

❖ International Week of Deaf People

- Every year, the full week ending on the last Sunday of September is observed as the International Week of the Deaf (IWD).
- In 2022, IWD is being observed from September 19 to 25 September 2022. The theme of the 2022 International Week of Deaf People is “Building Inclusive Communities for All”.
- It is an initiative of the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) and was first launched in 1958 in Rome, Italy to commemorate the month when the first World Congress of the WFD was held.

❖ International Day of Peace

- Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21 September. The UN General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire.
- This year, the theme for the day is “End Racism. Build Peace”, according to the United Nations.
- The International Day of Peace was established in 1981 by the United Nations General Assembly. Two decades later, in 2001, the General Assembly unanimously voted to designate the Day as a period of non-violence and cease-fire.

❖ World Alzheimer’s Day

- World Alzheimer’s Day is observed globally on September 21 every year.
- The day aims to raise awareness about the stigma that runs around Alzheimer disease and related dementia. World Alzheimer’s Day was first marked on 21 September, 1994 at the opening of ADI’s annual conference in Edinburgh.

➤ This year's theme for World Alzheimer's Month is 'Know Dementia, know Alzheimer's'. It is in continuation with the last year campaign.

❖ **President Appoints Justice T Raja as Acting Chief Justice of Madras High Court**

➤ The President has appointed Justice T Raja, senior-most Judge of the Madras High Court as Acting Chief Justice with effect from September 22, 2022 consequent to the superannuation of Justice M Duraiswamy, who is the current Acting Chief Justice of Madras High Court.

➤ He served as Standing Counsel for Dr M.G.R. Medical University for about 10 years in the Supreme Court.

➤ He also served as Standing Counsel for E.S.I, before the Principal Bench, Central Administrative Tribunal, New Delhi as well as in Delhi High Court and in Supreme Court.

➤ He was appointed as an Additional Advocate General at Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court on February 9, 2008, and appeared in several important cases.

➤ He was appointed as Additional Judge of Madras High Court on March 31, 2009.

❖ **Arun Kumar Mishra elected as member of Asia Pacific Forum's Governance Committee**

➤ National Human Rights Commission of India chairperson justice (retd.) Arun Kumar Mishra has been elected as a member of the Governance Committee of the Asia Pacific Forum (APF).

➤ He has also been elected as a member of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) Bureau at the 27th Annual General Meeting of the APF. The GANHRI is one of the largest human rights networks worldwide.

➤ The GANHRI Bureau is the executive committee (board of directors) comprising 16 members, four from each of the GANHRI regional networks of Africa, the Americas, the Asia-Pacific, and Europe.

❖ **Manipur government launched 'CM Da Haisi' web portal**

- In Manipur, a web portal to receive complaints and grievances from the general public was launched today by Chief Minister N. Biren Singh at Imphal.
- The name of the web portal is 'CM Da Haisi' (English translation- Inform to CM) and the public can raise their grievances in the web portal by logging on to www.cmdahaisi.mn.gov.in. The complainants can also check the status of their complaints.
- The prime objective of this campaign is to improve citizens' participation and engagement by providing a platform.
- "CM DA HAISI" aims to reach at least 50 per cent of households of Manipur in the next two months.

❖ **Maharashtra's Daulatabad Fort to be renamed as 'Devgiri' Fort**

- Maharashtra Tourism Ministry has decided to rename the Daulatabad fort to Devgiri which is located near Aurangabad.
- It is a national heritage monument, which is maintained by the Archeological Survey of India (ASI).
- The decision of renaming Daulatabad fort to Devgiri came after Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray renamed Aurangabad to Sambhajinagar after a long demand from Sena Foot Soldiers.
- Daulatpur Fort is a historic fortified citadel located in Devagiri Village near Aurangabad, Maharashtra. It was earlier the capital of the Yadava Dynasty for a brief time the capital of the Delhi Sultanate. The fort was renamed Daulatabad by Mohammed Tughlaq in the 14th century.
- The fort was later known as Qubbatul Islam and coins were minted with this name.

❖ **Kazakhstan's President renames his capital as 'Astana'**

- Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev signed a decree, officially changing the name of the capital Nur Sultan to Astana.

- The capital's name was changed to Nur-Sultan in March 2019, in honor of outgoing President Nursultan Nazarbayev.
- Astana became the capital of Kazakhstan in 1997 when Nazarbayev, who led the country for three decades under the Soviet Union and after it gained independence in 1991, moved it there from Almaty.
- After he stepped down in 2019, his successor, Tokayev, moved to name it Nur-Sultan — in honor of Nazarbayev, who retained enormous influence as head of the country's ruling party and Security Council.

❖ UAE Announces Collaboration with China to Land a Rover on the Moon

- The UAE's Mohammed Bin Rashid Space Centre (MBRSC), on September 16, announced its collaboration with China's space agency to land a rover on the Moon in future lunar missions.
- The agreement marks the first joint space project between the two countries.
- The UAE has been proactive in its space push. In 2020, it launched the Emirates Mars Mission, under which an orbiter named Hope was sent to Mars
- Currently, the UAE is working on launching a rover to the Moon later this year under the Emirates Lunar Mission in a lander developed by a Japanese company named ispace.
- Named Rashid, the robotic rover weighing 10 kg will be carried to the Moon inside the HAKUTO-R after being launched atop SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket.

❖ INS Ajay decommissioned after 32 years of service

- INS Ajay was decommissioned after 32 years of glorious service on September 19, 2022. The ceremony was conducted in a traditional manner at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai.
- INS Ajay was a part of the 23rd Patrol Vessel Squadron.
- It was commissioned on January 24, 1990, at Poti, Georgia in the erstwhile USSR.
- The ship was under the operational control of Flag Officer Commanding, Maharashtra Naval Area.

- For more than 32 years, INS Ajay was in active naval service.
- India's 1st Indigenous Aircraft Carrier INS Vikrant was commissioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on September 2, 2022, at Cochin Shipyard in Kochi.

❖ **USAID and UNICEF launch series titled 'Door Se Namaste'**

- The US Agency for International Development and UNICEF launched the Doordarshan and YouTube series titled "Door Se Namaste" at a function held in New Delhi.
- A theatrical film on Door Se Namaste was screened at the event, taking the audience through the main story, and showing how the messages of vaccine promotion and COVID-19 Appropriate Behaviour (CAB) have been interwoven in the entertainment education series.
- Door Se Namaste is a new television series which promotes healthy behaviours in a post-pandemic world. It is a fictional Hindi series developed in an entertainment education format highlighting the challenges of a post-pandemic world and promoting the adoption of healthy behaviour and practices.
- The series is produced by National Film Award winner and Padmashee, Nil Madhav Panda's production house, Elleenora Images Pvt. Ltd.

❖ **Bangladesh Pacer Rubel Hossain Retires From Test Cricket**

- Bangladesh pacer Rubel Hossain announced his retirement from Test cricket.
- Hossain made his Test format debut in 2009 and represented Bangladesh in 27 Tests over the span of 13 years.
- The pacer scalped 36 wickets in his Test career with the best figure of 5/166 - his one and only five-wicket haul.
- Few weeks ago, Mushfiqur Rahim had announced his retirement from the T20I format after a poor outing in the Asia Cup 2022.