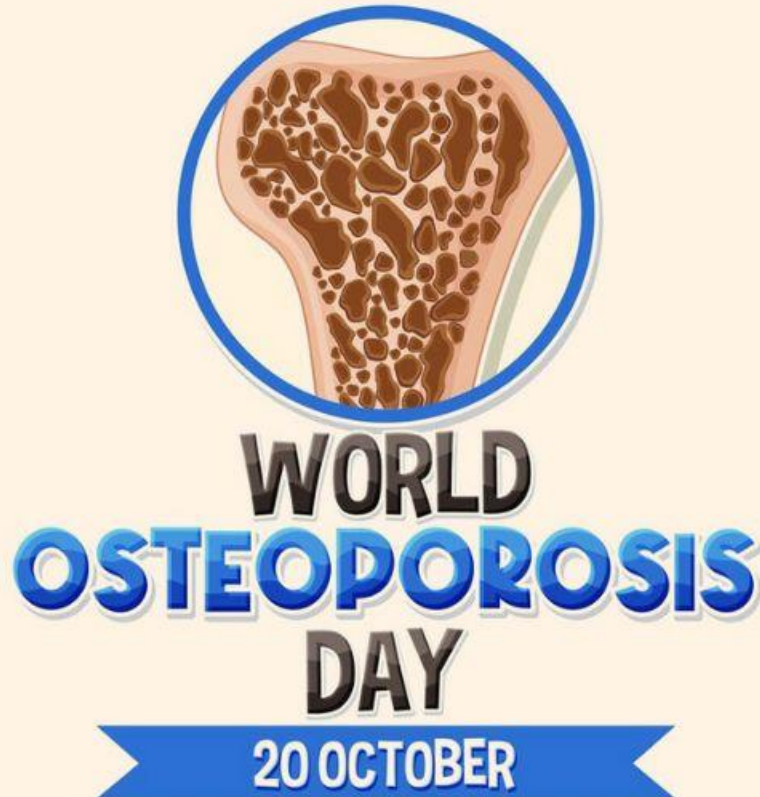




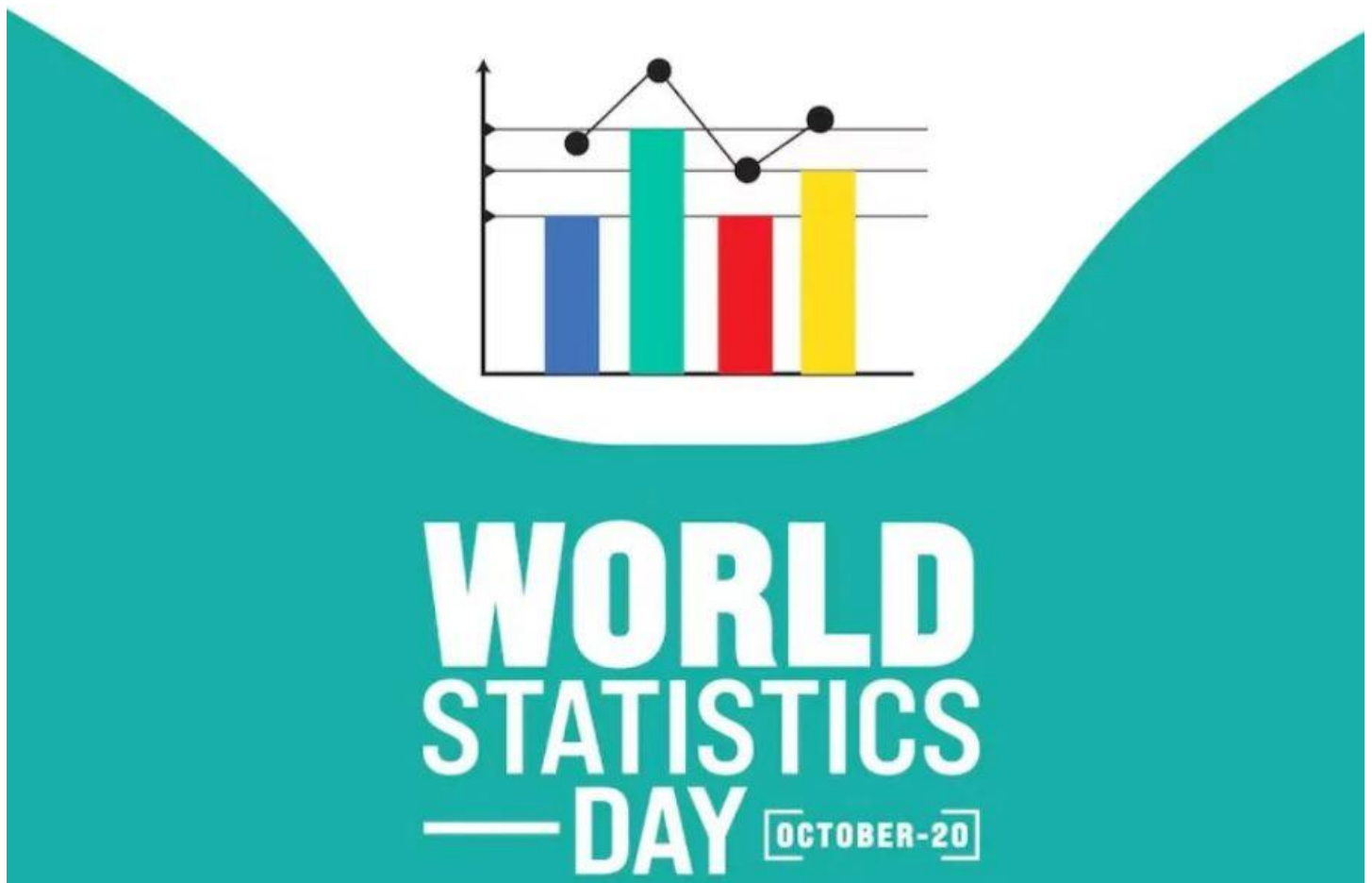
National Solidarity Day (India) : 20 October :-

On October 20, India celebrates National Solidarity Day to honor the soldiers who served in the 1962 Sino-Indian War. This crucial day commemorates India's national integrity during its battle with China. The Sino-Indian War, also called the China-India War, lasted from October to November 1962. The conflict began with a series of border skirmishes and territory disputes. On October 20, 1962, China launched a devastating offensive, defeating India and causing territorial losses, most notably Aksai Chin. In 1966, a committee elected by then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi established October 20 as National Solidarity Day to honour soldiers and their families who sacrificed in conflicts. This day continues to be marked as National Solidarity Day, dedicated to honouring the armed forces each year.



World Osteoporosis Day : 20 October :-

World Osteoporosis Day is commemorated yearly on October 20th to spread worldwide attention about osteoporosis, a disorder that weakens bones and increases their susceptibility to fractures. It also attempts to dispel myths about osteoporosis and reduce the stigma related to aging and bone fragility. The United Kingdom's National Osteoporosis Society established World Osteoporosis Day on October 20, 1996. In the following year, it was adopted by the International Osteoporosis Foundation (IOF), which has since spearheaded its global campaign. The theme for World Osteoporosis Day 2024 is "Say No to Fragile Bones."



World Statistics Day : 20 October :-

On October 20, 2024, people all over the world will mark World Statistics Day. Although many people are unaware of it, this day is observed every five years to point out the importance of statistics in changing our environment. On October 20, 2010, the United Nations Statistical Commission established the first World Statistics Day to recognize the importance of data authenticity and reliability around the world. In the year 2010, 103 countries celebrated a national Statistics Day, including 51 African countries. The African countries celebrate African Statistics Day on 18 November.



