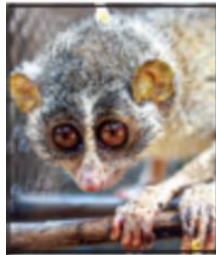


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TAMIL NADU

India's first Slender Loris Sanctuary

11,806 ha in Kadavur



➤ Sanctuary in **Karur & Dindigul districts**

➤ **1,176 Mysore grey slender loris &**

Malabar slender loris recorded in Karur & Dindigul districts, according to a SACON study

➤ Highest in reserve forests of **Pannamalai, Thanneerkaradu, Palaviduthi, Thopaswamimalai, Mudimalai, D Edayapatti, Mullipadi, Sembianatham**

- ❖ Tamil Nadu Government has notified India's first sanctuary for the endangered Slender Loris.
- ❖ The sanctuary, 'Kadavur Slender Loris Sanctuary' will come up in Karur and Dindigul districts under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
- ❖ The sanctuary will cover Vedasandur, Dindigul East and Natham taluks in these districts.
- ❖ Slender Loris is a small, nocturnal primate
- ❖ It is commonly found in the tropical scrub and deciduous forests of Southern India and Sri Lanka.
- ❖ These are tree animals, spending most of their life on trees.
- ❖ IUCN has listed them as 'Endangered'.
- ❖ Meanwhile, Schedule I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act of India, 1972, accords them the highest level of legal protection.

- ❖ Earlier, the Tamil Nadu government had notified India's first Dugong Conservation Reserve in Palk Bay, Kazhuveli bird sanctuary in Villupuram and Nanjarayan Tank birds' sanctuary in Tirupur and the State's fifth elephant reserve at Agasthyamalai in Tirunelveli.

Jal Jeevan Target



- ❖ Tamil Nadu has emerged as the only State which has achieved the target for 2022 Q1 and Q2 for Jal Jeevan Mission.
- ❖ Jal Jeevan Mission aims for assured potable tap water supply to every rural household by 2024.
- ❖ The percentage of households (55.63%) with tap connections in Tamil Nadu is higher than the national average of 53.96%.
- ❖ Of the 12,525 villages in Tamil Nadu, the State has reported 2,663 villages as 'Har Ghar Jal' villages.
- ❖ These are villages with tap water connections in 100% households.
- ❖ Over 85% of the schools in the State had drinking water facility.
- ❖ More than 83% of the Anganwadis had drinking water facility.

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Global Hunger Index 2022

- ❖ India ranks 107 out of 121 countries on the Global Hunger Index.
- ❖ India's score of 29.1 places it in the 'serious' category.
- ❖ India also ranks below Sri Lanka (64), Nepal (81), Bangladesh (84), and Pakistan (99).

- ❖ Afghanistan (109) is the only country in South Asia that performs worse than India on the index.
- ❖ It is annual report jointly published by Concern Worldwide and Welthungerhilfe.
- ❖ It is based on the values of four component indicators – undernourishment, child stunting, child wasting, and child mortality.
- ❖ The GHI score is calculated on a 100-point scale reflecting the severity of hunger.
- ❖ Where zero is the best score (no hunger) and 100 is the worst.

Food for thought

India's score of 29.1 in the 2022 Global Hunger Index falls under the "serious" category in the hunger meter. It ranked 107 out of the 121 countries analysed below Rwanda and Ethiopia

29.1				
≤ 9.9 low	10-19.9 moderate	20-34.9 serious	35-49.9 alarming	≥ 50 extremely alarming
Rankings	Country			
102	Rwanda		106	Sudan
103	Nigeria		107	India
104	Ethiopia		108	Zambia
105	Republic of Congo		109	Afghanistan
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IMPORTANT DAYS

