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IMPORTANT DAYS**International Jazz Day 2025: on April 30**

- **International Jazz Day 2025** is observed on **April 30**, under **UNESCO** patronage, to honour **jazz music's** role in fostering **peace, diversity, dialogue, and mutual understanding**.
- Initiated by **Herbie Hancock** in 2011, the day unites **musicians, educators, and communities** worldwide through **concerts, workshops, and discussions**.

International Labour Day 2025: May 1

- **International Labour Day 2025** will be observed on **May 1**, a day dedicated to recognising the **efforts and contributions** of workers across sectors.
- This year's observance is especially significant as it aligns with ongoing efforts to **strengthen labour protections**, addressing modern workplace challenges such as **automation** and the rise of **informal employment**.

World Tuna Day 2025 – May 2

- **World Tuna Day** is observed every year on **May 2**.
- This day was established by the United Nations(UN) General Assembly to raise awareness about the importance of Tuna Day.
- The main aim of this day was to preserve the tuna fish from crashing and to spread awareness about tuna fish regarding sustainable fishing practices and how they become an endangered practice due to the high demand for their meat.
- The theme for World Tuna Day 2025 is “**Our Ocean, Our Tuna, Our Future**”.

Maharashtra Day and Gujarat Day – 65th Foundation Anniversary (1 May 2025)

- The **1st of May is celebrated** every year as **Maharashtra Day** and **Gujarat Day**, and the year 2025 marks the **65th foundation day** of both states.
- This day is not only significant for the establishment of these two states but also symbolizes the achievement of the **State Reorganization Movement**.

World Press Freedom Day 2025 – May 3

- **World Press Freedom Day** is observed every year on **May 3**.
- The **United Nations General Assembly(UNGA)** has declared **May 3 as World Press Freedom Day**.
- This day is observed to raise awareness about the freedom of the press and uphold the right to freedom of expression.
- This day is also a remembrance of journalists who lost their lives in the press.

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Coal Miners Day 2025 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.
- Coal is the basic form of energy. Coal is one of the major fossil fuels that contain rich Carbon

World Laughter Day 2025: May 5

- Every year **World Laughter Day** is celebrated on the **first Sunday of May** and this year World Laughter Day falls on the **5th of May**.
- **World Laughter Day** was established in **1998** and the first celebration was on **10 May 1998**, in Mumbai, India, arranged by Dr. Madan Kataria, founder of the worldwide Laughter Yoga movement.

World Asthma Day 2025 – May 6

- Every year **World Asthma Day** is celebrated on the **First Tuesday of May**. This year, **World Asthma Day** was celebrated on **May 6**.
- This day is celebrated to raise awareness among people about Asthma. Asthma is a disease that affects the human lungs.
- This year, 2025, the World Asthma Day theme is “**Make Inhaled Treatments Accessible for ALL**”.

World Athletics Day 2025- May 7

- **World Athletics Day 2025** is celebrated on **May 7**.
- This Day is observed to raise awareness about Athletics.
- This day was launched to honor the sportsperson who has the responsibility to pride the nation.
- **The International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF)** has launched the project “**Athletics for a Better World**”. Athletics is the cumulation of various sports events like running, jumping, marathons, etc.

May 6 Observed as International No Diet Day to Champion Body Acceptance

- **International No Diet Day**, marked every year on **May 6**, encourages us to **value self-acceptance** over societal beauty ideals.
- Launched in **1992** by British activist Mary Evans Young, the movement rejects the notion that thinness automatically equals health, instead promoting **mindful practices** that prioritize both mental and physical well-being.

World Red Cross And Red Crescent Day 2025 – May 8

- **World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day** are celebrated **every year on May 8**.

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- This initiative was studied by an International Commission established at the 14th International Conference on the Red Cross.
- This day is celebrated to raise awareness about the uniqueness and unity of World Red Cross Day.

World Thalassaemia Day 2025 – 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 World Thalassaemia Day 2025 **theme** is **“Together for Thalassaemia: Uniting Communities, Prioritizing Patients.”**

Victory Day 2025 – May 9

- **Victory Day** is celebrated **every year on May 9**.
- Victory Day is celebrated as one of the biggest holidays in Russia commemorating the history of the surrender of Nazi Germany during the second world war in 1945.

Mother's Day 2025 – May 11

- **Mother's Day** is celebrated **every year on the second Sunday in May**. This year, **Mother's Day 2025 is observed on May 11**.
- Mother's Day is celebrated every year to honor every Mother of the Family.

National Technology Day 2025 – 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.

