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**IMPORTANT DAYS****Zero Discrimination Day is celebrated on March 1**

- **Zero Discrimination Day 2026 is observed on the 1st of March.**
- Zero Discrimination Day aims to promote inclusion, compassion, and peace and it is a movement for change.
- Zero Discrimination Day was **first celebrated and observed on March 1st, 2014.**
- Zero Discrimination Day was **launched by UNAIDS.**

**World Civil Defence Day is observed on the 1st of March**

- **World Civil Defence Day 2026 is celebrated on March 1st.** It is celebrated annually on March 1st every year all over the world.
- World Civil Defence Day 2026 is a day to celebrate the importance of civil defense and it is time to commemorate the people who have sacrificed their lives for it.
- In 1958, the **International Association of Geneva Zones became the International Civil Defense Organization (ICDO)** and was given a new status as a non-governmental organization with objectives such as establishing a liaison between national civil defense organizations, undertaking and promoting studies and research on population protection matters, and facilitating the exchange of experience and the coordination of efforts in the area of disaster prevention, preparedness, and intervention.

**Self-Injury Awareness Day 2026 is observed on the 1st of March**

- **Self-Injury Awareness Day is celebrated on March 1st, 2026.** The **Self-Injury Awareness Day (SIAD)** is a global event that is conducted every year on March 1st.
- It has been celebrated for more than 20 years on this day every year.
- Later in **1959, the Mental Health Organization** passed the Mental Health Act to remove the barriers against the treatment of mental illness in hospitals.

**World Hearing Day 2026 Observed on 3 March**

- **World Hearing Day 2026** will be observed globally on **3 March 2026** to raise awareness about **prevention of deafness and hearing impairment** and to promote **ear and hearing care worldwide.**
- The day is observed across countries to encourage **early detection, timely intervention, and accessible hearing healthcare services.**

- In the late **1816**, **Laurent Clerc** helped establish one of the earliest recorded permanent institutions for deaf students in the United States, marking a significant milestone in deaf education.

**World Wildlife Day 2026 Observed on 3 March**

- **World Wildlife Day 2026** is observed globally on **3 March 2026** to raise awareness about the importance of wildlife conservation.
- The day commemorates the signing of the **Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora**.
- The observance highlights the **multiple ecological, economic, and social benefits provided by wild animals and plants**, and promotes their conservation.
- The proposal to designate World Wildlife Day was made by **Thailand** at the **United Nations General Assembly on 20 December 2013**.

**March 4th is observed as National Safety Day every year**

- **National Safety Day** is celebrated on **March 4th, 2026**.
- National Safety Day is a national event observed all over India to make people understand the importance of safety, and we all want ourselves and our family members to remain safe.
- The **theme for the 55th National Safety Day** (celebrating the National Safety Council's Diamond Jubilee) is **“Engage, Educate & Empower People to Enhance Safety”**.
- The foundation day of the **National Safety Council** was decided to observe as **National Safety Day** in 1972.

**International Women’s Day 2026 Observed on 8 March**

- **International Women's Day** is observed globally on **8 March every year** to recognize the **historical, cultural, social and political achievements of women**.
- **International Women’s Day 2026** was celebrated worldwide on **8 March 2026** with the theme **“Rights. Justice. Action For ALL Women and Girls.”**
- The day is an official holiday in several countries and is marked through events, campaigns and discussions promoting gender equality and women’s empowerment.

**Central Industrial Security Force Raising Day 2026 Observed on 10 March**

- **Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) Raising Day** is observed every year on **10 March** across **India** to mark the establishment of the force.
- **CISF Raising Day 2026** was observed on **10 March 2026**, commemorating the anniversary of the force dedicated to protecting critical industrial and strategic infrastructure.

- The **Central Industrial Security Force** was established on **10 March 1969** under the **Central Industrial Security Force Act, 1968** passed by the **Parliament of India**.

**National No Smoking Day 2026 Observed on March 11**

- **National No Smoking Day 2026** is observed on **March 11, 2026**, which falls on the **second Wednesday of March** each year.
- The day aims to **encourage smokers to quit tobacco by providing support, resources and awareness about the health benefits of quitting smoking**.
- **World No Tobacco Day 2026** is expected to focus on the theme **“Unmasking the appeal – countering nicotine and tobacco addiction.”**
- The observance was **first introduced in 1984 in the United Kingdom**, originally held on **Ash Wednesday**, and later adopted as an **annual event on the second Wednesday of March**.

**World Sleep Day 2026 – March 13**

- In **2026, World Sleep Day was observed on March 13** with the theme **“Sleep Well, Live Better.”**
- **World Sleep Day** is observed annually to raise awareness about the importance of healthy sleep and sleep-related disorders.
- The observance is organised by the **World Sleep Day Committee of the World Sleep Society**.
- **World Sleep Day was first launched in 2008** by the **World Sleep Day Committee**.
- The **first World Sleep Day was observed on March 14, 2008**.

**International Day of Action for Rivers 2026 – March 14**

- **International Day of Action for Rivers** is observed **annually on March 14** to raise awareness about the importance of rivers and promote their protection and conservation.
- The **29th International Day of Action for Rivers is observed on March 14, 2026**, with the theme **“#ProtectRiversProtectPeople.”**
- The day focuses on **saving rivers, celebrating their ecological value, and creating awareness about the need for sustainable water management**.
- The event was originally known as the **International Day of Action Against Dams and For Rivers, Water and Life**.