World Hospice and Palliative Care Day – October 08



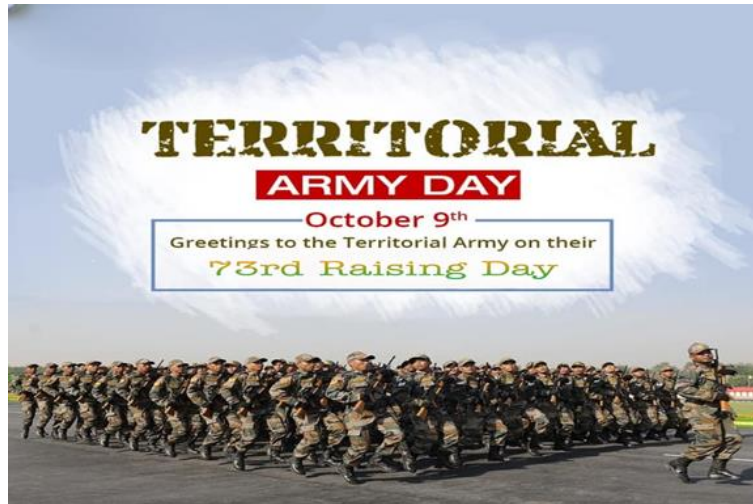
HEALING HEARTS & COMMUNITIES

WORLD HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE DAY **8 OCT 2022**



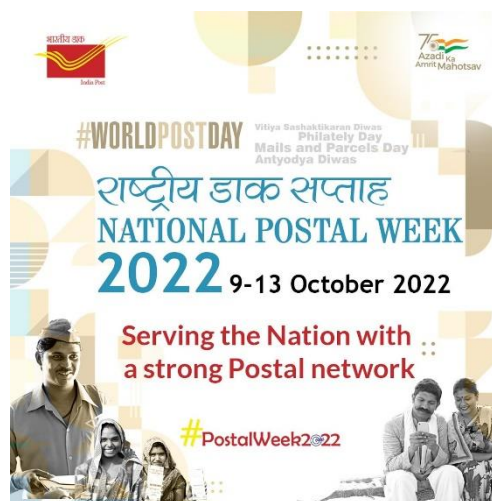
- ❖ Theme for 2022 is Healing Hearts and Communities.
- ❖ The Worldwide Hospice Palliative Care Alliance (WHPCA) observes this.
- ❖ Palliative care is a holistic approach aimed at optimising the quality of life.

73rd Raising Day of Territorial Army – October 09



- ❖ It is celebrated to commemorate its raising by the first Governor General Rajagopalachari on this day in 1949.
- ❖ The Territorial Army has ten Ecological Battalion working for the restoration of the environment in the country.

World Post Day - October 09



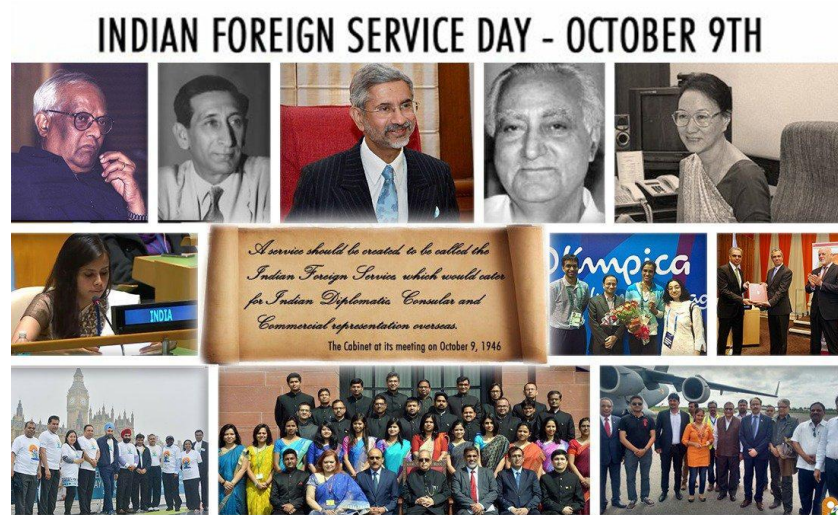
- ❖ It is the anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) in 1874 in the Swiss Capital, Bern.



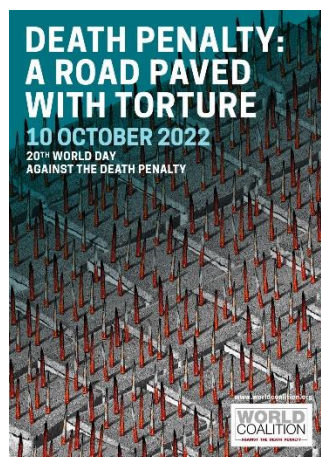
- ❖ It was declared World Post Day by the UPU Congress held in Tokyo, Japan in 1969.
- ❖ The theme for 2022 is 'Post for Planet'.
- ❖ The national Post week is also observed between October 9th and 13th.

Indian Foreign Service (IFS) Day – October 09

- ❖ On 9 October 1946, the Indian government established the Indian Foreign Service.
- ❖ The origin of this can be traced back to British rule.
- ❖ Then the Foreign Department was created to conduct business with the “Foreign European Powers”.



