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World Osteoporosis Day 2025

- World Osteoporosis Day is observed annually on 20 October, and launches a year-long campaign dedicated to raising global awareness of bone health, and of the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of osteoporosis and metabolic bone disease.
- As the world observes World Osteoporosis Day 2025, the Ministry of Ayush emphasises the critical need for early preventive care and lifestyle interventions to address Osteoporosis—a silent yet major public health challenge affecting millions globally.
- This year's observance aims to raise awareness about bone health and how Ayurveda offers sustainable, preventive, and restorative solutions for conditions like osteoporosis.
- It develops slowly over time due to a loss of bone strength and density, and is often called a “silent disease” because it usually shows no symptoms until a fracture occurs.
- In many cases, the first sign is a bone fracture — often in the hip, wrist, or spine — which can lead to pain, changes in posture such as hunching (kyphosis), and slow recovery after injury.

World Osteoporosis Day 2025

Awareness, Prevention
and Bone Health



World Statistics Day

- World Statistics Day is celebrated on October 20. The first such day was observed on October 20, 2010. This year the world witnessed the third World Statistics Day.
- The day was created by the United Nations Statistical Commission to acknowledge the importance of data authenticity and credibility across the globe.



WORLD STATISTICS DAY

20.10.2025

**QUALITY STATISTICS
AND DATA
FOR EVERYONE**

‘We Rise’ Initiative Launched BY NITI AAYOG

- NITI Aayog’s Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP), in partnership with DP World, has launched the **‘We Rise – Women Entrepreneurs Reimagining Inclusive and Sustainable Enterprises’** initiative.
- It integrates WEP’s extensive ecosystem of over 90,000 women entrepreneurs with DP World’s global trade infrastructure, creating a powerful platform for capacity-building, market access, and international trade participation.
- To make women-led MSMEs export-ready through tailored mentorship and business support.
- To provide international market exposure, especially via platforms like Bharat Mart in Dubai.
- To enable long-term capacity-building, including training on compliance, branding, logistics, and finance.



Brazil, India Form Strategic Alliance for Trade & Tech

- Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva has declared the formation of a strategic alliance with India. This move is aimed at boosting cooperation across trade, technology, and global governance.

- The announcement followed Brazilian Vice President Geraldo Alckmin's recent visit to India, marking a pivotal moment in South-South diplomacy.
- Bilateral trade stood at \$12.19 billion in FY 2024–25, with a new target of \$20 billion by 2030.
- This partnership also serves as groundwork for President Lula's proposed visit to India in early 2026.
- As members of BRICS and the G20, both countries share views on,
 - Reforming global institutions like the WTO and UNSC
 - Promoting South-South cooperation and multipolarity
 - Reducing dependence on the Global North by building autonomous strategic ties



Centre Launches ₹600 Cr Kapas Kranti Cotton Mission

- The Government of India has launched the ₹600 crore Kapas Kranti Mission, a bold initiative to enhance long-staple cotton cultivation and improve cotton productivity across major growing regions.
- The mission was announced in Hyderabad by Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy, who detailed the plan to scale successful cultivation models and promote scientific and technological innovation in cotton farming.
- The Kapas Kranti Mission is designed to,
 - Promote High-Density Plantation (HDP) practices to increase yield
 - Encourage adoption of scientific cultivation methods
 - Introduce technology-enabled procurement and selling platforms
 - Strengthen farmer education and training through exposure visits

- The Minimum Support Price (MSP) for cotton has doubled over the past 10 years, reflecting the government's emphasis on farmer welfare and cotton sector resilience.



Uruguay Legalises Euthanasia, a First in Latin America

- Uruguay made history by becoming the first Latin American country to legalise euthanasia through legislation. The law decriminalises medically assisted dying for patients with incurable illnesses causing unbearable suffering, placing Uruguay at the forefront of bioethical and human rights debates in the region.
- While Colombia and Ecuador have previously allowed euthanasia via judicial decisions, Uruguay is the first predominantly Catholic nation in Latin America to pass a law formally legalising the practice
- Uruguay's decision may set a precedent for other countries in Latin America where debates on euthanasia are intensifying, including Chile, Argentina, and Mexico. It aligns Uruguay with countries like Belgium, the Netherlands, Canada, and Spain, which already allow euthanasia under strict conditions.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. **NITI Aayog's Women Entrepreneurship Platform recently launched which initiative in collaboration with DP World?**

- A. She Leads India
- B. We Rise – Women Entrepreneurs Reimagining Inclusive and Sustainable Enterprises
- C. Empower Her Mission
- D. Women@Work

ANSWER: B

2. **What is the main aim of the 'We Rise' initiative launched by NITI Aayog's WEP?**

- A. To promote rural tourism
- B. To empower women entrepreneurs and promote sustainable enterprises
- C. To train women for government jobs
- D. To provide scholarships for higher education

ANSWER: B

3. **Which two countries recently announced the formation of a strategic alliance to enhance cooperation in trade, tech, and global governance?**

- A. India and Japan
- B. India and Brazil
- C. India and Russia
- D. India and France

ANSWER: B

4. Who is the current President of Brazil who declared the strategic alliance with India?

- A. Jair Bolsonaro
- B. Michel Temer
- C. Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva
- D. Geraldo Alckmin

ANSWER: C

5. The ₹600 crore Kapas Kranti Mission launched by the Government of India focuses on improving the cultivation of which crop?

- A. Sugarcane
- B. Cotton
- C. Rice
- D. Wheat

ANSWER: B

6. Who announced the Kapas Kranti Mission in Hyderabad?

- A. Narendra Modi
- B. Piyush Goyal
- C. G. Kishan Reddy
- D. Nirmala Sitharaman

ANSWER: C

7. Which country became the first in Latin America to legalise euthanasia through legislation?

- A. Argentina
- B. Chile
- C. Uruguay
- D. Brazil

ANSWER: C

8. On which date is World Statistics Day celebrated?

- A. October 10
- B. October 15
- C. October 20
- D. October 25

ANSWER: C

9. When was the first World Statistics Day observed?

- A. 2005
- B. 2010
- C. 2015
- D. 2020

ANSWER: B

10. World Osteoporosis Day is observed every year on:

- A. 10 October
- B. 15 October
- C. 20 October
- D. 25 October

ANSWER: C

