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#### **IMPORTANT DAYS**

#### World AIDS Day: 1st December

- World AIDS Day 2024 is observed on the 1st of December 2024.
- The theme for World AIDS Day 2024, 'Take the Rights Path: My health, my right!'
- World AIDS Day was first initiated in 1998 and observed on December 1.
- World AIDS Day was the first day celebrated for health awareness.
- The World AIDS Campaign was registered as a nonprofit organization in 2004 in the Netherlands.

### National Pollution Control Day: 2nd December

- National Pollution Control Day 2024 is observed on the 2nd of December 2024.
- National Pollution Control Day is observed to create awareness about pollution which is causing harm to our environment and to living beings.
- It is nationally observed for the remembrance of an Industrial accident that took place in Bhopal which took thousands of lives in 1984.

## International Day for the Abolition of Slavery: 2nd December

- International Day for the Abolition of Slavery 2024 is observed on the 2nd of December 2024.
- The International Labor Organization puts the number of victims of modern slavery at 40 million worldwide.
- ILO has adopted a legally binding Protocol designed to strengthen global efforts to eliminate forced labour, which entered into force in November 2016.
- U.N. Working Group on Slavery submitted a report that tendered the date for consideration as the World Day for the Abolition of Slavery in 1985.

#### World Computer Literacy Day: 2nd December

- World Computer Literacy Day 2024 is observed on the 2nd of December.
- World Computer Literacy Day was launched in 2001 by an Indian company called N.I.I.T. to celebrate its 20th anniversary.
- The Company was founded in 1981 by Rajendra Singh Pawar and Vijay K. Thadani. N.I.I.T stands for National Institute of Information Technology, is a skills and talent development company.



## International Day of Persons with Disabilities: 3rd December

- International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2024 is observed on the 3rd of December 2024.
- In 1976, the UN General Assembly made a decision that from 1981 International Day of Persons with Disabilities will be celebrated globally.
- The first Paralympic games were hosted in 1960. In 1992 The International Day of People with Disability was proclaimed by the United Nations.

## Indian Navy Day: 4th December

- Indian Navy Day 2024 is observed on the 4th of December 2024.
- The Indian Navy Day 2024 theme set for this year is "Strength and Power through Innovation and Indigenisation."
- The Indian Navy was established by the East India Company in 1612.

## World Wildlife Conservation Day is on December 4, 2024

- World Wildlife Conservation Day is observed annually on December 4 to spread awareness about preserving Earth's endangered Flora and fauna.
- Initiated on November 8, 2012, by Hillary Clinton, then US Secretary of State, during "The Wildlife Trafficking and Conservation" event.

#### Theme for 2024

"Connecting People and Planet: Exploring Digital Innovation in Wildlife Conservation"

#### World Soil Day, celebrated annually on December 5

- Observed on: December 5 annually.
- Objective: To highlight the vital role of soil in sustaining life and address the challenges of soil degradation.
- History:
  - Initiated by the International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS) in 2002.
  - Officially recognized by the United Nations in 2013.
  - The date honors King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand, a proponent of sustainable soil management, coinciding with his birthday.

## Theme for 2024

"Caring for Soils: Measure, Monitor, Manage"

Every year on December 4th, Indian Navy Day is celebrated



- Indian Navy Day is celebrated every year on December 4th. In 2024, it will be observed on Wednesday, December 4.
- The theme of Indian Navy Day 2024 is "Strength and Power through Innovation and Indigenisation" with the goal to highlight the Indian Navy's commitment and demonstrations towards self-reliance and technological advancements.
- The date commemorates the bold naval operations carried out by the Indian Navy during the
   1971 Indo-Pakistan war, especially the attack on Karachi, which was a significant and strategic military action.

## December 4 Observed As International Day Of Banks

- International Day of Banks is observed every year on December 4 to highlight the essential role
  that banks and financial institutions play in the sustainable development of countries and the
  world as a whole.
- The theme for 2024 is "Empowering Sustainable Development Through Finance."
- The International Day of Banks was officially recognized through a UN General Assembly resolution (74/245) passed on December 19, 2019.

