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**IMPORTANT DAYS****Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Jayanti / Parakram Diwas 2026 Observed on 23 January**

- **Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Jayanti 2026** is observed on **23 January 2026** to mark the **birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose**, one of India's most prominent freedom fighters.
- The day is also celebrated as **Parakram Diwas 2026**, meaning the **Day of Courage or Valor**.
- The Government of India designated **23 January as Parakram Diwas** to inspire citizens, especially the **youth**, to imbibe Netaji's values of **fortitude, selflessness, patriotism, and unwavering determination**, even in the face of adversity.

**International Day of Education 2026 – January 24**

- **International Day of Education 2026** is observed on **24 January** worldwide.
- The day was **declared by the UN General Assembly in December 2018** to honour education and highlight its role in **peace, development, and progress**.
- The day aims to **advocate for universal access to quality education** and to campaign for **education reforms**.

**National Girl Child Day 2026 – January 24**

- **National Girl Child Day 2026** is observed on **24 January 2026** across India.
- The day was **established in 2008** by the **Ministry of Women and Child Development**, Government of India.
- The main objective is to **highlight discrimination, inequality, and injustice faced by girl children** in society.

**National Tourism Day 2026 – 25 January**

- **National Tourism Day** is observed on **25th January** each year in India.
- The day is dedicated to **appreciating tourists who visit India**, experiencing its **culture, heritage, traditions, and cuisine**.
- **National Tourism Day** was established by the **Indian government** to highlight the importance of tourism in national development.
- The observance aims to **raise awareness about the social, economic, cultural, and political significance of tourism**.

**National Voters Day 2026 – 25 January**

- **National Voters Day 2026** is observed on **25th January** across India.

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- The day is celebrated to **honour Indian citizens who exercise their right to vote** during elections.
- It aims to **encourage informed, voluntary, and ethical voting**, especially among **young and first-time voters**.
- The observance highlights the importance of **active citizen participation in strengthening Indian democracy**.
- The **theme for National Voters' Day 2026 is "My India, My Vote"**, reflecting democratic responsibility.

### International Day of Clean Energy 2026 – 26 January

- **The first-ever International Day of Clean Energy** is observed on **26th January 2026**.
- The day was **declared by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** to promote awareness and action for a **just and inclusive transition to clean energy**, benefiting both people and the planet.
- **26th January also marks the founding day of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)**.

### Republic Day 2026 – 26 January

- **Republic Day is observed on 26th January** every year in India.
- **Republic Day 2026 marks the 77th Republic Day** of the country.
- The day **commemorates the adoption of the Indian Constitution on 26 January 1950**, officially making India a republic.
- The Constitution was **adopted by the Constituent Assembly**, which had its **first session on 9 December 1946** and **final session on 26 November 1949**.
- **Dr B.R. Ambedkar chaired the Drafting Committee** of the Constitution.

### International Customs Day 2026 – 26 January

- **International Customs Day 2026 is observed on 26th January** every year.
- The day was **first initiated in 1983 by the World Customs Organization (WCO)**.
- It is observed to **honour customs officials and customs organisations** who work continuously to ensure **efficient management of global trade and cross-border commerce**.

### International Holocaust Remembrance Day 2026

- **International Holocaust Remembrance Day 2026 is observed every year on 27th January**.
- The day is commemorated to **remember the victims of the Holocaust** and to reaffirm the global commitment against **antisemitism, racism, and intolerance**.

- The **first official observance** of International Holocaust Remembrance Day was held on **27th January 2006** at the **United Nations Headquarters, New York City**.

**Veteran Journalist and Author Mark Tully Passed away in Delhi at 90**

- Veteran journalist, author, and broadcaster **Mark Tully** passed away in **Delhi** at the age of **90**.
- He was born in **1935** in **Calcutta (Kolkata)** during the **British Raj** and spent most of his life in India, earning the title “**voice of India**” by the **BBC**.
- **Tully** joined the **BBC** in the **1960s** and served as its **New Delhi Bureau Chief** for **22 years**, covering **South Asia** extensively.

**Former BCCI President Inderjit Singh Bindra Passed away in Delhi at 84**

- **Inderjit Singh Bindra**, former **BCCI President**, passed away in **Delhi** at the age of **84**.
- He is widely credited with **laying the foundation of modern cricket infrastructure in Punjab**.
- **Bindra** served as **BCCI President** from **1993 to 1996** and as **President of Punjab Cricket Association (PCA)** for 36 years, from **1978 to 2014**.

**International Data Privacy Day 2026: January 28**

- **International Data Privacy Day** is observed annually on **28 January** to promote awareness about **personal data protection** and privacy in the digital age.
- The day was initiated in **2006** by the **Council of Europe** to commemorate the signing of **Convention 108**, the world’s **first legally binding international treaty on data protection**.
- In the **Union Budget 2025–26**, the Government allocated **₹782 crore** specifically for **cybersecurity strengthening**.

**Martyrs Day 2026 is observed on 30th January.**

- **Martyrs Day 2026** is observed on **30th January**.
- Martyrs Day 2026 is held to remember the death of **Mahatma Gandhi, who was killed on 30th January 1948**.
- His full name is **Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi**, he is frequently referred to as “**Bapu**,” or the “**Father of the Nation**.”

