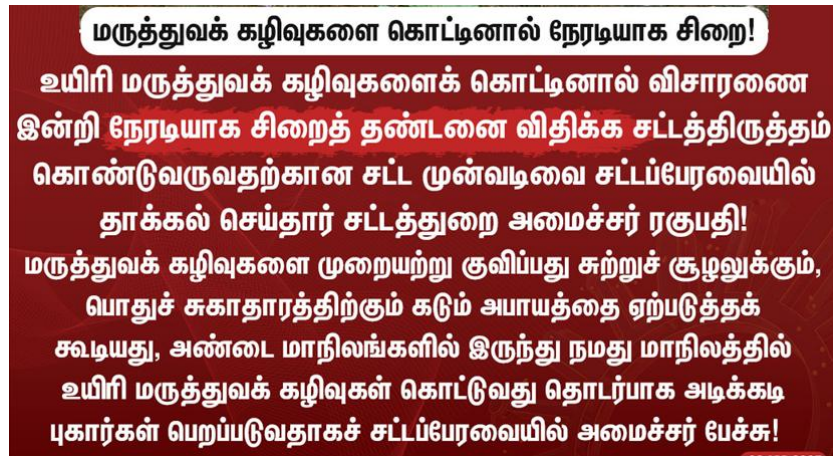
- ❖ The loans under this scheme would be provided, with the State government's subsidy, through co-operative banks.

Monthly and family pensions of former MLA/MLC

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister has announced an increase in the monthly and family pensions of former Members of Legislative Assembly (MLA) and Legislative Council (MLC).
- ❖ The MLAs' monthly pension will be increased to ₹35,000 from ₹30,000.
- ❖ This will be implemented from April 1, 2025.
- ❖ The family pension of MLAs and MLCs will be increased from ₹15,000 to ₹17,500.
- ❖ The medical allowance for former MLAs and MLCs will be ₹1 lakh instead of ₹75,000.



Act to prevent dumping of bio-medical waste



- ❖ The Tamil Nadu government introduced a Bill in the Assembly to amend the Tamil Nadu Prevention of Dangerous Activities of Bootleggers, Cyber Law Offenders,

Drug Offenders, Forest Offenders, Goondas, Immoral Traffic Offenders, Sand Offenders, Sexual Offenders, Slum-Grabbers and Video Pirates Act, 1982.

- ❖ The bill also says that the IPC, 1860, and the CrPC, 1973, were repealed and re-enacted as the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023 and the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023, respectively.
- ❖ Hence, certain consequential amendments are required to be made in the said Tamil Nadu Act 14 of 1982.
- ❖ Bio-medical waste offenders, according to the amendment Bill of the Tamil Nadu Prevention of Detention Act 1982, would be booked under the Goondas Act.

IIT Madras Patents in 2024/25



- ❖ IIT-Madras has filed 417 patents in 2024-25, including 298 Indian patents and 119 international patents.
- ❖ The institute has filed 39 designs, six copyrights, and one trademark, bringing the total number of IP filings to 463.
- ❖ In the last five years, the institute had developed and transferred emerging high-impact technologies through more than 50 licencing deals worth ₹28 crore to industry partners.
- ❖ In the last five years, the Technology Transfer Office (TTO) of the institute has doubled the licencing revenue and tripled the number of IPs licensed.

NATIONAL NEWS

New rules for GST Appellate Tribunal

- ❖ The government has notified the Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal (Procedure) Rules.

- ❖ It provides for mandatory e-filing of applications and conducting hearings in a hybrid mode.
- ❖ The rules also provide that any urgent matter filed by an applicant before 12:00 noon shall be listed before the Appellate Tribunal on the following working day, if the application is complete in all respects.
- ❖ In exceptional cases, the application may be received after 12:00 noon but before 3:00 p.m. for listing on the following day, with the specific permission of the Appellate Tribunal or President.
- ❖ The administrative offices of the Appellate Tribunal will remain open on all working days according to the GST Appellate Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 2025.
- ❖ In May last year, the government had appointed Justice (Retd) Sanjaya Kumar Mishra as the first President of the GST Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT).

GOVERNMENT NOTIFIES RULES AND PROCEDURE FOR FILING APPEALS AT GST APPELLATE TRIBUNALS

- Government Mandates All Appeals To Be Filed Online/ Digitally Only
- Daily Hearing Will Take Place; Priority Will Be Given To Urgent Matters
- Measures To Ease Stuck Matters, Reduce Burden Of High Courts Across India
- Industry Can Start Filing Appeals From Today
- No Fees For Government Authorities

Indigenous HPV test kits for cervical cancer

Dr. Jitendra Singh Reviews Indigenous HPV Test Kits, Calls it a Milestone in Preventive Healthcare



- ❖ India has launched the indigenously developed HPV test kits for cervical cancer screening.