## December 4th is International Cheetah Day

- International Cheetah Day is observed every year on December 4 to raise awareness about the plight of cheetahs, the fastest land animals on Earth.
- International Cheetah Day was established by the Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF), a leading organization dedicated to the preservation of cheetahs.
- The date, December 4, was chosen to honor the memory of a cheetah cub named Khayam,
   raised by Dr. Laurie Marker, the founder of CCF.

#### Armed Forces Flag Day: 7th December

- Armed Forces Flag Day 2024 is observed on the 7th of December 2024.
- The idea of Armed Forces Flag Day observation every year was first decided in the year 1949 by the then Defence Minister.

### International Civil Aviation Day: 7th December

International Civil Aviation Day 2024 is observed on the 7th of December 2024.



- The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), a specialist organization within the United
   Nations, established December 7 as the day to celebrate the impact that civil aviation has had on the world.
- The first International Civil Aviation Day was held in 1994 as part of ICAO's 50th anniversary and in 1996 the United Nations General Assembly officially recognised 7 December as International Civil Aviation Day.

## International Anti Corruption Day: 9th December

- International Anti-Corruption Day 2024 is observed on the 9th of December 2024.
- Corruption has existed from time immemorial. Some of the earliest records of anti-corruptions
  texts can be found in the Code of Hammurabi of Babylonia, the Great Edict of Horemheb in
  Egypt, and Arthashastra in India.

## Human Rights Day: 10th December

- Human Rights Day 2024 is observed on the 10th of December 2024.
- The theme for Human Rights Day 2024 is 'Equality for All: Reducing Inequality and Advancing Human Rights.'
- Human Rights Day's first observation was started in 1948 when the United Nations General
   Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- It was issued by the United Nations Postal Administration in 1952, which received over 200,000 advanced orders.

#### Nobel Prize Day: 10th December

- Nobel Prize Day 2024 is observed on the 10th of December 2024.
- Alfred Nobel's father was an engineer himself and Alfred Nobel expressed early interest in engineering, and explosives in particular.
- Nobel became interested in stabilizing the unpredictable explosive nitroglycerin.
- Alfred Nobel died on 10 December 1896, in Sanremo, Italy, at his very last residence, Villa
   Nobel, overlooking the Mediterranean Sea.

## **UNICEF Foundation Day: 11th December**

- UNICEF Foundation Day 2024 is observed on the 11th of December 2024.
- UNICEF was created by the U.N. Relief Rehabilitation Administration in 1946 to provide relief funds for children and mothers affected by World War II with immediate aid.



## International Mountain Day: 11th December

- International Mountain Day 2024 is observed on the 11th of December 2024.
- The United Nations General Assembly declared the International Year of Mountains in 2002.
- The U.N. establishes December 11 as International Mountain Day each year for the protection and sustainability of mountains.

## Universal Health Coverage Day: 12th December

- Universal Health Coverage Day 2024 is observed on the 12th of December 2024.
- This year's theme, "Health: It's on the government", underscores the role governments play in ensuring that no one is forced to choose between health care and necessities such as food
- The first healthcare system was established by a German named Chancellor Otto von Bismarck in 1883.

#### International Day of Neutrality: December 12

- The International Day of Neutrality, celebrated annually on December 12, is dedicated to promoting global peace, sovereignty, and the resolution of conflicts through diplomatic and impartial means.
- THEME: "Promoting neutrality as an instrument of preventive diplomacy."
- The day was first observed on December 12, 2017, aligning neutrality with the principles of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

## National Energy Conservation Day: 14th December

- National Energy Conservation Day 2024 is observed on the 14th of December 2024.
- National Energy Conservation Day was first observed on December 14th, 1991 by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency BEE, under the Union Ministry of Power which falls under the government of India.
- The committee also executed 'The Energy Conservation Act' in 2001.

