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### 82nd Raising Day – CRPF

- ❖ The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) is India's largest Central Armed Police Force.
- ❖ It functions under the authority of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) of the Government of India.
- ❖ It came into existence as the Crown Representative's Police on 27 July 1939.
- ❖ After Indian Independence, it became the Central Reserve Police Force on enactment of the CRPF Act on 28 December 1949.
- ❖ This day in 1950 (march 19), the then Home Minister, Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel presented President's colour to CRPF.
- ❖ In 1986, the CRPF had raised the first armed women's battalion in the Asia region.
- ❖ CRPF plays a crucial role in dealing with Naxalism.
- ❖ CRPF have also efficiently worked towards the security of pilgrim places like Vaishno Devi, Ram Janmabhoomi and Amarnath.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### Global Recycling Day – March 18

- ❖ It was first observed on 2018.
- ❖ It is to create awareness among the masses about the rapid pace at which our natural resources are being used.
- ❖ The day also promotes the concept and practice of recycling.
- ❖ In 2021, the theme of Global Recycling Day is “Celebrating Our Recycling Heroes”.
- ❖ The recyclable products also known as the 'Seventh Resource'.
- ❖ It saves over 700 million tonnes in CO2 emissions.
- ❖ This is projected to increase to one billion tonnes by 2030.



### **Ordinance Factories' Day – March 18**

- ❖ The production of India's oldest Ordnance Factory was started in 18th of March, 1802.
- ❖ It is at Cossipore of Kolkata.
- ❖ OFB is the 37th largest defence equipment manufacturer in the world, 2nd largest in Asia, and the largest in India.
- ❖ OFB is referred to as the "Fourth Arm of Defence" and the "Force Behind the Armed Forces" of India.
- ❖ OFB is functioning under the Department of Defence Production of Ministry of Defence.
- ❖ The Indian Ordnance Factories supplies products to all three Indian Armed Forces. ie the Indian Army, Indian Navy, and Indian Air force.
- ❖ OFB was founded in 1775.
- ❖ Its Headquarters is at Kolkata.

### **World Sleep Day – March 19**

- ❖ It is observed annually on March 19.
- ❖ This year's theme will be 'Regular Sleep, Healthy Future'.

### **World Sparrow Day – March 20**

- ❖ It is a day to raise awareness and protect the common house sparrows.

- ❖ It is an international initiative by the Nature Forever Society of India in collaboration with the Eco-Sys Action Foundation (France).
- ❖ The Nature Forever Society was started by Mohammed Dilawar, an Indian conservationist.
- ❖ He started his work helping the house sparrow in Nashik.
- ❖ The theme for World Sparrow Day 2021 is "I Love Sparrows."
- ❖ In 2010, the first World Sparrow Day was observed.



### **International Happiness Day – March 20**

- ❖ Since 2013, the United Nations has celebrated the International Day of Happiness.
- ❖ Happiness is closely linked to the Sustainable Development Goals or SDGs of the UN.
- ❖ The UN in 2015 launched 17 Sustainable Development Goals.
- ❖ Bhutan in 1971 talked about Gross National Happiness.
- ❖ This year, the theme of this day is "Happiness for all, forever."
- ❖ The 2021 International Day of Happiness campaign theme is 'Keep Calm. Stay Wise. Be Kind'.

### **UN French Language Day – March 20**

- ❖ The event was established by UN's Department of Public Information in 2010.
- ❖ It is to celebrate multilingualism and cultural diversity.
- ❖ It also aims to promote equal use of all six official languages of the United Nations.
- ❖ These are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.



- ❖ The days are as follows
  - Arabic (18 December)
  - Chinese (20 April)
  - English (23 April)
  - French (20 March)
  - Russian (6 June)
  - Spanish (23 April)
- ❖ In 2020 the Portuguese language was added as UN Portuguese Language Day on 5th May.

### **Nowruz – March 20**

- ❖ It is the Iranian New Year also known as the Persian New Year.
- ❖ Nowruz marks the first day of spring and is celebrated on the day of the astronomical vernal equinox.
- ❖ In India, the Parsi community celebrate Nowruz with full fervour.
- ❖ The Delhi sultan Balban introduced this festival in India.
- ❖ Later on, Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb abolished the celebration of Nauroz.

### **World Puppetry Day – March 21**

- ❖ The idea came from the puppet theatre artist Javad Zolfaghari from Iran.
- ❖ The Jim Henson Company of the USA has remained a leader in family entertainment for over 60 years and is recognized as an innovator in puppetry.
- ❖ Puppetry is a form of theatre or performance that involves the manipulation of puppets – inanimate objects.

### **World Oral Health Day – March 21**

- ❖ The theme for the next three years, 2021-2023 is “Be Proud Of Your Mouth”.
- ❖ It is an initiative of FDI World Dental Federation.

### **International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination – March 21**

- ❖ In 1966, the United Nations General Assembly called on the international community to redouble its efforts to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination.

- ❖ On that day, in 1960, police opened fire at a peaceful demonstration in Sharpeville, South Africa, against the apartheid pass laws.
- ❖ This year, the theme for this day is "Youth standing up against racism."



### **World Down Syndrome Day (WSDS) - March 21**

- ❖ It was declared by the United Nations General Assembly in 2011.
- ❖ The 21st day of March (the 3rd month of the year) was selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome
- ❖ Down syndrome is a genetic disorder caused by the presence of all or part of a third copy of chromosome 21.



### **World Poetry Day – March 21**

- ❖ It was declared by UNESCO (the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) in 1999.
- ❖ It is with the aim of supporting linguistic diversity through poetic expression and increasing the opportunity for endangered languages to be heard.



### **International Day of Forests (IDF) - March 21**

- ❖ It was observed for the first time in 2013.
- ❖ The theme for 2021 is "Forest restoration: a path to recovery and well-being".
- ❖ The organizers are the United Nations Forum on Forests and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).
- ❖ This year's theme fits into the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021-2030), a call for the protection and revival of ecosystems around the world.
- ❖ The International Year of Forests is established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2011.

