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❖ World Food Day - 16th October 2023

- World Food Day is celebrated on **October 16** each year.
- The world will celebrate World Food Day 2023, which encourages action for the future of food, people, and the environment and awareness of hunger.
- In 1979, the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) declared October 16 to be World Food Day.
- **Theme:** "Safe Food Today for a Healthy Tomorrow,"
- This day serves as a reminder of the need to ensure food security and everyone's access to wholesome food.
- Additionally, it emphasizes how crucial sustainable agriculture and food production are to addressing the world's food problems.
- The chance to unite as a global society and strive for a future in which no one goes to bed hungry is provided by Future Food Day.
- The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations created World Food Day in 1979.
- It was established to raise awareness of world hunger and encourage action to combat it and recalls the FAO's foundation in 1945.

❖ **World Spine Day - 16th October 2023**

- Every year October 16 is marked as World Spine Day to highlight the burden of spinal pain and disability globally.
- **The theme of World Spine Day 2023 is 'Move Your Spine'.**
- Aim: To aware about the prevailing spine disorders, their impact on one's life, sign and symptoms
- **About Spine:**
- Your spine or backbone is your body's central support structure.
- The spine helps connect different parts of your musculoskeletal system.
- Our spine helps you sit, stand, walk, twist, and bend.

❖ **World Anaesthesia Day - 16th October 2023**

- World Anaesthesia Day is observed on October 16 every year to raise awareness about the importance of anaesthesia in medical treatments.
- Aim: To support anaesthesia providers around the world to celebrate their profession. The discovery of anaesthesia helps patients undergo surgical treatments without any pain.
- **The theme for World Anaesthesia Day 2023 is 'Anaesthesia and Cancer Care'** tries to raise awareness about the pivotal role of anaesthesia in cancer treatments.
- Anaesthesia is given to patients before surgery or any other painful procedure.
- It helps treat the patients safely without causing any pain by inducing unconsciousness.
- There are mainly three types of anaesthesia, local, general and general anaesthesia.

❖ Centre unveils tradeable Green Credit

- The government has introduced a special programme allowing an individual or entity to earn Green Credit and trade it on a dedicated exchange.
- Green Credit refers to a unit of an incentive provided for specified activities that deliver a positive impact on the environment.
- This programme is being launched at the national level to leverage a competitive market-based approach for incentivising environmental actions of various stakeholders.
- This programme is a follow-up action of the 'LiFE'-(Lifestyle for Environment) campaign.
- **This programme will cover eight types of activities** - Tree plantation, water management, sustainable agriculture, waste management, air pollution reduction, and mangrove conservation and restoration.
- To get the Green Credit, one needs to register the activity with the administrator through a website.
- The activity will then be verified by a designated agency and based on its report, the administrator shall grant the applicant a certificate of Green Credit.
- The calculation of Green Credit shall be based on equivalence of resource requirement, parity of scale, scope, size, and other relevant parameters to achieve the desired environmental outcome.

❖ World Health Summit 2023

- The World Health Summit, a leading global health conference and network to set the agenda for a healthier future by inspiring innovative solutions for better health and well-being for all.
- The event takes place in Berlin, Germany and online from 15–17 October.
- **Theme:** "A Defining Year for Global Health Action".

➤ **World Health Summit 2023 include:**

- Learning from COVID-19 for future pandemic prevention, preparedness and response.
- Recommitting to universal health coverage.
- Sustainable health for people and planet.
- G7/G20 measures to enhance global health equity and security.
- Harnessing the power of digital technologies for global health.

❖ **Raunak Sadhwani won FIDE World Junior Rapid Chess Championship**

- Raunak Sadhwani and Govhar Beydullayeva won gold in The FIDE World Junior Rapid Chess Championship 2023
- Indian GM pulled off a crucial victory over Tobias Koelle and clinched the title as two other co-leaders, Arseniy Nesterov and Dimitris Alexakis, drew their game and tied for second place with Or Globus.
- Nesterov claimed silver thanks to superior tiebreaks and became the only unbeaten player in the open section and Alexakis took bronze.
- Sardinia seems to have a special victorious vibe for Govhar as she won her second title here after her triumph at the 2022 World Junior Championship in this Mediterranean island.

❖ **Skill India partners with Coca-Cola India to launch Retailer Skill Development Program**

- The National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) announced a partnership with Coca-Cola India to launch the Super Power Retailer Program under the Skill India Mission.
- The program is being piloted in the state of Odisha.

- The initiative will play a pivotal role in strengthening India's economy by skilling, reskilling and upskilling the retailers.
- The program aims to upskill retailers across key states over three years.
- Coca-Cola awarded successful retailers and honoured women who have become self-reliant by utilizing their skills and entrepreneurship.
- Shri Pradhan paid her obeisance to the mothers of Odisha who have promoted their business with their smartness and entrepreneurial talent.

