IMPORTANT DAYS, DATES & THEMES 2026

JANUARY 2026

Date	Important Day	2026 Theme / Key Theme
1 January	Global Family Day	One World, One Family
4 January	World Braille Day	Empowering through Inclusion and Accessibility
9 January	Pravasi Bharatiya Divas	Connecting Indian Diaspora with India
10 January	World Hindi Day	Promotion of Hindi globally
12 January	National Youth Day	Swami Vivekananda Jayanti
15 January	Indian Army Day	Service to the Nation
16 January	National Startup Day	Startup ecosystem and innovation
24 January	National Girl Child Day	Empowerment, education and protection of girls
24 January	International Day of Education	Education as a fundamental right
25 January	National Voters' Day	**"My India, My Vote"**
25 January	National Tourism Day	Sustainable tourism
26 January	Republic Day	77th Republic Day; constitutional democracy
26 January	International Customs Day	Customs and resilient trade
27 January	International Holocaust Remembrance Day	Remembrance and education

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28 January	Data Protection Day	Privacy and data protection
30 January	Martyrs' Day	Mahatma Gandhi; non-violence
30 January	World Leprosy Day	Dignity and ending stigma

2026 Republic Day theme/focus: 150 years of Vande Mataram, with the broader themes of *Swatantrata ka Mantra – Vande Mataram* and *Samriddhi ka Mantra – Atmanirbhar Bharat*.

FEBRUARY 2026

Date	Important Day	2026 Theme
1 February	Indian Coast Guard Day	50 years of the Indian Coast Guard
2 February	World Wetlands Day	**"Wetlands and Traditional Knowledge: Celebrating Cultural Heritage"**
4 February	World Cancer Day	**"United by Unique"**
4 February	International Day of Human Fraternity	Dialogue Over Division
6 February	International Day of Zero Tolerance to FGM	Towards 2030: No End to FGM without Sustained Commitment and Investment
10 February	World Pulses Day	Pulses for food security and nutrition
11 February	International Day of Women and Girls in Science	Women and girls in STEM
13 February	World Radio Day	**"Radio and AI: A Tool, Not a Voice"**
20	World Day of Social Justice	**Renewed Commitment to Social**

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February		**Development and Social Justice**
21 February	International Mother Language Day	Linguistic and cultural diversity
24 February	Central Excise Day	Central Excise administration
28 February	National Science Day	**"Women in Science: Catalysing Viksit Bharat"**

MARCH 2026

Date	Important Day	2026 Theme
1 March	Zero Discrimination Day	Protect Everyone's Health, Protect Everyone's Rights
3 March	World Wildlife Day	**"Medicinal and Aromatic Plants: Conserving Health, Heritage and Livelihoods"**
4 March	National Safety Day	Safety at workplace
8 March	International Women's Day	**"Rights. Justice. Action. For ALL Women and Girls"**
10 March	CISF Raising Day	Service and internal security
14 March	International Day of Action for Rivers	River conservation
15 March	World Consumer Rights Day	**"Safe Products, Confident Consumers"**
16 March	National Vaccination Day	Immunisation awareness
18 March	Ordnance Factories Day	Defence production
20 March	International Day of Happiness	Happiness and well-being
20	World Sparrow Day	Sparrow conservation

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March		
21 March	International Day of Forests	**"Forests and Economies"**
21 March	World Down Syndrome Day	Inclusion and rights
21 March	World Poetry Day	Poetry and cultural expression
22 March	World Water Day	**"Water and Gender"**
23 March	World Meteorological Day	Meteorology and early warning
24 March	World Tuberculosis Day	TB elimination
25 March	International Day of Remembrance of Victims of Slavery	Remembrance and justice
27 March	World Theatre Day	Theatre and cultural expression

APRIL 2026

Date	Important Day	2026 Theme / Focus
2 April	World Autism Awareness Day	Autism awareness and inclusion
5 April	National Maritime Day	Indian maritime heritage
7 April	World Health Day	**"Together for health. Stand with science"**
11 April	National Safe Motherhood Day	Maternal health
12 April	International Day of Human Space Flight	Human space exploration

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15 April	World Art Day	Art and creativity
17 April	World Haemophilia Day	**"Diagnosis: First Step to Care"**
18 April	World Heritage Day	Heritage conservation
21 April	National Civil Services Day	**"Viksit Bharat: Citizen-Centric Governance and Development at the Last Mile"**
22 April	Earth Day	**"Our Power, Our Planet"**
23 April	World Book and Copyright Day	Books, reading and intellectual property
24 April	National Panchayati Raj Day	**"Sashakt Panchayat, Sarvangeen Vikas"**
25 April	World Malaria Day	**"Driven to End Malaria: Now We Can. Now We Must."**
26 April	World Intellectual Property Day	**"IP and Sports: Ready, Set, Innovate!"**
28 April	World Day for Safety and Health at Work	Safe and healthy workplaces
30 April	Ayushman Bharat Diwas	Universal health coverage

MAY 2026

Date	Important Day	2026 Theme
1 May	International Labour Day	**Ensuring a Healthy Psychosocial Working Environment**
3 May	World Press Freedom Day	**"Shaping a Future at Peace"**
8 May	World Red Cross Day	Keeping Humanity Alive
12	International Nurses Day	**"Our Nurses. Our Future. The**