World Day Against the Death Penalty – October 10





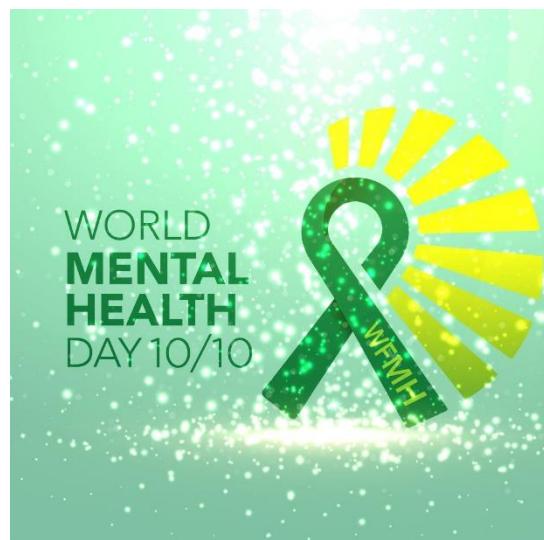
- ❖ 2022 marks the observance of the 20th year anniversary.
- ❖ The day was first organised by the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty in 2003.

World Homeless Day – October 10

- ❖ It was first observed in 2010.
- ❖ The day was created to bring attention to the plight of homeless people around the world.
- ❖ This year, Delhi government organized its first ever Slum Festival.



World Mental Health Day – October 10



- ❖ On this, the Lancet released a report titled “Ending Stigma and Discrimination in Mental Health”.

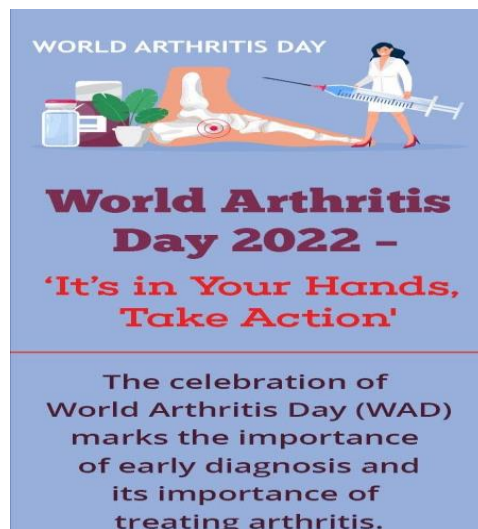
- ❖ It was first observed on 1992.
- ❖ Theme for this Year is 'Making mental health for all a global priority'.

International Day of the Girl Child – October 11



- ❖ This year marks the 10th anniversary.
- ❖ In 2011, United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution in this regard.
- ❖ Theme for 2022 is “Our time is now—our rights, our future”.
- ❖ First time in history, the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action in 1995, proposed an action plan to advance the rights of girls.

World Arthritis Day – October 12



- ❖ It is a global health awareness event that helps create awareness about rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases.
- ❖ The theme for 2022 is “It’s in your hands, take action”.
- ❖ It was established by Arthritis and Rheumatism International (ARI).
- ❖ The first event for World Arthritis Day was organized in 1996.

World Sloth Bear Day – October 13



- ❖ The first World Sloth Bear Day was in 2022.
- ❖ It was proposed by Wildlife SOS India, an organisation involved in sloth bear conservation and protection for over two decades.
- ❖ The (International Union for Conservation of Nature) IUCN-Species Survival Commission (SSC) sloth bear expert team accepted and declared the day to be celebrated worldwide.
- ❖ Sloth Bear is one of the 8 bear species found across the globe.
- ❖ Sloth bears do not hibernate
- ❖ Its alternative name is “honey bear”.
- ❖ Presently Sloth bears are only found in the Indian subcontinent, Nepal and a sub-species in Sri Lanka.

- ❖ About 90% of the global Sloth Bear population is found in India.

World Sight Day – October 13



- ❖ This year's theme was "Love Your Eyes".
- ❖ It is observed every year on the second Thursday of October.
- ❖ Sir John Wilson and others drew the attention of the international community to the problem of global blindness.

International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction – October 13



- ❖ The theme for 2022 is Early Warning.
- ❖ It will focus on Target of the Sendai Framework: "Substantially increase the availability of and access to multi-hazard early warning systems and disaster risk information and assessments to people by 2030."



- ❖ It was started in 1989, after a call by the United Nations General Assembly.
- ❖ In 2015, Sendai Framework was released at the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Sendai, Japan.