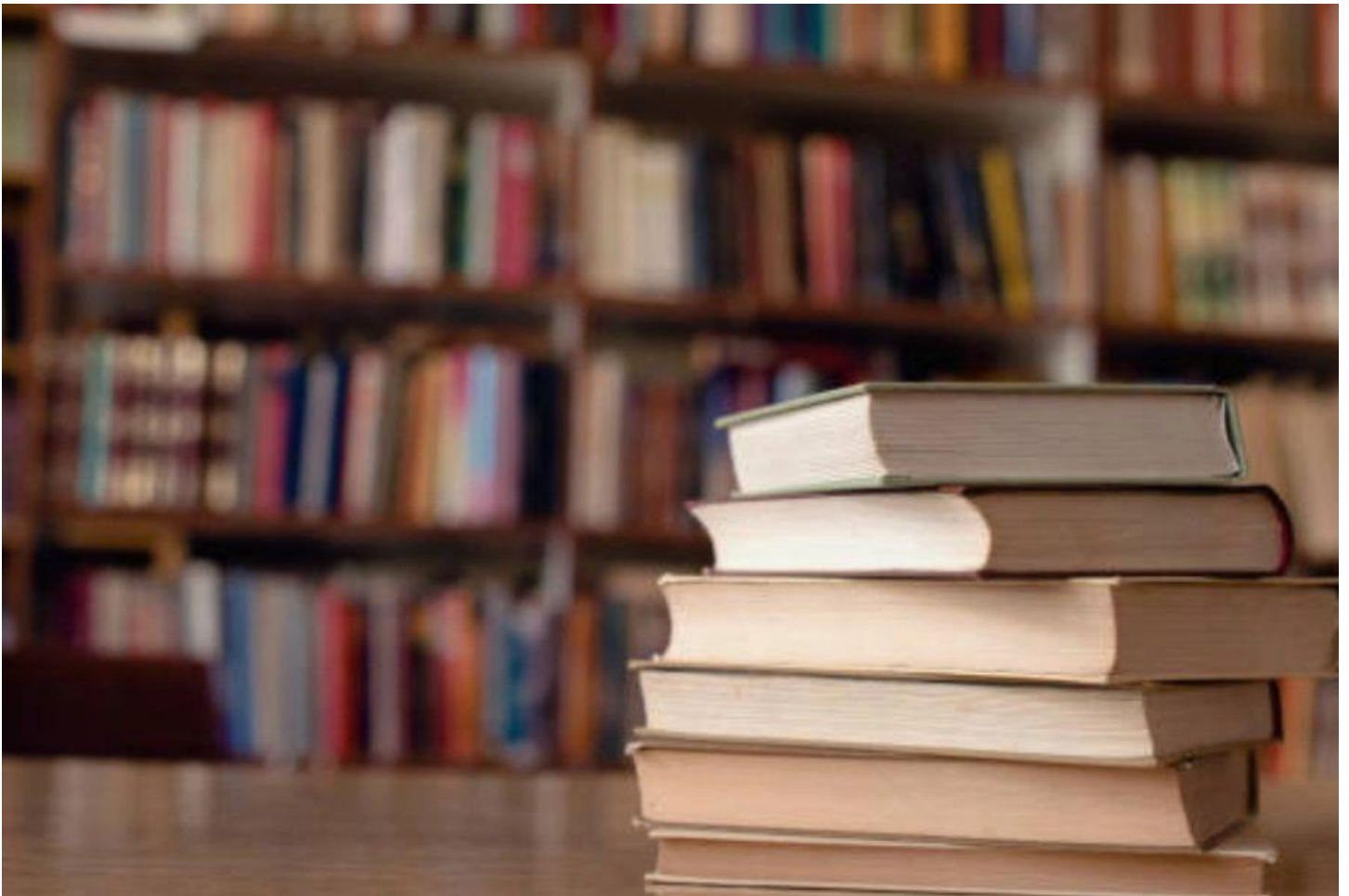
India and Mauritania Strengthen Ties with Four MoUs During President Droupadi Murmu's Historic Visit :-

During President Droupadi Murmu's visit to Mauritania, the two countries signed a number of Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs), including those on diplomat training and visa exemption. President Murmu met with her Mauritania counterpart, Mohamed Ould Ghazouani, in the Presidential Palace in Nouakchott. Both leaders discussed how to develop their connection even further. Highlighting the potential for India-Mauritania cooperation, President Murmu noted that India could contribute to Mauritania's development in various sectors, including human resource development, infrastructure, agriculture, health, education, skill development, and digital innovation.