➤ **About NSDC:**

- Founded: 31 July 2008
- Type of business: Non-profit organization
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- CEO: Mr. Ved Mani Tiwari (CEO)

❖ **Former CEC Dr. Manohar Singh Gill passes away**

- The Election Commission of India has deeply mourned the passing away of former Chief Election Commissioner Dr. M S Gill at New Delhi.
- Dr. M.S. Gill was the 11th Chief Election Commissioner of India.
- His leadership and commitment to the electoral process will continue to inspire us at the Election Commission of India.
- Gill was awarded the Padma Vibhushan in the year 2000 for his exceptional and distinguished services as a civil servant.

❖ **Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah inaugurated Samau Shaheed Memorial and Library**

- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah inaugurated Samau Shaheed Memorial and Library in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- During the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Modi started initiatives to build memorials of countless unsung martyrs across the country who sacrificed their lives in the 90 years of freedom struggle from 1857 to 1947.
- Aim: To revive their history so that the youth and the new generation could draw inspiration from them.
- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation said that Youth & Cultural Activities Department of the Government of Gujarat has created a library of complete Gujarati grammar books, for which they deserve applaud.
- Along with this, reading facility for 100 students has been provided in the library.
- **About Gujarat:**
- **Capital:** Gandhinagar
- **Chief minister:** Bhupendrabhai Patel
- **Governor:** Acharya Devvrat

❖ **Dubai Soars as World's Fastest-Recovering Services Hub in 2023**

- Dubai, a global economic powerhouse, has proven its mettle as the world's fastest-recovering destination in the services sector, marking an impressive growth rate of 3.2% in the first half of 2023.
- This achievement has underpinned Dubai's standing as a leading city that defies economic challenges, driven by visionary leadership.
- A key goal of the Dubai Economic Agenda is to double the size of Dubai's economy over the next decade.

➤ Dubai's success story in the first half of 2023 is marked by significant growth in key sectors, including transportation, wholesale and retail trade, financial and insurance, accommodation and food services, real estate, information and communication, and manufacturing.

➤ These sectors collectively contributed to about 93.9% of growth, with the transportation and storage sector leading with an astonishing 10.5% growth.

❖ **Nawanpind Sardaran Village Receives Best Tourism Village Award**

➤ The Nawanpind Sardaran village, located in Gurdaspur, Punjab, awarded the title of “Best Tourism Village of India 2023” by the Union Ministry of Tourism.

➤ This recognition was a testament to the remarkable efforts of the Sangha sisters, who have passionately dedicated themselves to preserving their ancestral homes, Kothi and Pipal Haveli, and promoting sustainable tourism in their village.

➤ It is located just five kilometers south of National Highway 54, connecting Amritsar with important tourist destinations of the Mata Vaishno Devi temple, Kangra, Dharamsala, Dalhousie and others.

❖ **PM Narendra Modi Releases New Garba Song “Maadi”**

➤ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has penned down a Garba song, titled ‘Maadi’, composed by Meet brothers, Manmeet Singh and Harmeet Singh.

➤ The song, which celebrates the splendour of the Navratri festival and the vibrant traditions of Gujarat, was penned by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

➤ Divya Kumar lent his voice to the track, while the music was composed by Manmeet Singh and Harmeet Singh from Meet Bros.

➤ Titled ‘Garbo,’ the song voiced by singer Dhvani Bhanushali and composed by Tanishk Bagchi was released under the banner of just Music, a music label founded by actor-producer Jacky Bhagnani.

➤ The ‘Garbo’ song garnered over 240,000 views in just 3 hours after it was posted on the YouTube channel of the music label.

➤ Navratri is one of the most popular and widely celebrated Hindu festivals in many parts of India.

❖ **Almaz and ebenyo claim delhihalf marathon titles**

➤ Kenya's Daniel Ebenyo and Ethiopia's Almaz Ayana lived up to their billings by taking the top honours in the 18th edition of the Vedanta Delhi Half Marathon in the capital city.

➤ Ayana, the 2016 Rio Olympics Champion and winner of the Delhi Half Marathon six years ago, came closer to her 2017 winning time in the women's race.

➤ Running with the company of her country-mates Aberash Minsewo and Dessie Anchinalu besides the Kenyan Viola Chepngeno as well as Uganda's Stella Chesang, covered the first quarter of the race in 15:45-15:47 while the other runner from Kenya Vivian Cheruiyot, the Rio Olympics 5000m victor was slightly behind.

➤ Kavita Yadav clinched the first position in the Indian Elite Women's Race on her Vedanta Delhi Half Marathon debut with a timing of 77:42, while Rima Patel (77:48) and Poonam Dinkar Sonune (77:49) finished second and third respectively.