- ❖ The launch marks the culmination of the national program titled as “Validating Indigenous Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Tests for Cervical Cancer Screening in India”
- ❖ Cervical cancer remains the second most common cancer among Indian women, and India accounts for one of the highest global burdens.
- ❖ 25% of global mortality due to cervical cancer occurs in India.
- ❖ The domestically produced test kits are expected to be deployed through national healthcare programs.

Chlorpyrifos in India



- ❖ The Conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions (BRS COP) was held in Geneva.
- ❖ India urged parties to the Stockholm Convention to list chlorpyrifos under Annex A — a designation that calls for a global ban.
- ❖ Chlorpyrifos is a toxic pesticide still widely used in India despite bans in over 40 nations.
- ❖ It is a pesticide classified as ‘moderately hazardous’ by WHO.
- ❖ It continues to be used in India on a variety of crops, posing a serious threat to farmers, consumers, future generations and ecosystems.



- ❖ The Stockholm Convention, adopted in 2001, aims to eliminate or restrict the persistent organic pollutants.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

70 years of Bandung conference

70 Years of the Bandung Conference!

The first Asia-Africa Summit, known as the Bandung Conference, was held from April 18-24, 1955, in Bandung, Indonesia.

Representatives from 29 Asian and African nations gathered to discuss peace, economic development, decolonization, and the role of the “Third World” during the Cold War.

Co-organizers:

Indonesia, India, Pakistan, Myanmar, and Sri Lanka.

Key Outcome:

The 10 Bandung Principles, including political self-determination, mutual respect for sovereignty, non-aggression, equality and more

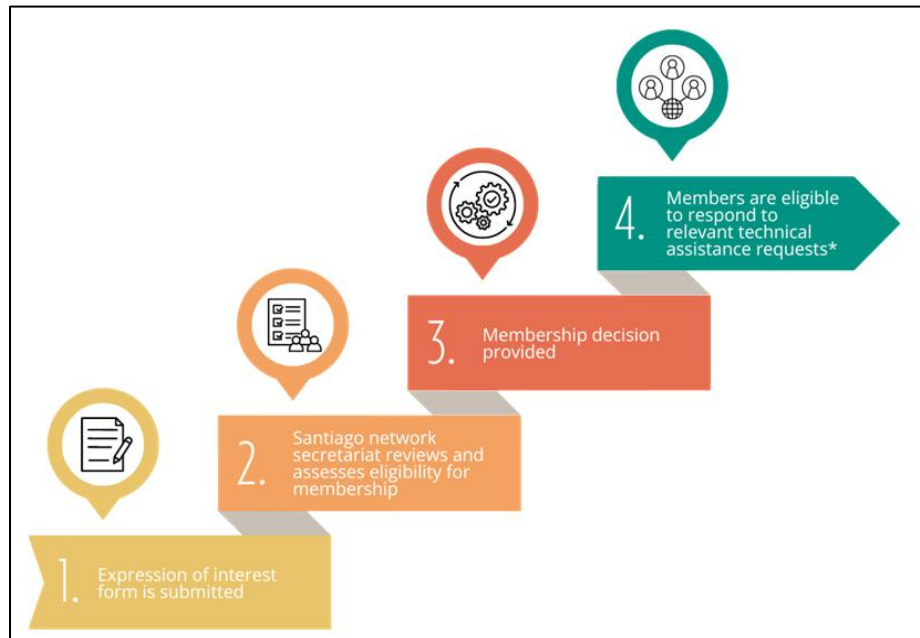
Legacy:

Laid the foundation for the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM)

- ❖ This year marks the 70th anniversary of the first Asia-Africa summit, which took place in Bandung, Indonesia from April 18 to 24, 1955.
- ❖ Representatives from 29 governments of Asian and African nations gathered in Bandung, Indonesia.
- ❖ They made discussions of peace and the role of the Third World in the Cold War, economic development, and decolonization.
- ❖ It was co-sponsored by Indonesia, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, India, and Pakistan.
- ❖ This Conference and its final resolution laid the foundation for the NAM during the Cold War.
- ❖ The NAM was formed in 1961, in the background of the Cold War between the USSR and US.

- ❖ The NAM does not have a formal founding charter or treaty, nor does it have a permanent secretariat.