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May		**Economic Power of Care"**
15 May	International Day of Families	Families and Climate Action
17 May	World Telecommunication & Information Society Day	**"Digital Innovation for Sustainable Development"**
18 May	International Museum Day	Museums and changing communities
20 May	World Bee Day	**"Bee Inspired by Nature to Nourish Us All"**
21 May	National Anti-Terrorism Day	Countering terrorism
22 May	International Day for Biological Diversity	**"Be Part of the Plan"**
23 May	World Turtle Day	Turtle conservation
28 May	International Menstrual Hygiene Day	**"Together for a #PeriodFriendlyWorld"**
29 May	International Day of UN Peacekeepers	Invest in Peace
31 May	World No Tobacco Day	Tobacco and poverty/inequality

JUNE 2026

Date	Important Day	2026 Theme
1 June	World Milk Day	**Celebrating Women Farmers**
3 June	World Bicycle Day	Sustainable mobility
4 June	International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression	Protection of children
5 June	World Environment Day	**"Inspired by Nature. For Climate. For Our Future."**

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7 June	World Food Safety Day	**"From Burden to Solutions – Safe Food Everywhere"**
8 June	World Oceans Day	**"Reimagine" / Reimagining our relationship with oceans**
12 June	World Day Against Child Labour	End child labour
14 June	World Blood Donor Day	Blood donation
15 June	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day	Protection of older persons
16 June	International Day of the African Child	Child rights
17 June	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	**"Rangelands: Recognize. Respect. Restore."**
20 June	World Refugee Day	Refugee protection
21 June	International Day of Yoga	**"Yoga for Healthy Ageing"**
23 June	UN Public Service Day	Public service and governance
26 June	International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	Drug prevention
29 June	National Statistics Day	**"Data for Sustainable Development"**

JULY 2026

Date	Important Day	2026 Theme / Focus
1 July	National Doctors' Day	Healthcare and contribution of doctors
6 July	World Zoonoses Day	One Health and zoonotic diseases
11 July	World Population Day	**Realising the hopes and aspirations of young people**

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15 July	World Youth Skills Day	Youth skills and employability
18 July	Nelson Mandela International Day	Mandela's legacy and social justice
20 July	International Chess Day	Chess and intellectual development
28 July	World Hepatitis Day	Hepatitis elimination
29 July	International Tiger Day	Tiger conservation
30 July	World Day Against Trafficking in Persons	Prevention and protection

AUGUST 2026

Date	Important Day	2026 Theme / Focus
1–7 August	World Breastfeeding Week	Breastfeeding and maternal-child health
6 August	Hiroshima Day	Peace and nuclear disarmament
9 August	Nagasaki Day	Nuclear disarmament
9 August	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples	Indigenous peoples' rights
12 August	International Youth Day	Youth participation and development
15 August	Independence Day of India	80th Independence Day
19 August	World Humanitarian Day	Humanitarian action
21 August	International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to Victims of Terrorism	Counter-terrorism and victims' rights
23	International Day for the Remembrance of	Historical remembrance

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August	the Slave Trade and its Abolition	
29 August	National Sports Day	Major Dhyan Chand Jayanti
30 August	International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances	Human rights

SEPTEMBER 2026

Date	Important Day	2026 Theme / Focus
1–7 September	National Nutrition Week	Nutrition and healthy lifestyles
2 September	World Coconut Day	Coconut and sustainable livelihoods
5 September	National Teachers' Day	Dr. S. Radhakrishnan
7 September	International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies	Clean air
8 September	International Literacy Day	Literacy and lifelong learning
10 September	World Suicide Prevention Day	Suicide prevention
11 September	National Forest Martyrs Day	Forest conservation
14 September	Hindi Diwas	Promotion of Hindi
15 September	Engineers' Day	Sir M. Visvesvaraya
15 September	International Day of Democracy	Democracy and participation
16 September	World Ozone Day	Ozone-layer protection
17 September	World Patient Safety Day	Patient safety
21 September	International Day of Peace	Peace and non-violence
21 September	World Alzheimer's Day	Alzheimer's awareness
23 September	International Day of Sign Languages	Sign language and inclusion
25	World Pharmacists Day	Pharmacy and healthcare

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September		
27 September	World Tourism Day	Tourism and sustainable development
28 September	World Rabies Day	**"Stronger Together"**
29 September	World Heart Day	Cardiovascular health

UN INTERNATIONAL YEARS — 2022 TO 2028

Year	International Year
2022	Sustainable Mountain Development
2022	Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development
2022	Glass
2022	Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture
2023	Millets
2023	Dialogue as a Guarantee of Peace
2024	Camelids
2025	Quantum Science and Technology
2025	Cooperatives
2025	Glaciers' Preservation
2025	Peace and Trust
2026	Rangelands and Pastoralists
2026	Volunteers for Sustainable Development
2026	Woman Farmer
2027	Sustainable and Resilient Tourism
2027	Legal Literacy
2028	International Law
2029	Asteroid Awareness and Planetary Defence