

## Current Affairs: 21.03.2022

### 35th Surajkund International Crafts Mela Kicks-off in Haryana

The Governor of Haryana, Bandaru Dattatraya and Chief Minister of Haryana, Manohar Lal formally inaugurated the **35th edition of the world famous Surajkund International Crafts Mela** at Surajkund in Faridabad district of **Haryana**. The Mela is open from March 19 to April 04, 2022, from 12.30 pm-9.30 pm. In 2022, the **'Theme State' is Jammu & Kashmir and Uzbekistan is the partner nation**. It provides an opportunity for the artisans from all over India to showcase their talent and the richness and diversity of the handicrafts, handlooms, and the cultural heritage of India. The event is organized jointly by the Surajkund Mela Authority & Haryana Tourism in collaboration with Union Ministries of Tourism, Textiles, Culture and External Affairs.

### Charles Leclerc wins F1 Bahrain Grand Prix 2022

**Charles Leclerc (Ferrari- Monaco)** has won the Formula One Bahrain Grand Prix 2022. Carlos Sainz Jr. (Ferrari – Spain) came second while Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain) came third. This was the first Formula One race of 2022.

### Pankaj Advani wins Asian Billiards title for 8th time

**Indian cueist Pankaj Advani** has defeated Dhruv Sitwala to win his eighth title at the **19th Asian 100 UP Billiards Championship 2022**. It was held in Doha, Qatar. Overall this is Advani's 24th international title and 8th Asian crown.

### Suresh Raina felicitated with 'Sports Icon' award at Maldives Sports Awards 2022

Former India cricketer **Suresh Raina** has been awarded the prestigious **'Sports Icon'** award at the **Maldives Sports Awards 2022** on March 17, 2022. The Maldives government felicitated Raina for his various achievements throughout his career. Raina was nominated alongside 16 international sportspersons, including former Real Madrid player Roberto Carlos, Jamaican Sprinter Asafa Powell, former Sri Lankan captain and cricketer Sanath Jayasuriya and Dutch football legend Edgar Davids among others.

### International Day of Forests 2022: 21 March

The **International Day of Forests (also known as World Forestry Day)** is celebrated every year on **March 21**. The theme for International Day of Forests 2022 is **"Forests and sustainable production and consumption"**. The day aims to celebrate and raise awareness of the importance of all types of forests, and trees outside forests, for the benefit of current and future generations as well as to increase the public awareness among communities about the values, significance and contributions of the forests to balance the life cycle on the earth.

### World Poetry Day 2022: 21 March

The **World Poetry Day** is celebrated on **21 March** every year to promote the reading, writing, publishing and teaching of poetry throughout the world. The day was declared by the **UNESCO** (the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) in 1999. The objective of the day is to "give fresh recognition and impetus to national, regional and international poetry movements", with the aim of supporting linguistic diversity through poetic expression and increasing the opportunity for endangered languages to be heard.

### World Down Syndrome Day 2022: 21 March

The **World Down Syndrome Day (WSDS)** is observed every year on **21 March** to raise public awareness for the rights, inclusion and well being of people with Down syndrome.

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The Theme of 2022 World Down Syndrome Day is ‘We Decide‘.

The day was officially recognised by the **United Nations General Assembly** in **2012**. It must be noted that the 21st day of March (the 3rd month of the year) has been selected to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which causes Down syndrome.

## **International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination 2022: 21 March**

The **International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination** is observed annually on **21 March** to remind people about the negative consequences of racial discrimination. 2022 Theme: “**VOICES FOR ACTION AGAINST RACISM**”. The United Nations General Assembly called for the day in **1966** to encourage people to remember their obligation and determination to combat racial discrimination.

## **World Puppetry Day 2022: 21 March**

The **World Puppetry Day** is observed every year on **March 21**, to promote the puppet arts. The first celebration was held in 2003. The idea of World Puppetry Day was proposed by the Iranian puppet theater artist Javad Zolfaghari in 2000 at the XVIII Congress of the Union Internationale de la Marionnette, (UNIMA) in Magdeburg. Two years later in June 2002, the date of the celebration was identified by UNIMA.