Santiago Network



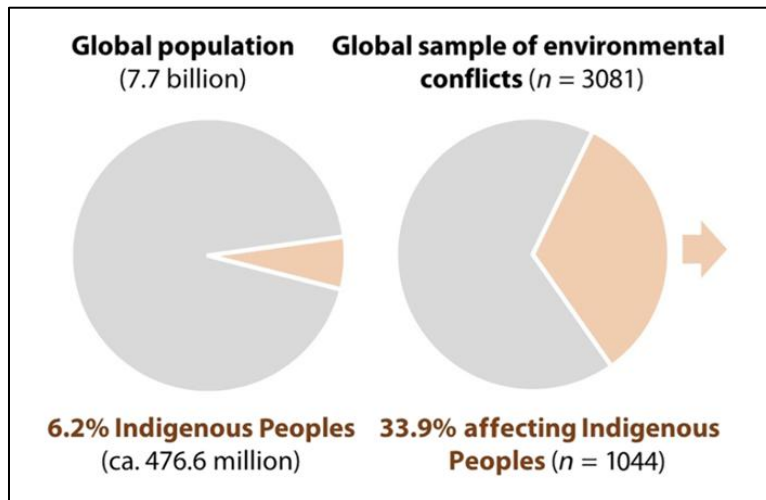
- ❖ The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has joined in the Santiago Network.
- ❖ It is a global initiative that connects the technical experts and organizations dedicated to helping the vulnerable countries and communities confront the irreversible impacts of loss and damage due to climate change.
- ❖ Its secretariat is co-hosted by the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) and the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) in Geneva.

REPORTS AND INDICES

State of the World's Indigenous Peoples Report 2025

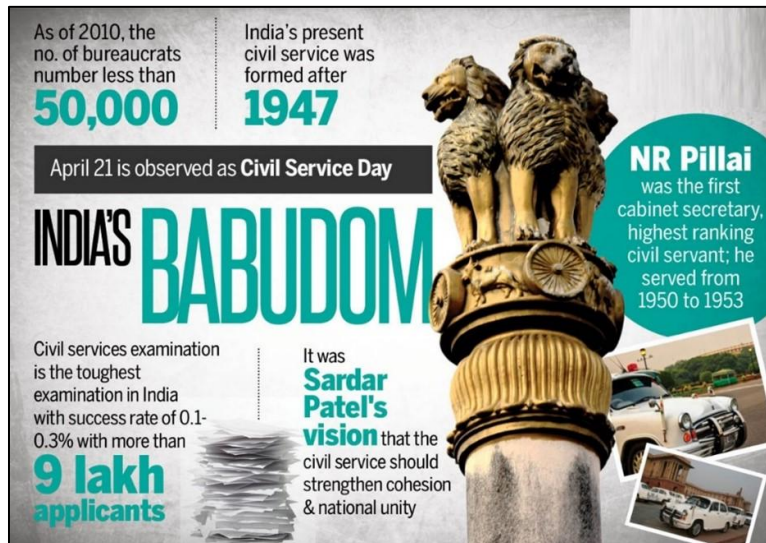
- ❖ The UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA) has released this report recently.
- ❖ Indigenous People receive less than 1% percent of international climate funding & are often excluded from climate solutions.
- ❖ They are just 6% of the global population but safeguard 80 % of the planet's remaining biodiversity.

- ❖ They are also a source for traditional use & management of lands, territories and resources, with Indigenous agricultural practices that care for the earth without depleting resources.