**World Leprosy Day 2026 is observed on 30th January**

- **World Leprosy Day 2026** is observed on **30th January 2026**.
- World Leprosy Day 2026 aims to create awareness about a disease that many people believe to be extinct, especially in developed countries.
- The theme for World Leprosy Day 2026 is “**Leprosy is curable, the real challenge is stigma**”.

**World Neglected Tropical Diseases Day 2026 is celebrated on 30th January.**

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- The **World Neglected Tropical Diseases Day 2026** is celebrated every year on the **30th of January 2026**.
- World Neglected Tropical Diseases Day 2026 is celebrated to create awareness of the devastating impact of Neglected Tropical Diseases on the poorest populations worldwide.
- World Neglected Tropical Diseases Day Theme is "**Unite. Act. Eliminate**".

### **Indian Army Day 2026 is observed on 15th January**

- **Indian Army Day 2026** is observed on **15th January 2026**.
- The day marks the **75th birth anniversary of Indian Army Day**.
- Indian Army Day is celebrated to commemorate the historic moment when **Field Marshal K M Cariappa** took over as the **first Indian Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army** from the **British Commander-in-Chief**.

### **African National Congress (ANC) Foundation Day 2026**

- **African National Congress Foundation Day** is observed on **8th January** every year.
- The ANC was **founded on 8th January 1912** in **Bloemfontein**, originally named **South African Native National Congress (SANNC)**.
- The organisation aimed to **defend the rights and freedoms of black South Africans** and **unite Africans as one people**.
- ANC played a key role in **granting full voting rights to Black and Multiracial South Africans**.
- The party was instrumental in **abolishing the apartheid regime**, which was enforced by the **National Party after 1948**.

### **Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (NRI Day) 2026 – Observed on 9th January**

- **Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (NRI Day) 2026** is observed on **9th January** every year.
- The day marks the **return of Mahatma Gandhi to India from South Africa on 9 January 1915**, symbolising the contribution of overseas Indians in nation-building.
- The Government of India decided to observe **Pravasi Bharatiya Divas in 2000**, acknowledging the role of the Non-Resident Indian (NRI) community.
- Although conceptualised in 2000, the day was **first officially celebrated in 2003**.

### **World Hindi Day 2026 Observed on 10th January**

- **World Hindi Day 2026** is observed on **10th January** to promote the **Hindi language globally**.
- Also known as **Vishwa Hindi Divas**, the day honors the **Hindi language and its contributors**.

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- The **first World Hindi Conference (Vishva Hindi Sammelan)** was held in **1975** in **Nagpur, Maharashtra**, marking the inception of World Hindi Day.

### National Human Trafficking Awareness Day – 11th January 2026

- **National Human Trafficking Awareness Day 2026** is observed on **11th January** to highlight and combat the issue of **human trafficking**.
- January is also designated as **National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month**, but this day specifically focuses on **raising awareness and stopping illicit trafficking practices**.

### Death Anniversary of Lal Bahadur Shastri – 11th January 2026

- **The Death Anniversary of Lal Bahadur Shastri 2026** is observed on **11th January 2026**.
- Lal Bahadur Shastri passed away on **11th January 1966** in **Tashkent**.
- He served as the **2nd Prime Minister of Independent India** and was a prominent leader of the **Indian National Congress**.
- **Birth:** 2nd October 1904; **Place:** Mughalsarai, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.

### National Youth Day 2026 – 12th January

- **National Youth Day 2026** is observed on **12th January** to mark the **birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda**.
- Also called **Rashtriya Yuva Diwas 2025** in India.
- Swami Vivekananda is regarded as one of **history's greatest philosophers and spiritual leaders**.
- The **Government of India** declared **12th January as National Youth Day** on **12th January 1984**.

### Global Family Day is observed on the 1st of January 2026.

- **Global Family Day 2026** is observed on **1st January**.
- Every year, Global Family Day, also known as World Peace Day, is observed to encourage the idea of peace and unity in the world.
- On the **first day of the new millennium, in 1997**, the United Nations General Assembly declared the International Decade for the Culture of Peace and Nonviolence for the Children of the World.
- As a result of the day's success, the U.N. **proclaimed Global Family Day a yearly occasion in 2001**.

### World Braille Day 2026 Observed on January 4

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- **World Braille Day 2026** is observed on **4 January** every year across the world.
- The day is celebrated to **honour the birth anniversary of Louis Braille**, the inventor of the Braille system.
- **Louis Braille invented the raised-dot reading and writing system** that transformed the lives of **millions of blind and visually impaired people** globally.
- **Louis Braille died in 1852**, two years before Braille was officially adopted for teaching at the Royal Institute, and could not witness the global impact of his invention.
- The **first-ever World Braille Day was observed in 2019** as an internationally recognised observance.

### World Day of War Orphans 2026 Observed on 6th January

- **World Day of War Orphans 2026** is observed annually on **6th January** to highlight the **hardships faced by children orphaned due to wars and conflicts**.
- The day draws attention to the **physical neglect, mental trauma, emotional abuse, starvation, and disease** suffered by millions of war-affected orphans worldwide.
- According to **United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)** data (2015), there were **nearly 140 million orphans worldwide**.
- Every year on **6th January**, **awareness programmes and campaigns** are conducted globally to help people understand the **plight and suffering of war orphans** and to promote support for their **protection, care, and rehabilitation**.