International Nurses Day 2025 – May 12

- **International Nurses Day** is celebrated **every year on May 12**.
- Nurses Day is celebrated to praise the Nurses who contribute their work to the Society.
- International Nurses Day is to commemorate the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birthday.
- The theme for International Nurses Day 2025 is **“Our Nurses. Our Future. Caring for nurses strengthens economies”**

UN Global Road Safety Week 2025: May 12- 18

- The **8th UN Global Road Safety Week** is being observed from **12–18 May 2025**, under the theme **#MakeWalkingSafe** and **#MakeCyclingSafe**.

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- Led by the **United Nations** in partnership with the **World Health Organization**, this week-long campaign urges governments, urban planners, and communities to prioritize pedestrian and cyclist safety through proven infrastructure and policy measures.

International Day of Plant Health – May 12

- The **United Nations** observes **May 12** annually as the **International Day of Plant Health (IDPH)**.
- The day aims to raise global awareness on the importance of **healthy plants** for **food security, biodiversity, and economic development**, especially amidst threats like **climate change** and **invasive species**.
- International Day of Plant Health 2025 THEME : “**The importance of plant health in One Health**”

International Day of Families 2025 – 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. Family is a basic thing that every human needs nowadays.
- This day was announced by the United Nations General Assembly(UNGA) in 1993.
- **International Day of Families 2025 was first observed by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in the year 1994.** International Day Of Families 2025 was observed as a global observance.

World Fair Play Day: May 19, 2025

- Starting in 2025, the **United Nations General Assembly** officially declared **May 19** as **World Fair Play Day** to recognize the role of sports in promoting **peace, inclusion, and justice** worldwide.
- This observance highlights how sports transcend competition by fostering values such as **fairness, discipline, respect, and unity**.
- **Purpose of World Fair Play Day:**
Sports serve as a powerful bridge between communities, breaking down barriers related to **race, religion, and nationality** by emphasizing shared human values like **mutual respect and perseverance**.
- **Historical Example:**
The 1995 Rugby World Cup in South Africa, where **Nelson Mandela** used the event and the national team (Springboks) to promote **national reconciliation** and heal divisions post-apartheid.

World Metrology Day 2025 – May 20

- **World Metrology Day is celebrated on May 20** This day is observed to raise the importance of Metrology. Metrology Day is prompted by the Measurements Standards Laboratory(MSL).
- The theme for World Metrology Day 2025 is “**Measurements for all times, for all people**”.
- The **first World Metrology Day was held in 1961**.
- The World Metrological Organization came into force in 1950.

World Bee Day 2025: May 20

- **World Bee Day**, observed annually on **May 20**, is a United Nations initiative recognizing the crucial role of **bees and other pollinators** in maintaining biodiversity and global food security.
- The 2025 theme, “**Bee inspired by nature to nourish us all,**” highlights the connection between pollinators, sustainable agrifood systems, and ecosystem health.
- **Role of Pollinators:**
Nearly **90% of wild flowering plants** and over **75% of global food crops** depend on animal pollination. Pollinators include over **200,000 animal species** such as bees, butterflies, bats, and birds, essential for **food diversity, crop yield, and quality**.
- **Threats to Pollinators:**
Human activities like **intensive farming, pesticide use, deforestation, and urbanization** are causing significant pollinator decline. Climate change endangers **35% of invertebrate** and **17% of vertebrate pollinators**, threatening nutrition and rural livelihoods.

World Day For Cultural Diversity For Dialogue And Development 2025 – May 21

- **World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development** was observed on **May 21**.
- UNESCO leads the celebration of World Day for Cultural Diversity for dialogue and development highlighting the importance of cultures.
- **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.
- In 2015, the second committee of the United Nations General Assembly adopted the resolution on Cultural Diversity.
- United Nations General Assembly has sanctioned holidays for diversity issues.
- The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) have been achieved by creating the function of cultures.

Anti-Terrorism Day 2025 – May 21

- **Anti-Terrorism Day** is celebrated **every year on May 21**.

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- This day is to commemorate the death anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.
- National Anti-Terrorism Day is observed annually to spread awareness about the Peace and the violence caused by terrorists. Anti-Terrorism Day is to spread awareness to bring unity among people.
- 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. Later, he was killed by terrorists in a Campaign.
- After the death of Rajiv Gandhi, the Government of V.P Singh has decided on May 21 as Anti-Terrorism Day. 2025 is the 31st death anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.
- On this day, the Anti Terrorism Pledge is taken in all public places, Government Offices, Government institutions, etc.

International Day For Biological Diversity 2025 – May 22

- **International Day for Biological Diversity 2025** is celebrated on **May 22**.
- This day is observed to raise awareness about Biological Diversity.
- **The theme** for the International Day for Biological Diversity in 2025 is “**Harmony with nature and sustainable development**”.

