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### • Conference on ‘Spectrum of Literacy’ Precedes International Literacy Day 2024:

- As a precursor to International Literacy Day 2024, the Ministry of Education, Government of India, will host an International Conference titled “Spectrum of Literacy” on September 7, 2024. This virtual conference will be organized by CIET, NCERT, New Delhi, and will bring together global and national experts, educators, policymakers, and literacy advocates to explore.

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### • **International Vulture Awareness Day 2024:**

- 7th September marks International Vulture Awareness Day (IVAD), an annual event dedicated to raising awareness about the world's most imperilled group of birds. This initiative, which began in South Africa and the United Kingdom, has been observed since September 2009.

## International Literacy Day 2024:

- The Vice-President of India emphasized the transformative power of literacy at the International Literacy Day (ILD) 2024 celebrations held in New Delhi, urging a nationwide commitment to enhance education and celebrate linguistic diversity.
- The Vice-President praised the National Education Policy, 2020 for its potential to empower youth and recognize linguistic diversity.
- During the event, the ULLAS (Understanding Lifelong Learning for All in Society) DTH Channel was introduced to reach learners in remote areas, bridging literacy gaps.

# International Literacy Day 2024:

- The roots of ILD trace back to the 1965 World Conference of Ministers of Education on the Eradication of Illiteracy in Tehran, Iran, which sparked the idea of a day dedicated to promoting literacy globally.
- UNESCO officially declared 8th September as International Literacy Day during its 14th General Conference in 1967, and the world celebrated this special day for the first time that year, marking the beginning of a significant global observance.
- ILD 2024 Theme: “Promoting multilingual education: Literacy for mutual understanding and peace.”

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## • World Suicide Prevention Day:

- World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD) is observed annually on 10th September to increase global awareness that suicide is preventable and to encourage open conversations about mental health.



15th September

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- **National Engineer Day was celebrated**

- To honor the contributions of engineers and commemorate the birth anniversary of M. Visvesvaraya, National Engineer day was celebrated on the 15th September. History of National Engineers Day India observes National Engineers' Day on September 15th each year to honor the birth anniversary of Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya, a pioneering figure in engineering.

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## • International Day Of Democracy:

- Karnataka recently marked the 'International Day of Democracy' by forming a 'historic' 2,500-km-long human chain as a symbol of equality, unity, fraternity, and participative governance.
- International Day of Democracy is an annual celebration observed on September 15.
- The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) established this day in 2007 to emphasise the global significance of democracy.
- It serves as a reminder that democracy is not merely a fixed condition, but an ongoing pursuit.
- It calls for active engagement from international organizations, nation-states, civil society, and people to pursue the democratic idea.



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## • International Day Of Democracy:

- The International Day of Democracy was accredited by the UNGA on November 8, 2007, by passing a resolution entitled “Support by United Nations system of efforts of governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies.”
- September 15 was chosen to coincide with the anniversary of the Inter-Parliamentary Union’s Universal Declaration on Democracy, which was adopted in Geneva on September 15, 1997.

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## • International Day Of Democracy:

- This declaration outlines the tenets of democracy, proclaiming that democracy is “a system of government based on the freely expressed will of the people to determine their own political, economic, social, and cultural systems and their full participation, through free and fair periodic elections, in the composition of their representative government.”
- After the Universal Declaration on Democracy, Qatar spearheaded the campaign to observe an International Day of Democracy at the United Nations.
- The first-ever International Day of Democracy was held in 2008.

## • Antyodaya Diwas 2024:

- Antyodaya Diwas was observed on 25th September, 2024 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya.
- This day serves to remember and celebrate his life and contributions, highlighting his influence on Indian politics and society.
- He focussed on Antyodaya which means upliftment of the last person and address the needs of the most disadvantaged individuals in society,
- His philosophy of “Integral Humanism” focussed on individual and collective welfare, social justice, economic equality, and self-reliance.

## • Antyodaya Diwas 2024:

- He was the co-founder of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh (BJS), which later evolved into the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).
- He was also a key thinker for the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS).
- Since 25th September 2014, his birth anniversary is observed as Antyodaya Diwas to recognise his efforts and contributions to the nation.
- In 2015, the name of National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) was changed to Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-NRLM.
- In 2018, the Mughalsarai Junction railway station in UP was renamed Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Junction. He died near Mughal Sarai in 1968.

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### • International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons:

- The International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons is celebrated on September 26th every year to raise awareness about the threat of nuclear weapons and to promote their elimination. It was declared by the UN General Assembly (UNGA) in 2013.
- The first Special Session of the UNGA devoted to disarmament, held in 1978, reaffirmed the preeminence of nuclear disarmament.
- The Atomic Energy Commission (1946) to propose measures for controlling nuclear energy and eliminating weapons of mass destruction.
- Other Initiatives of UNGA:
  - Comprehensive disarmament in 1959
  - Special Session on Disarmament in 1978
  - Supported the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW)



## • World Tourism Day 2024:

- The Ministry of Tourism celebrated World Tourism Day on 27th September 2024, with the theme “Tourism and Peace.” focusing on how tourism contributes to promoting world peace by encouraging cross-cultural interactions and understanding.
- Each year, World Tourism Day is celebrated with a specific theme and a host country, highlighting the unique role tourism plays in different regions around the world.
- In 2024, Georgia will have the honour of hosting this important event.
- The theme for World Tourism Day 2024 is particularly inspiring: “Tourism and Peace.”
- The day emphasises tourism’s potential as a tool for achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly in poverty eradication and sustainable resource management.
- It also highlights the importance of eco-tourism in supporting SDG 13 on climate action.