### Vijay Diwas: 16th December

- Vijay Diwas 2024 is observed on the 16th of December 2024.
- Vijay Diwas is celebrated for the remembrance of the victory of the Indian Armed Forces in 'Operation: Vijay' against the infiltrating Pakistani troops.
- The Independent Flag of Bangladesh was first hoisted on March 23.

## International Migrants Day: 18th December

International Migrants Day 2024 is observed on the 18th of December 2024.



- Although the day was established in 2000, it has been observed since 1997 that several Asian
  migrant organizations designated December 18 as the day to advocate for the respect, rights, and
  protection of migrants.
- On account of the ever-increasing number of migrants around the world, on December 4, 2000, the
   United Nations General Assembly declared December 18 as the day for International Migrants.

## Minorities Rights Day in India: 18th December

- Minorities Rights Day 2024 is observed on the 18th of December 2024.
- Minorities Rights Day was first observed on December 18th, 1992 by the United Nations.
- The NCM was established by the Union Government under the National Commission for Minorities
   Act, in 1992.

## Pensioners Day: A Tribute to D.S. Nakara and the Struggle for Pension Rights

- Pensioners Day is observed annually on 17th December in India to honor the legacy of D.S. Nakara,
   a pioneering figure who fought for the rights and dignity of pensioners.
- This day commemorates the landmark Supreme Court judgment of 1982, which secured equality
  and justice for pensioners and retired officials.

## International Human Solidarity Day: 20th December

- International Human Solidarity Day is observed on the 20th of December 2024.
- On December 22, 2005, the UN General Assembly recognized solidarity as one of the fundamental
  and enduring values of the twenty-first century by passing Revolution 60/209.
- The idea of solidarity was propagated through the creation of the World Solidarity Fund to end poverty and the declaration of International Human Solidarity Day.

## National Mathematics Day: 22nd December

- National Mathematics Day 2024 is observed on the 22nd of December 2024.
- The theme for National Mathematics Day 2024 is "Mathematics: Bridge to innovation".
- The renowned mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan, whose works had a widespread impact both in India and around the world, is the driving force behind the establishment of Mathematics Day in that country.
- Ramanujan was born in 1887 to an Iyengar Brahmin family in Erode, Tamil Nadu.

## Kisan Diwas: 23rd December

- Kisan Diwas 2024 is observed on the 23rd of December 2024.
- Kisan Diwas 2024 is celebrated for the birth anniversary of Chaudhry Charan Singh, the fifth Prime
   Minister of India.



The Indian government decided to designate Singh's birthday as the day to commemorate Kisan
 Diwas in 2001 in recognition of his outstanding efforts and transition from farmer to head of state.

## National Consumer Rights Day: 24th December

- National Consumer Rights Day 2024 is observed on the 24th of December 2024.
- When India's Consumer Protection Act of 1986 was passed, consumer rights were given serious consideration.
- The purpose of this legislation was to protect consumers against unfair commerce, the sale of subpar goods, fraud, and inadequate service.
- The Right to Information Act, which made India's governance procedures open to the public and had significant ramifications for consumer rights, is a supplement to the Consumer Protection Acts of 1986 and 2019.

## Good Governance Day: 25th December

- Good Governance Day 2024 is observed on the 25th of December 2024.
- Good Governance Day 2024 is observed for the birth anniversary of Former prime minister Atal
   Bihari Vajpayee.
- Atal Bihari Vajpayee, a former prime minister, and Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya were both named as recipients of the Bharat Ratna, the country's highest civilian honor, on December 23, 2014.
- Mr. Vajpayee received the Bharat Ratna, the highest civilian honor in India, in 2015.

#### International Day of Epidemic Preparedness: December 27

- The International Day of Epidemic Preparedness, observed annually on December 27, serves as a
  global reminder of the urgent need to strengthen public health systems for preventing, detecting, and
  responding to infectious disease outbreaks.
- Established: By the United Nations General Assembly on December 7, 2020.