IMPORTANT DAYS

National Civil Service Day 2025 - April 21

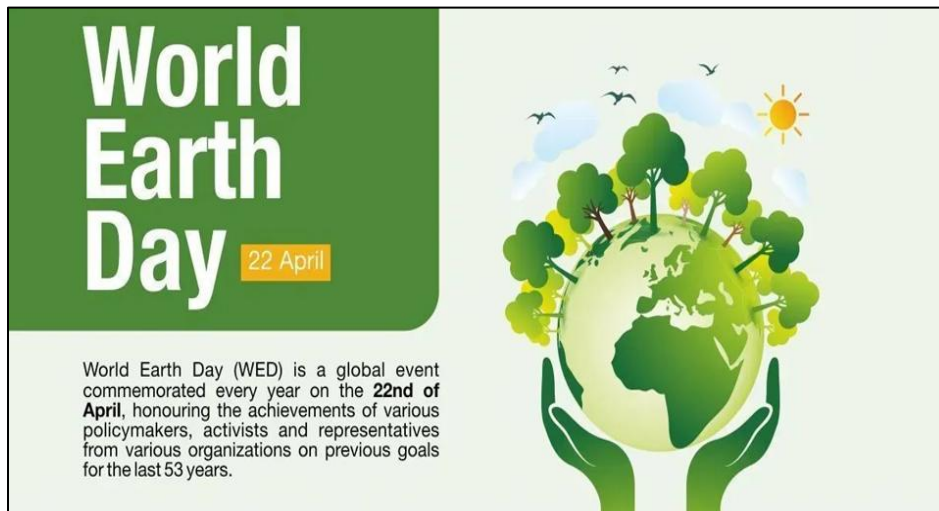


- ❖ This day acknowledges and celebrates the exceptional efforts of our civil servants engaged in public service, the backbone of the nation's administration.
- ❖ This national observance was first marked on April 21, 2006.
- ❖ On this day in 1947, the first Home Minister of Independent India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, addressed the probationers of Administrative Services Officers at Metcalf House in Delhi.

- ❖ He was referring the civil servants as the “steel frame of India”.
- ❖ Lord Cornwallis is considered as ‘Father of Civil Services in India’.
- ❖ The Charter Act of 1793 established covenanted civil services.
- ❖ Lord Wellesley founded the College of Fort William in Calcutta in 1800 to educate young recruits for the Civil Services.
- ❖ The Charter Act of 1853 had abolished the patronage system and introduced open competitive examinations.
- ❖ A Civil Service Commission was established in London (1854).
- ❖ Lord Macaulay’s Report-1856 introduced a merit-based civil service.
- ❖ From 1922, ICS exams began in India, initially in Allahabad.
- ❖ Public Service Commission was established on 1 October 1926.

Earth Day 2025 - April 22

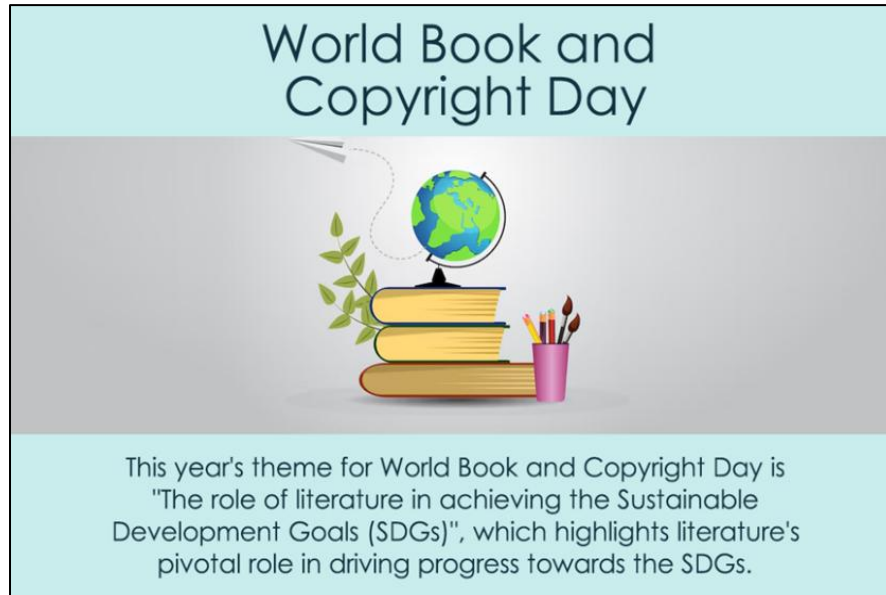
- ❖ This day is honouring the achievements of various policymakers, activists and representatives from various organizations on previous goals for the last 53 years.
- ❖ The first Earth Day was observed on April 22, 1970.
- ❖ The theme for 2025 is "Our Power, Our Planet".



World Book and Copyright Day 2025 - April 23

- ❖ This day is observed globally to promote the love for reading and writing.
- ❖ This day was designated by UNESCO to celebrate literature and its creators.
- ❖ This date coincides with the anniversaries of the several literary giants including William Shakespeare, Miguel de Cervantes, and Inca Garcilaso de la Vega.

- ❖ This year's ambitious theme is "The role of literature in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)".



