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IMPORTANT DAYS

International Labour Day: May 1

- International Labour Day is celebrated every year on May 1.International Labor Day 2024 is also known as May Day.
- International Labour Day originated in 1889 when a group of socialist parties in Europe decided to designate May 1 as a special day for workers, which they called International Labour Day or Workers Day.

Gujarat Day 2024: Observed on 1 May

- Gujarat Day or Gujarat Foundation Day or Gujarat Sthapana Divas is celebrated every year on 1
 May.
- Two states, Maharashtra and Gujarat, were formed after the partition of Bombay based on language in 1960.
- These two states were carved out of Bombay State by the Bombay Reorganization Act in 1960,
 due to the demands of the Gujarati and Marathi-speaking people.

Maharashtra Day 2024: May 1

- Maharashtra Day, celebrated on May 1st every year, marks the creation of the state of Maharashtra in 1960.
- Maharashtra Day celebrates the linguistic and cultural identity of the Marathi people.
- The Samyukta Maharashtra Samiti (United Maharashtra Committee) formed in 1956 became the driving force behind the movement.
- They advocated for a separate state encompassing Marathi-speaking regions that were then part
 of the Bombay State.

World Tuna Day 2024: May 2

 World Tuna Day, observed annually on May 2 is dedicated to raising awareness about the critical importance of tuna conservation.



World Tuna Day was initially proposed by the Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA) during a
meeting of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) in 2011.

World Press Freedom Day 2024: May 3

- World Press Freedom Day is observed on 3 May every year.
- This day is dedicated to the fundamental principles of press freedom and to defending the media from attacks on their independence.
- The Theme of World Press Freedom Day 2024 is "A Press for the Planet: Journalism in the Face
 of the environmental crisis".

Coal Miners Day 2024 In India - May 4

- Every year, Coal Miners Day is celebrated on May 4.
- This day is celebrated for the miners who are working in the field.
- The history of Coal Miner's Day dates back to 1952, when the Mines Act, was passed. This
 legislation provided for the provision of medical facilities, safety and health measures, and rescue
 stations for coal miners.
- The first coal mine in India was opened in 1774 by John Summer and Suetonius Grant Heatly of the East India Company.

World Laughter Day 2024: May 5

- Every year World Laughter Day is celebrated on the first Sunday of May and this year(2024)World
 Laughter Day falls on the 5th of May.
- Every year on the first Sunday of May, World Laughter Day was observed to promote awareness about laughter and its health benefits.
- World Laughter Day was celebrated in 1998 when Dr. Madan Kataria announced the first celebration of this day on May 10.

World Asthma Day 2024 - May 7



- Every year World Asthma Day is celebrated on the First Tuesday of May.
- This year(2024), World Asthma Day was celebrated on May 7.
- In celebration of World Asthma Day 2024, the Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA) has selected the theme of "Asthma Education Empowers".
- This day is celebrated to raise awareness among people about Asthma.
- The Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA) was established in 1993.
- The first World Asthma Day was observed in the year 1998.

World Red Cross And Red Crescent Day 2024 - May 8

- World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day are celebrated every year on May 8.
- This initiative was studied by an International Commission established at the 14th International Conference on the Red Cross.
- Immediately after World War I, the world needed peace and stability.
- In 1948, the Board of Governors of the League of the Red Cross Societies proposed to celebrate
 the birth anniversary of Henry Dunant, the founder of the Red Cross and the International
 Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

World Thalassaemia Day 2024 - May 8

- World Thalassaemia Day is celebrated every year on May 8.
- This day is celebrated to raise awareness about the struggles of patients suffering from genetic disorders and raise awareness about Thalassaemia.
- The Theme of World Thalassaemia Day 2024 is "Empowering Lives, Embracing Progress: Equitable
 and Accessible Thalassaemia Treatment for All".
- The history of World Thalassemia Day dates back to 1994 when the Thalassemia International
 Federation (TIF) first established the day.

National Technology Day 2024 - May 11

National Technology Day is celebrated every year on May 11.



- This day is observed to commemorate the importance of Scientists, Research, etc.
- This day is celebrated to raise awareness about the Technology that is developed day by day.
- The history of National Technology Day in India dates back to 1998, when the Indian Army conducted five nuclear bomb tests (Pokhran- II) in Rajasthan under the surveillance of the then Prime Minister of India Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- The first National Technology Day was observed on 11 May 1999.

International Nurses Day 2024 - May 12

- International Nurses Day is celebrated every year on May 12.
- The theme for International Nurses Day 2024 is Our Nurses. Our Future. The economic power of care.
- In 1953, US Department of Health, Education, and Welfare officer Dorothy Sutherland contacted
 US President Dwight.D.Elsenhower to celebrate "Nurses Day".
- Since 1965, the International Council of Nurses (ICN) has celebrated this day.
- From January 1974, May 12 was officially declared "International Nurses Day".

International Day Of Families 2024 - May 15

- International Day of Families is celebrated every year on May 15.
- This day is celebrated to raise awareness about the importance of Family.
- The theme for International Day of Families 2024 is "Families and Climate Change."
- International Day Of Families was first observed by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in the year 1994.
- International Day Of Families is celebrated as the 30th anniversary of International Day Of Families by the United Nations.
- In 1985, the Economic and Social Council invited the General Assembly to conduct the forty-first session named "Families in the Development Process".

