



National and International Commemorative Days, Events and Festivals

Date	Title of the programme/Activity	Description
Jan 9	Har Gobind Khorana day	Commemorated the birthday of the eminent Indian American Biochemist Hargobind Khorana
Jan 10	world Hindi Day	Celebrated to mark the first World Hindi Conference that was held in 1975 and to promote the use of the Hindi language.
Jan 11 – Jan 17	Road-Safety Week	Observed to recognize the graveness of the matter and to enlighten people of the ways to become more cognizant about their safety on the road
Jan 24	Girl child day	Observed to spread awareness about the gender-based discriminations that girls face in our society and to bring change in the attitude towards girls
Jan 26	Republic Day	Celebrate the date on which the Constitution of India came into effect on 26 January 1950
Feb 11	International Day of Women and Girls in Science	Observed to encourage more girls and women to take up jobs in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
Feb 13	O N V Anusmaranam	Death anniversary of O N V Kurup
Feb 20	International Day for Social Justice	Celebrated to raise voice against social injustice and to bring the various communities together to eliminate poverty, gender, physical discrimination, illiteracy, religious discrimination to make a socially integrated society
Feb 21	International Day of Mother Tongue	Observed to promote linguistic and cultural diversity and appreciate the mother tongue malayalam
Feb 28	National Science Day	Celebrated to mark the invention of the Raman Effect
March 8	International Women's Day	To celebrate the progress made towards achieving gender equality and women's empowerment but also to critically reflect on those accomplishments and strive for a greater momentum towards gender equality worldwide
March 15	World Consumer Rights Day	Commemorated to safeguard consumer rights and to ensure that customers are not subjected to market exploitation or social injustice that may jeopardize their rights
March 21	World Poetry Day	Observed to celebrate the most treasured cultural and linguistic expression and identity in the form of poems.
Third week of March	World Brain Awareness week	the global campaign to foster public enthusiasm and support for brain science
April 14	Ambedkar Jayanthi	commemorating the memory of B. R. Ambedkar, Indian polymath and civil rights activist



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May 1	International Labour Day	celebrates the contribution of workers to society and also commemorates the achievements of the historic labour movement
June 5	World Environment Day	Celebrated for encouraging awareness and action for the protection of the environment
June 14	International Blood-Donation Day	Observed to boost public awareness about the necessity for safe blood donation voluntarily and unpaid by the healthy person
June 19	Reading day	Observed to honour the Keralite teacher, P.N. Panicker, the father of the Library and Literacy Movement in Kerala
June 21	International Yoga Day	Observed to recognize the many benefits of the ancient Indian practice of yoga
Third Sunday of June	Father's Day	honoring fatherhood and paternal bonds, as well as the influence of fathers in society
June 26	Anti-Drug Day	Observed to spread awareness about the serious issues caused because of drug abuse across the world
June 29	National statistics day	to commemorate the birth anniversary of Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis, a world-renowned statistician
July 5	Vaikom Muhammad Basheer Anusmaranam	Death Anniversary of Basheer, a humanist, freedom fighter, novelist and short story writer
July 11	Population Day	To raise an awareness on the global population issues
July 12	Malala Day	Observed to salute the Pakistani activist, Malala Yousafzai and to support world education
July 24	National Parents Day	celebrated to promote responsible parenting and to recognize positive parental role models
July 26	Kargil Vijay Diwas	Observed to commemorate the sacrifices made by soldiers in Kargil war
July 26	Aattoor ravivarma anusmaranam	Remembering the memory of Atoor Ravi Varma, the beloved poet of Malayalam
July 28	International Nature Conservation Day	Celebrated to create awareness about the need to preserve the environment and natural resources in order to keep the world healthy
July 29	World Tiger Day	Observed to raise awareness about the declining population of wild cats and making efforts to conserve them.
July 31	Premchand Jayandi	Remembering the Indian author of novels and short stories in Hindi and Urdu who pioneered in adapting Indian themes to Western literary styles
Aug 9	Nagasaki Day	Observed to promote peace politics and raise awareness of the effects of the bomb attack on Nagasaki
Aug 15	Independence Day	Celebrated to mark the reign of an independent and free India, away from the terror rule of the 200-year British rule
Aug 20	World Mosquito Day	Observed to raise awareness about the illness and disease caused by mosquitos
Aug 29	National Sports Day	Celebrated to mark hockey legend Dhyan Chand's birthday.
Sept 5	Teachers' day	Celebrated to mark the birth anniversary of