UN Spanish Language Day 2025 - April 23

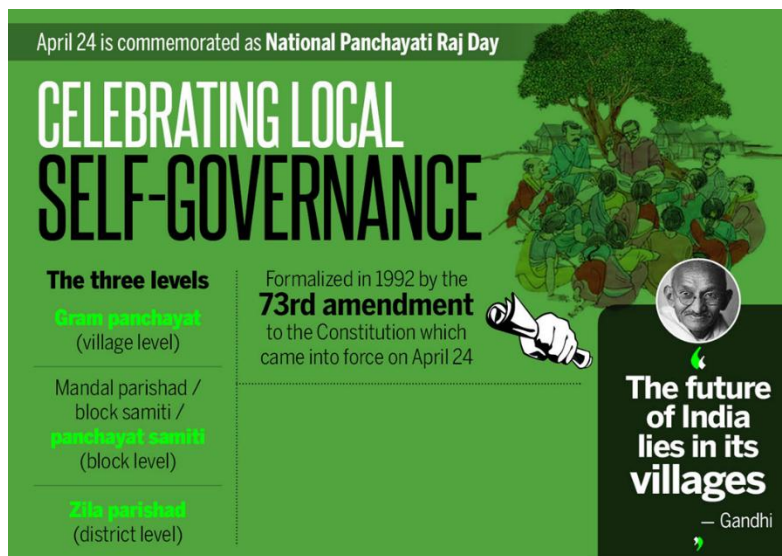


- ❖ This day aims to raise awareness to the world at large, about the history, culture and use of Spanish as an official language.
- ❖ It's also a day to honour the most revered writer in the Spanish language, Miguel De Cervantes Saavedra.

- ❖ The Spanish language originated in Spain.
- ❖ Currently, there are more than 450 million native Spanish speakers in the world.
- ❖ Only the Chinese language surpasses Spanish as the most spoken language in the world.
- ❖ Spanish is also the third most studied language in the world, behind English and French.
- ❖ About 75 million people in the world speak Spanish as their second language.

National Panchayati Day 2025 - April 24

- ❖ It celebrates the importance of the grassroots democracy and strengthens local governance and helps empower rural communities.
- ❖ This year is marking the thirty-second anniversary of the 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992.
- ❖ This Amendment Act officially took effect on April 24, 1993 which has granted constitutional status to Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs).
- ❖ The first National Panchayati Raj Day, also called Panchayati Raj Diwas, was celebrated in 2010.



International Girls in ICT Day 2025 - April 24

- ❖ The fourth Thursday of April is considered International Girls in ICT Day.
- ❖ The day is celebrated to encourage girls and women to pursue careers in Information and Communications Technology (ICT).

- ❖ It also explores the different fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).
- ❖ The 2025 theme 2025 is “Girls in ICT for inclusive digital transformation.”



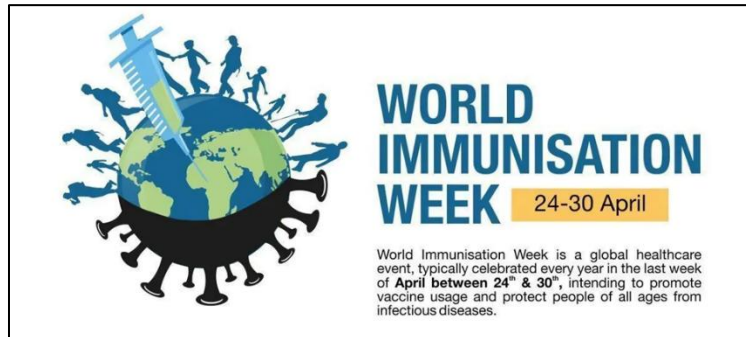
World Day for Laboratory Animals 2025 - April 24



- ❖ This day aims to draw attention to the suffering and killing of animals that take place in laboratories all around the world.
- ❖ Animal experimentation has been employed in a variety of ways throughout the years in the beauty, medical, aviation, and even military industries.
- ❖ The National Anti-Vivisection Society (NAVS) Founded in 1875, was the world's first organisation campaigning against animal experiments.

- ❖ In 1979, NAVS established World Day for Laboratory Animals (also referred to as Lab Animal Day).

World Immunization Week 2025 – April 24/30



- ❖ It is celebrated every year in the last week of April between 24th and 30th.
- ❖ The World Immunization Week was endorsed in May 2012 by the World Health Assembly.
- ❖ The theme for this year is “Immunization for All is Humanly Possible”.

Some Important Days - April 2025



- ❖ World Creativity and Innovation Day is celebrated annually on April 21 and aims to highlight the role of creativity and innovation in addressing global challenges and achieving sustainable development.
- ❖ UN English Language Day is observed annually on April 23, which marking the Shakespeare’s birth and death anniversary and representing his contributions to the language and making modern English.



- ❖ The International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace celebrated on April 24 to mark the commitment to the principles of peaceful conflict resolution and the importance of multilateral decision-making and diplomacy.
- ❖ The World Healing Day is observed on the last Saturday of April every year (April 26/2025), to care for the health of our body and mind while propagating well-being and compassion towards others.