World Telecommunication And Information Society Day 2024 - May 17

World Telecommunication And Information Society Day 2024 is celebrated on May 17.



- The United Nations General Assembly(UNGA) declared May 17 as World Telecommunication and Information Society Day.
- In the year 1865, the International Telecommunication Union was founded, when the first Indian Telegraph Convention was signed.
- In 2005, the World Summit on the Information Society asked the United Nations to declare May 17 as
 World Telecommunication Day to be observed every year.

World Hypertension Day 2024 - May 17

- World Hypertension Day 2024 is celebrated on May 17.
- This day is prompted by the World Hypertension League(WHL).
- The Theme of World Hypertension Day 2024 is "Measure Your Blood Pressure Accurately, Control it, Live Longer!".
- The World Hypertension League (WHL) established World Hypertension Day to increase public awareness of hypertension.
- The World Hypertension League sponsored the inaugural World Hypertension Day on May 14, 2005.
- May 17 has been recognized as World Hypertension Day annually since 2006.

International Museum Day 2024 - May 18

- International Museum Day is celebrated every year on May 18 to raise awareness about the museums in society.
- The theme for International Museum Day 2024 is "Museums for Education and Research".
- The International Council of Museums (ICOM) has promoted this day every year since 1977.
- The International Council Of Museums (ICOM) conducted a general meeting in Moscow, Russia to adopt the day for museums.
- After that, the first International Day Of Museums was first established in 1977.
- The theme for International Museum Day was first established in 1992.

World AIDS Vaccine Day, or HIV Vaccine Awareness Day, observed on May 18th

- World AIDS Vaccine Day, also known as HIV Vaccine Awareness Day, is observed annually on May 18.
- The day is dedicated to recognising and promoting the need for AIDS vaccines.

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What is AIDS?

- AIDS stands for Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome, caused by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).
- The disease was first reported in 1981 in the United States.
- If HIV is not treated on time, it can lead to AIDS, which occurs when the body's immune system is badly damaged and is not able to fight other diseases and infections.
- The day commemorates a speech by then-President Bill Clinton at Morgan State University on May 18, 1997, emphasizing the importance of creating a vaccine to stop the spread of the epidemic.

World Metrology Day 2024 - May 20

- World Metrology Day is celebrated on May 20 annually.
- This day is observed to raise the importance of Metrology. Metrology Day is prompted by the Measurements Standards Laboratory(MSL).
- The first World Metrology Day was held in 1961.

Anti-Terrorism Day 2024 - May 21

- Anti-Terrorism Day is celebrated every year on May 21.
- This day is to commemorate the death anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.
- This day is observed on the death anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in 1991.
- He was the sixth Prime Minister of India in 1984.

World Day For Cultural Diversity For Dialogue And Development 2024 - May 21

- World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development was observed on May 21.
- UNESCO has adopted this day since 2001.
- UNESCO adopted the World Day for Cultural Diversity in 2001.
- In 2002, the United Nations General Assembly declared May 21 as World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development.

International Day For Biological Diversity 2024 - May 22

- International Day for Biological Diversity 2024 is celebrated on May 22.
- This year(2024), the theme of the International Day for Biological Diversity is "Be Part of the Plan."
- This day is observed to raise awareness about Biological Diversity.

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- The aim of International Day for Biological Diversity is to promote diversity issues.
- On December 20, 2000, the day was first observed on 22nd May.
- Bio means life; Diversity means a range of different things and Biodiversity means Diversity of life.

International Day Of Action For Women's Health 2024 - May 28

- Every year, International Day of Action for Women's Health is observed on May 28.
- This year(2024), International Day of Action for Women's Health falls on Tuesday.
- THEME: The International Day of Action for Women's Health 2024 is yet to be announced.
- HISTORY: In 1987, South Africa was first recognized this day as the International Day of Action for Women's Health.
- In 1984, the **Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights** (WGNRR) was created to organize the International Day of Action for Women's Health.

International Everest Day 2024 - May 29

- International Everest Day 2024 is observed on May 29.
- This day is in the memory of two persons who climbed Mt. Everest in 1953.
- The Theme allocated for International Everest Day 2024 is yet to be released.
- International Mount Everest Day was celebrated in 2008, and it was the day Edmund Hillary passed away that Nepal decided May 29 as International Everest Day.

International Day Of United Nations Peacekeepers 2024 - May 29

- The International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers is observed every year on May 29.
- The first United Nations Peacekeeping mission was first established in May 1948.
- This year(2024), the theme of International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers 2024 is "Fit for the future, building better together".
- In the first UN Peacekeeping Mission in 1948, 3,800 military, police and other personnel lost their lives in the service of peace.

World No Tobacco Day 2024 - May 31

- World No Tobacco Day is observed every year on May 31.
- This day is also known as World Anti-Tobacco Day.
- World No Tobacco Day is to spread awareness to the people about the harmful effects of tobacco

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which causes cancer, lung disease, etc.

- The theme for World No Tobacco Day 2024 is "Protecting children from tobacco industry interference".
- In 1987, the World Health Assembly passed a resolution called "World No Smoking Day".
- In 2008, on World No Tobacco Day, the World Health Organization (WHO) called for a ban on all tobacco products, advertisements, promotions, and sponsorship.