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		Dr. Sarvopalli Radhakrisnan, the first Vice-President and second President of independent India
Sept 11	Grand Parents Day	Observed to acknowledge and celebrate the important contributions made by grandparents to the wellbeing and education of children within their family
Sept 16	Ozone Day	commemorating the date of the signing, in 1987, of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer
Sept 24	NSS DAY	Commemorating the inauguration of NSS
Sept 28	National Neighbourhood Day	Observed to promote good relationships between neighbours
Oct 1	National Voluntary Blood Donation Day	celebrated to raise awareness about Blood donation and promote voluntary Blood donation in the country
Oct 1	World Elders Day	Observed to raise awareness of problems faced by elder persons and to promote the development of a society for all ages
Oct 2	Gandhi Jayanthi/ International Day of Non-violence	Celebrated to commemorate the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi
Oct 4 - 10	Space week	Observed to educate the public about space activities and foster international cooperation in space outreach and education.
Oct 5	World Teachers Day	For commemorating the signing of the 1966 UNESCO/ILO Recommendation concerning the status of teachers
Oct 6	World Cerebral Palsy Day	Observed to support those living with CP, embrace diversity and to help create a more accessible future for everyone
October 9	World Postal Day	Celebrated to commemorate the anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union in 1874 in the Swiss Capital, Bern
Oct 13	St.MariamThersia Day	Commemorating the canonization of St Mariam Thersia
Oct 15	World Students Day	Birth Anniversary of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam
Oct 17	International Poverty Eradication Day	to acknowledge the effort and struggle of people living in poverty; a chance for them to make their concerns heard; and a moment to recognize that poor people are the first ones to fight against poverty
Nov 1	Keralapiravi	celebrated every year to commemorate the formation of the state of Kerala
Nov 12	Dr.Salim Ali day	Commemorating birth anniversary of The Birdman of India- Dr.Salim Ali
Nov 13	World Kindness Day Celebration	a global day to promote the importance of being kind to each other, yourself and to the world
Nov 14	Children's Day	Celebrated to mark the birth anniversary of Jawaharlal Nehru



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Nov 14	World Diabetics Day	remembrance of the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting, who co-discovered insulin along with Charles Best and John James Rickard Macleod in 1922
Third Thursday of November	World Philosophy Day	Observed to promote an academic exchange of philosophy for the development of human thoughts
Nov 19	National Integration Day	observed to mark the birth anniversary of the first woman Prime Minister of India, Indira Gandhi
Nov 19	National Toilets Day	Observed to help break taboos around toilets and make sanitation a global development priority
Nov 20	Traffic Victims' Day	Observed to acknowledge the victims of road traffic injuries and their families
Fourth Sunday of Nov	NCC Day	Celebrated to create awareness among students about their duties towards the country and raise awareness about our heritage and tradition
Dec 1	International Aids Day	Observed to show support for people living with and affected by HIV and to remember those who lost their lives to AIDS
Dec 3	International Day of Persons with Disabilities	Observed to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities at every level of society and development, and to raise awareness of the situation of persons with disabilities in all aspects of political, social, economic, and cultural life
Dec 10	International Human Rights Day	commemorates the day when the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
Dec 22	National Mathematics Day	Observed to mark the birth anniversary of legendary Indian mathematician, Srinivasa Ramanujan
Dec 23	Kisan Divas	Observed to mark the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister and farmer leader Chaudhary Charan Singh