Commonwealth Day 2025 – May 24

- **Commonwealth Day is celebrated every year on May 24**. This day is observed as a holiday in parts of the Commonwealth of Nations.
- Commonwealth Day is celebrated to commemorate the Birth Anniversary of Queen Victoria.
- **This year's theme, 'Together We Thrive'**, celebrates the enduring spirit of the Commonwealth family – 56 independent member countries united by shared values enshrined in the Commonwealth Charter.

International Day to End Obstetric Fistula 2025: May 23

- **Date Observed:** 23 May
- **Theme 2025:** “Her Health, Her Right: Shaping a Future without Fistula”
- **Organised By:** United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

World Turtle Day 2025: May 23

- Observed annually on **May 23**, **World Turtle Day** is a global initiative to raise awareness about the protection of **turtles and tortoises**, creatures that have existed for over **200 million years**.
- The day highlights their ecological importance and the growing threats they face due to **human activity**.

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World Hunger Day 2025 – May 28

- **World Hunger Day 2025** is observed globally on **May 28**, highlighting the **systemic causes of hunger** and advocating for **locally driven, sustainable solutions**.
- Initiated by **The Hunger Project in 2011**, this observance reinforces the global commitment to **Zero Hunger (SDG 2)**.

World Thyroid Day 2025 – May 25

- **World Thyroid Day 2025** was observed globally on **May 25**, continuing its mission to promote **early detection, nutritional awareness, and accessible treatment** for thyroid disorders.
- With over **4.2 crore Indians** affected and more than **1 billion** people globally at risk due to **iodine deficiency**, this day plays a key role in public health education.

International Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories (May 25–31)

- **The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** is commemorating the **2024 edition** of the **International Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories** from **May 25 to 31**, reaffirming its commitment to **decolonization** and **self-determination** for people living in 17 remaining such territories.

World Football Day – 25 May (Declared by UNGA in 2024)

- The **United Nations General Assembly** has **officially recognized 25th May as World Football Day**, honoring the sport's centennial presence on the global Olympic stage.
- This **declaration, made on 7 May 2024**, emphasizes football's unparalleled popularity and its power to foster unity and inclusion.

Menstrual Hygiene Day 2025 – Observed on May 28

- **Menstrual Hygiene Day (MH Day)** is observed annually on **May 28** to raise awareness and promote action for better menstrual health and hygiene worldwide.
- The 2025 theme is “**Together for a #PeriodFriendlyWorld**”, calling for collective efforts to end stigma and ensure safe, affordable menstrual care for all who menstruate.

Amnesty International Day – Observed on May 28

- **Amnesty International Day** is celebrated annually on **May 28** to honor the founding of **Amnesty International (AI)**, a leading global non-governmental organization dedicated to the protection and promotion of human rights worldwide.

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International Day of Action for Women's Health – Observed on May 28

- The **International Day of Action for Women's Health** is observed annually on **May 28** to advocate for women's health and rights worldwide, with a special focus on **sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR)**.
- It is a global platform aimed at raising awareness, promoting policy change, and ensuring women's health remains a priority in national and international agendas.

Theme for 2025:

- **“In Solidarity We Resist: Our Fight, Our Right!”**

This theme highlights the urgent need for collective action against growing global opposition to sexual and reproductive health and rights, driven by well-funded, organized anti-rights groups. It stresses unity and resilience in protecting women's health and freedoms.

International Plastic Bag Free Day — Observed Annually on July 3

- **International Plastic Bag Free Day** is a global observance held every year on **July 3** to raise awareness about the environmental harm caused by single-use plastic bags and encourage people, businesses, and governments to reduce their usage and adopt sustainable alternatives.

International Missing Children's Day — Observed Annually on May 25

- **International Missing Children's Day** is observed every year on **May 25**, the same day as the United States' National Missing Children's Day, designated by President Ronald Reagan in 1983.
- **International Missing Children's Day** is a global observance dedicated to raising awareness about the issue of missing children worldwide.
- This date was chosen to coincide with the anniversary of the disappearance of **Etan Patz**, a six-year-old boy who went missing in New York City in 1979. His case brought significant attention to the issue of missing children.

International Day Of United Nations Peacekeepers 2025 – 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.

International Everest Day 2025 – May 29

- **International Everest Day 2025** is **observed on May 29**.
- The first attempt to climb mountains was by the British people in the 1920s.
- 68 years ago, **Nepalese Tenzing Norgay** and **New Zealand's Edmund Hillary** climbed mountains and that day history was created.

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World No Tobacco Day 2025 – May 31

- **World No Tobacco Day** is observed **every year on May 31**.
- This day is also known as **World Anti-Tobacco Day**.
- The theme for World No Tobacco Day 2025 is '**Bright products. Dark intentions. Unmasking the Appeal**' which focuses on highlighting the hidden dangers of tobacco products that come in appealing flavours and packaging.