Kotak Mahindra Bank to buy Standard Chartered's Rs 4,100 crore personal loan book :-

Kotak Mahindra Bank will purchase Standard Chartered Bank India's personal loan book, which has an overall outstanding of roughly Rs 4,100 crore, in an attempt to strengthen its retail lending operations. The proposed purchase, announced by Kotak Bank, will include 'Standard Loans' and is scheduled to be finalized within the next three months, subject to regulatory approvals. These are loans that are performing well and not showing any signs of distress or default. Kotak Bank will be acquiring the loan book that will be outstanding closer to the completion date for the deal.



Kerala govt. releases books for parents to address their children's educational needs :-

The Kerala government launched an innovative program, releasing a series of books aimed at empowering parents to assist their children's educational needs from pre-primary to higher secondary levels. State General Education Minister V Sivankutty released the four-book set titled 'Parents with the Growing Child', according to a government release. Speaking after the book release, the minister said, "Kerala has always been a leader in education with numerous exemplary initiatives. This new project further strengthens the partnership between parents, schools, and children, ensuring the comprehensive development of students."



Indian Coast Guard Conducts 'Sagar Kavach' Coastal Security Drill :-

On October 16-17, the Indian Coast Guard successfully conducted the Coastal Security Exercise 'Sagar Kavach' for the State of Gujarat and the Union Territory of Daman and Diu. The two-day "SAGAR KAVACH - 02/24" comprehensively assessed the effectiveness of the Coastal Security Mechanism. Various stakeholders, including the Indian Navy, State Police, Marine Police, BSF, National Security Guard, GMB, Fisheries, Intelligence Bureau, Port Authorities, CISF, and others, took part in the exercise, which was supervised by ICG. Significant among the assets participating are Ships and Boats from Indian Coast Guard, Indian Navy and Marine Police apart from extensive aerial surveillance of coastal areas by Indian Coast Guard aircraft and Drones, as per the release.



“Scam se Bacho” Government and Meta Team Up to Fight Online Scams :-

Sh. Sanjay Jaju, Secretary of Information and Broadcasting, presented the keynote talk at the launch of the "Scam se Bacho" National User Awareness Campaign in New Delhi. This Meta initiative, launched in collaboration with key ministries including the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB), and the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C), seeks at tackling the increasing threat of scams and cyber frauds, aligning with the government's commitment to addressing rising cases of online scams and improving cyber safety.



Virat Kohli becomes fourth Indian to cross 9,000 runs in Test cricket :-

During the third day of the opening Test against New Zealand in Bengaluru, batting ace Virat Kohli became the fourth Indian to score 9000 runs in Test cricket, reaching another milestone in a glittering career. Kohli joins an esteemed company that includes Sachin Tendulkar (15921), Rahul Dravid (13265), and Sunil Gavaskar (10122). However, he is the slowest of them to accomplish this milestone, taking 197 innings. The 35-year-old Kohli reached the mark after crossing his half-century in India's second-innings. Batting at No. 3, Kohli fell for a nine-ball duck in the first innings as India were all out for 46.



Haryana CM Saini Fulfills First Poll Promise: Free Dialysis for Kidney Patients :-

Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini fulfilled one of his pre-election promises when he declared that all government hospitals in Haryana would provide free dialysis to chronic kidney patients. The decision was made at the Cabinet's first meeting, led by Saini. "We have fulfilled our first poll promise. All government hospitals in Haryana will now offer free dialysis services to chronic kidney patients. The first file that I signed (after assuming charge as chief minister) was regarding this decision. We had made this promise. The cost of dialysis is nearly Rs 20,000 to Rs 25,000 per month. Now, the Haryana government will bear the expenses," Saini said.