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IMPORTANT DAYS**Indian Coast Guard Day 2026: 01st February**

- The **ICG Day** or **Indian Coast Guard Day** is celebrated on **01st February** every year.
- The Indian Coast Guard is a multi-mission organization, conducting round-the-year real-life operations at sea. Despite being relatively small, it has a wide range of task capabilities for both surface and air operations.
- **History**
- The **Indian Coast Guard was initially established on 1 February 1977** due to an emergency.
- In those days, sea-borne smuggling threatened the country's domestic economy. In the interim, the Indian Coast Guard was created in 1977 to prevent the smuggling of goods on the Sea.

World Wetlands Day is celebrated on 2nd February

- **World Wetlands Day** is celebrated on **2nd February** every year.
- Aims to raise global awareness about the vital role of wetlands for people and the planet.
- This day also marks the date of the adoption of the Convention on Wetlands on **2 February 1971**, in the Iranian city of Ramsar. Because of the many benefits we get from wetlands, World Wetlands Day is observed on **February 2** every year to raise awareness about their importance and the need to preserve them.
- On this day, The Convention on **Wetlands was adopted in 1971**.

Rheumatoid Arthritis Awareness Day 2026 is observed on 2nd February

- **Rheumatoid Arthritis Awareness Day** is observed on **2nd February**.
- On this day, the Rheumatoid Patient Foundation was founded to raise awareness of the illness.
- An autoimmune disorder called rheumatoid arthritis affects the joints, inflames them, and results in other severe disorders.
- **Rheumatoid Arthritis (R.A.)** is a chronic inflammatory disorder that can affect our joints. R.A. is an auto-immune condition, meaning the body's immune system attacks its tissues.
- Alfred B. Garrod started calling the disease "**Rheumatoid Arthritis**" in **1858**.

World Cancer Day 2026 Observed on 4 February

- **World Cancer Day** is observed every year on **4 February** across the world.
- It is a **global uniting initiative** led by the **Union for International Cancer Control (UICC)**.
- The **World Cancer Day 2026** theme is "**United by Unique**", highlighting people-centred cancer care.
- **Cancer** is the **second leading cause of death globally**.

- Cancer refers to the **uncontrolled growth of a group of cells** in the body.

International Day Against Female Genital Mutilation – 6 February

- **International Day Against Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)** is observed annually on **6 February** to spread **awareness and education** about the serious **physical, psychological and social problems** faced by females due to genital mutilation.
- The observance aims to **accelerate global efforts to eliminate Female Genital Mutilation**, a harmful practice and a violation of **human rights of women and girls**.
- The **Joint Programme on Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting** was launched in **2007** by the **United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)** and **United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)** to support countries and communities in **abandoning the practice of FGM**.

International Day of Human Fraternity – 4 February

- The **United Nations International Day of Human Fraternity** is observed annually on **4 February** across the world to promote **peace, tolerance, inclusion, mutual understanding and solidarity** among people of different faiths and cultures.
- **4 February 2026** marks the **6th observance** of the International Day of Human Fraternity.
- The observance coincides with **World Interfaith Harmony Week (WIHW)**, which is celebrated every year during the **first week of February** and has been observed since **2010**.
- **About United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC):**
- The **UNAOC** works to improve understanding and cooperation among nations and peoples across cultures and religions.
- **Secretariat:** Miguel Ángel Moratinos
- **Headquarters:** New York, United States of America (USA)
- **Established:** 2005

World Interfaith Harmony Week (WIHW) 2026 Observed from 1–7 February

- **World Interfaith Harmony Week (WIHW) 2026** is being observed globally from **1 February to 7 February 2026** under the leadership of the **United Nations (UN)**.
- The observance aims to promote **peace, tolerance, non-violence, dialogue, and mutual understanding** among people of **different religions and beliefs**, especially in a world facing **conflict, division, and religious intolerance**.
- The concept of WIHW is rooted in the “**A Common Word**” initiative (**2007**), which brought together **Muslim and Christian leaders**.

National Productivity Day 2026 is observed on the 12th of February

- **National Productivity Day 2026** is observed on **12th February**.
- National Productivity Day is commemorated to promote India's productivity culture.
- National Productivity Day aims to increase awareness about the importance of productivity, innovation, and efficiency.
- **On February 12, 1958, the National Productivity Council of India** was Registered under Societies Registration Act XXI, 1860.

World Radio Day is celebrated on 13 February

- **World Radio Day** is celebrated on **13 February** is a date proclaimed by UNESCO to celebrate radio broadcasts, improve international cooperation among radio broadcasters and encourage decision-makers to create and provide access to information through radio, including community radios.
- The radio is a medium that has sustained its usage over time.
- It is a platform for providing information, educating people, allowing expression across cultures, and of course, playing all our favorite music.

Arunachal Pradesh Foundation Day Observed on 20 February 2026

- **Arunachal Pradesh Foundation Day** is observed on **20 February** to mark the granting of statehood to Arunachal Pradesh in 1987.
- The state is strategically important in the North-Eastern region of India due to its geographical and geopolitical position.
- **Key Highlights**
- **Arunachal Pradesh attained full statehood on 20 February 1987**, becoming the 24th state of India.
- It functioned as a **Union Territory from 1972 until 1987** before being granted statehood.
- The state is situated at the foothills of the **Himalayas** and is the **largest state in North-East India by area**.

World Day of Social Justice Observed on 20 February

- The **World Day of Social Justice** is annually observed on **20 February** to promote efforts toward **poverty eradication, full employment and social integration**.
- It is a global observance and not a public holiday.

21st February is to be celebrated as the International Mother Language Day

- Every year **February 21 is celebrated as International Mother Language Day 2026 all over the world.**
- It is a worldwide annual observance to bring awareness among people about linguistic and cultural diversities. It is celebrated to promote multilingualism among people all over the world.
- **UNESCO declared February 21st as International Mother Language Day in the year 1999** and has been witnessed all throughout the world since 2000.
- This declaration of Mother Language Day came into existence as a tribute to the language movement in Bangladesh. When Pakistan was separated in 1947 it had two partitions: East Pakistan and West Pakistan.

World Scout Day is celebrated every 22nd February.

- **World Scout Day** is celebrated every **22nd February.**
- World Scout Day is observed to pay tribute to the works of scouts across the globe.
- It is their remarkable service to the world that brings about a change in the lives of many people around us.

24th February 2026 is to be celebrated as Central Excise Day

- Every year **February 24 is celebrated as the central Excise Day** all over the world.
- The day is being celebrated to honor the service of the Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) to the country.
- The day is celebrated to honor the officers associated with CBEC and their services. This is done to encourage the officers to carry out their duties with utmost sincerity.

World NGO Day 2026 is observed on 27th February.

- **World NGO Day 2026 is observed on the 27th of February 2026**
- G.O. is an acronym for non-governmental organization.
- World NGO Day is a day set aside to recognize, celebrate, and honor the fundamental contributions and profound impact that these independent organizations have had on the world.

Rare Disease Day is celebrated on February 28

- Every year, **Rare Disease Day is celebrated on February 28** all over the world.
- With so many things going on in the world around us, it's very easy to put off important things like health.
- **History**

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- Founded by the **European Organization for Rare Diseases**, the first **Rare Disease Day** was celebrated in **2008 on February 28** .
- A “rare” date that happens only once every four years.

February 28 is announced as National Science Day

- Every year, **National science is celebrated on February 28** all over India.
- It is celebrated every year to mark the discovery of the “**Raman effect**”. The Raman effect was discovered by the Indian scientist Sir C.V. Raman.
- On this day, Sir C.V. Raman got the Nobel prize for his discovery.