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**IMPORTANT DAYS****World Braille Day: 4th January**

- **World Braille Day 2024** is observed on the **4th of January 2024**.
- After its inventor, "Braille," the term was given.
- When **Louis Braille** was a young child, he inadvertently injured himself in the **eye with his father's awl, which caused him to lose his vision**.
- He spent time at the Royal Institute for Blind Youth in France starting at the age of 10 when he developed and improved the raised-dot technique that eventually became known as Braille.

**World Day of War Orphans: 6th January**

- **World Day of War Orphans 2024** is observed on the **6th of January 2024**.
- Children who lose their parents in sudden, violent events like war are forced to live with a surviving relative or into the foster care system, where they must deal with horrible living conditions including starvation and disease.
- **According to UNICEF, there were "almost 140 million orphans worldwide" as of 2015**. Of those, 61 million lived in Asia, 52 million in Africa, 10 million in Latin America and the Caribbean, and 7.3 million in Eastern Europe and Central Asia.
- SOS Enfants en Detresse, a French charity that aims to restore a sense of normalcy to the lives of children indirectly impacted by war and conflict, established World Day for War Orphans.

**Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Or NRI Day: 9th January**

- **NRI Day 2024 or Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2024** is observed on the **9th of January 2024**.
- It was in 2000 when the Indian government decided to recognize the NRI community on January 9th by observing Pravasi Bharatiya Divas.
- Mahatma Gandhi returned to India on January 9, 1915, from South Africa, which gives the ninth of January its significance as NRI Day.
- **Despite being formally established in 2000, this day wasn't actually observed until 2003**.

**World Hindi Day: 10th January**

- **World Hindi Day 2024** is observed on the **10th of January 2024**.
- The inaugural **World Hindi Conference, or Vishva Hindi Sammelan**, was held in Nagpur, Maharashtra, in 1975, which is when World Hindi Day first became a thing.

- This day was dedicated to honouring both the Hindi language and the many authors who have contributed to its literature.
- Every year, Vishva Hindi Divas is observed to honour the Conference's anniversary.
- On January 10, Hindi-speaking people around the world celebrate World Hindi Day.

### **National Human Trafficking Awareness Day 2024: 11th January**

- **National Human Trafficking Awareness Day 2024** is observed on the **11th January 2024**.
- The fight against human trafficking made progress in the late 20th and early 21st centuries.
- The Trafficking Victims Protection Act, which was passed in **2000**, was the **first federal statute to address contemporary slavery**.
- Anti-Slavery International also founded the American nonprofit organization Free The Slaves.
- The resolution designating **January 11 as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day** was approved by the **US Senate in 2007**.

### **Death Anniversary of Lal Bahadur Shastri 2024: 11th January**

- Lal Bahadur Shastri was born on **2nd October 1904** at Mughalsarai, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.
- He was the **second Prime Minister of Independent India** and also a leader of the Indian National Congress Party.
- Shastri ji joined the Indian Independence Struggle in the 1920s, where he took part in the non-cooperation movement.
- The British sent him to prison for a while.
- He took part in the Salt Satyagraha in 1930, which led to his more than two-year imprisonment.
- He joined as the Parliamentary Board of U.P.'s organizing secretary in 1937.

### **National Youth Day: 12th January**

- **National Youth Day 2024** is observed on the **12th January 2024**.
- On **January 12, 1984**, the Indian government declared Swami Vivekananda's birthday as **National Youth Day** for the first time.
- Since then, the day is celebrated nationwide as National Youth Day.

### **Tripura, Manipur, and Meghalaya Foundation Day: 21st January**

- **Tripura, Manipur, and Meghalaya Foundation Day 2024** is observed on the **21st of January 2024**.

**Tripura, Manipur, and Meghalaya Foundation Day History:**

- Two princely states, Manipur and Tripura, united with India in 1949.
- Later, they were given the status of a union territory.
- In 1972, Meghalaya and Tripura were granted full sovereignty.
- The states were able to be established thanks to the North Eastern Region (Re-organization) Act of 1971.
- India's northeast in 1947 was made up of the Assam Plains, the North Eastern Frontier Tracts, and the hill districts.
- In 1949, the princely kingdoms joined forces with India.
- The areas were created as union territories. Nagaland became a state in 1963.
- In 1972, the North Eastern Reorganization Act was adopted. As a result, Meghalaya and Tripura were granted full statehood.
- The act also established the Assam Mizo and NEFA hills as union territories.
- In 1986, the Mizo Accord was ratified.
- In 1987, Mizoram became a sovereign state.
- NEFA, or Arunachal Pradesh, received full statehood in 1987.

### International Day of Education: 24th January

- **International Day of Education 2024** is observed on the **24th January 2024**
- The International Day of Education was **declared by the UN General Assembly in December 2018 as a way to honor education and to think about how crucial learning is to progress and peace.**
- Each of us has a responsibility to advance high-quality education.
- Institutions are not the only ones that can impart knowledge.
- Access to education, which most of us probably take for granted, can help many people escape poverty and open the door to a bright future.
- **Statistics provided by UNESCO indicate that an estimated 258 million youngsters are not enrolled in school.**
- The situation is worse for marginalized groups, people who reside in more unequal regions, and citizens of developing nations.
- The sad truth is that innumerable societies in the modern world disregard education as unimportant.
- The International Day of Education is a rallying cry for people, civil society, and policymakers to take decisive action to guarantee that children receive primary and secondary education, as well as to increase young involvement in education.

- Learning programs should be created to meet the requirements of various demographic groups while focusing on one overarching objective: giving kids the education they need to find work and have better lives.

### National Girl Child Day: 24th January

- **National Girl Child Day 2024** is observed on the **24th of January 2024**.
- The **Ministry of Women and Child Development of the Government of India** established **National Girl Child Day in 2008**, marking the beginning of the day's history.
- Children who are girls regularly experience discrimination and injustice in Indian society.
- They are frequently denied the opportunity to further their education and are required to help out around the house starting at a very young age.
- The government aims to convey the urgent need to treat female children equally and give them the opportunities they rightfully deserve through Girl Child Day.
- As a result, the government coordinates awareness programs to spread the word on every National Girl Child Day.

### National Voters Day: 25th January

- **National Voters Day 2024** is observed on the **25th January 2024**.
- The **Election Commission of India (ECI)**, which was established in 1950, was founded on January 25.
- To encourage young people to participate in the election process, **this day was first observed in 2011**.
- Without a doubt, today is a celebration of both India's democracy and the freedom to vote.
- The primary goal of the Election Commission is to promote voter registration, especially among qualified voters.
- Let us inform you that while the voting age was once 21 years old, it was decreased to 18 years old in 1988.
- The voting age in India was lowered by the **Sixty-First Amendment Bill of 1998**.

### National Tourism Day: 25th January

- **National Tourism Day 2024** is observed on the **25th January 2024**.
- National Tourism Day has a long history dating back to the Indian government's proclamation of **January 25 as Tourism Day in India**.
- This day was created to highlight the value of travel and raise awareness of how vital it is to the economy of the nation.

- The nation as a whole warmly celebrates Indian tourism.
- The purpose of celebrating National Tourism Day is to **increase public understanding of the social, political, economic, and cultural ideals that ultimately influence travel.**
- The strategic growth, management, and promotion of tourism are solely the responsibility of the Ministry of Tourism, which is the principal institution in India for developing national policy.
- To promote tourism in the nation, it collaborates with the public sector and central government organizations.

### **Republic Day 2024: 26th January**

- **Republic Day 2024** is observed on the **26th January 2024.**
- The day honours the promulgation of the Indian Constitution on January 26, 1950.
- Even though India was freed from the British Raj in 1947, it wasn't until January 26, 1950, that the Indian Constitution took effect and the nation was proclaimed a republic.
- The Constitution was adopted a year after the Constituent Assembly's final session on November 26, 1949, which was its **first session on December 9, 1946.**
- The Constitution's Drafting Committee was led by Dr BR Ambedkar. India also observes Constitution Day on this day.
- Republic Day honours the spirit of India's independence.
- The Indian National Congress proclaimed the end of colonial authority on this day in 1930, declaring Purna Swaraj. Republic Day also honours the right of Indian citizens to elect a democratically-run government.
- To honour the creation of the Indian Constitution, the nation observes it as a national holiday.

### **International Customs Day: 26th January**

- **International Customs Day 2024** is observed on the **26th January 2024.**
- The **European Customs Union Study Group (E.C.U.S.G.)** was established by the Committee for European Economic Cooperation in 1948 to investigate the feasibility of establishing one or more inter-European customs unions.
- To increase the effectiveness of customs administrations around the world, **the Customs Cooperation Council (C.C.C.)** was established in 1952.
- The C.C.C.'s first session was held on January 26, 1953, and there were 17 founding members present.
- In 1983, the group established International Customs Day.

- The C.C.C. became a global organization and was renamed the W.C.O. in 1994 after decades of growth and expansion outside of Europe. The W.C.O. has its headquarters in Brussels, Belgium.

### International Holocaust Remembrance Day 2024: January 27

- **International Holocaust Remembrance Day 2024** is observed every year on the 27th January.
- The **UN General Assembly** adopted resolution 60/7 on November 1, 2005, to designate January 27 as the International Holocaust Remembrance Day (IHRD).
- On January 27, 2006, the **first commemoration of International Holocaust Remembrance Day was held at the UN Headquartered in New York City.**
- After that UN Headquarters commemorates this day every year.
- While UN offices and other state offices across the world conduct their ceremonies.

### Indian Newspaper Day-January 29

- **Indian Newspaper Day** is a day to commemorate the birth of newspapers in India.
- The motive of this day is to promote **Indian Newspapers.**
- Indian Newspaper Day is celebrated every year on **29th January.**
- Indian Newspaper Day commemorates the birth of the first Indian Newspaper on **January 29, 1780.**
- The '**Hickey's Bengal Gazette**', which was also known as the '**Calcutta General Advertiser**', was the **first weekly newspaper.**
- As per the summons of the Indian Newspaper Society, this day is celebrated on **29th January every year.**

### Martyrs Day: 30th January

- **Martyrs Day 2024** is observed on the **30th of January 2024.**
- **Gandhi promoted nonviolent protests** throughout India's struggle for independence and encouraged everyone to set an example.
- With the British, he negotiated several peace deals before issuing the ultimatum to leave.
- Gandhi undertook the nearly impossible task of creating a nation out of numerous provinces and territories as the Indian constitution was being ratified.
- Gandhi was vehemently opposed to the idea of partitioning India.
- Even after the Declaration of Independence, he held regular demonstrations to establish his resistance.

- Gandhi's objection to the partition was met harshly by Hindu nationalists, who accused him of appeasing the Muslims.
- On the eve of **January 30**, **Nathuram Vinayak Godse**, a notorious Hindu nationalist, shot Gandhi **three times at point-blank**.
- Gandhi was shot in the chest, putting an end to his lifelong fight for nonviolence.
- On Martyrs' Day, Indians from all over the world assemble to honor the memory of a great hero and recognize the pointless carnage brought on by violent extremism.