**Pi Day / International Day of Mathematics 2026 – March 14**

- **Pi Day** is observed **annually on March 14** to celebrate the **mathematical constant  $\pi$  (pi)**, which is approximately **14**.

- In 2026, **Pi Day is observed on March 14**, recognising the importance of **mathematics in science, technology and everyday life**.
- The day commemorates the mathematical constant  $\pi$ , which represents the **ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter**.
- The **first Pi Day celebration was organised in 1988** by American physicist Larry Shaw at the San Francisco Exploratorium in San Francisco, United States.

**World Consumer Rights Day 2026 – March 15**

- **World Consumer Rights Day** is observed **globally on March 15 every year** to raise **awareness about consumer rights and promote fair and ethical market practices**.
- In 2026, **World Consumer Rights Day is observed on March 15**, highlighting the need to **protect consumer interests and address market abuses and social injustices** that affect consumers.
- The observance aims to **ensure that the rights of consumers are respected and protected across the world**.

**National Vaccination Day 2026 – March 16**

- **National Vaccination Day** is observed **across India on March 16 every year** to highlight the **importance of vaccination and its role in protecting public health**.
- In 2026, **National Vaccination Day is observed on March 16**, marking the **launch of the Pulse Polio immunisation programme in India in 1995**.
- The day commemorates the **administration of the first dose of the Oral Polio Vaccine in India on March 16, 1995** as part of the **Pulse Polio Campaign** launched by the **Government of India**.

**Ordnance Factories Day 2026 – March 18**

- **Ordnance Factories Day** is observed **across India on March 18 every year** to commemorate the establishment of the first ordnance factory in colonial India.
- The day marks the **foundation of the first ordnance factory set up in 1801 at Cossipore near Kolkata**.
- The ordnance factories operate under the **Ministry of Defence**, and the day highlights their role in strengthening India's defence manufacturing capabilities.
- **Ordnance Factories Day** provides an opportunity to showcase the research, development, production, and marketing logistics of a wide range of arms and ammunition manufactured in the country.

**World Social Work Day 2026 Observed on 17 March**

- **World Social Work Day 2026** was observed globally on **March 17, 2026**.
- The day recognises the **contributions of social workers in building stronger, inclusive, and sustainable communities**.
- World Social Work Day is **observed annually on the third Tuesday of March** to honour the dedication and work of social workers across the **world**.
- The **theme for 2026 is “Co-Building Hope and Harmony: A Harambee Call to Unite a Divided Society.”**

**World Sparrow Day 2026 Observed on 20 March**

- **World Sparrow Day** is observed annually on **20 March** to raise awareness about the **House Sparrow and other common urban birds**.
- It highlights the need for **conservation of sparrows** and protection of **urban biodiversity**.
- The initiative was launched by the **Nature Forever Society of India** in collaboration with the **Eco-Sys Action Foundation (France)** and other international organisations.
- **World Sparrow Day** was first observed in **2010**, marking the beginning of a **global campaign to protect sparrows**.

**World Oral Health Day 2026 Observed on 20 March**

- **World Oral Health Day (WOHD)** is observed annually on **20 March** to promote **oral hygiene and awareness about oral diseases**.
- The theme for **World Oral Health Day 2026** is **“A Happy Mouth is a Happy Life”**.
- The day is organized by the **Fédération Dentaire Internationale (FDI) World Dental Federation**, serving as a **global platform to promote dental care and oral health awareness**.

**International Day of Happiness 2026 Observed on 20 March**

- **International Day of Happiness 2026** is observed globally on **20 March 2026** to promote **happiness, well-being, and positivity**.
- The day encourages people to **spread happiness** and urges nations to **prioritise the well-being of citizens in public policy**.
- The concept was proposed in **2011** to the **United Nations (UN)** by **Jayme Illien**.
- He also founded the **United Nations New Economic Paradigm project** and promoted the concept of **‘happytalism’**, focusing on **well-being over economic growth**.

### International Day of Forests 2026 Observed on 21 March

- **International Day of Forests**, also known as **World Forest Day**, is observed annually on **21 March** to raise awareness about the **importance of forests and their benefits**.
- The day emphasizes conservation, sustainable management, and protection of all types of forests.
- The observance is held under the **United Nations (UN)**.
- The concept of **World Forestry Day** was introduced in **1971** during the **Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)** conference.

### World Poetry Day 2026 Observed on 21 March

- **World Poetry Day** is observed annually on **21 March** to **honour poets and promote the reading, writing, and teaching of poetry**.
- The day celebrates poetry recitals, music, theatre, dance, painting, and other cultural expressions.
- It aims to highlight how poetry **builds emotional connections, preserves history, and promotes cultural understanding**.

### World Down Syndrome Day 2026 Observed on 21 March

- **World Down Syndrome Day (WDS)** is observed annually on **21 March** to raise awareness about **Down syndrome and promote inclusion of persons with disabilities**.
- The theme for **2026** is **“Together Against Loneliness”**, focusing on **social exclusion, isolation, and loneliness** faced by individuals with Down syndrome.
- The date **21 March (21/3)** signifies the **triplication of the 21st chromosome**, which causes Down syndrome.

### World Meteorological Day 2026 Observed on 23 March with Theme “Observing Today, Protecting Tomorrow”

- **World Meteorological Day 2026** was observed globally on **23 March 2026** to highlight the importance of **meteorology and weather-related services** in protecting lives and supporting sustainable development.
- The **theme for 2026** is **“Observing Today, Protecting Tomorrow”**, emphasizing the role of **weather observations and forecasting systems** in safeguarding the future.
- The day commemorates the establishment of the World Meteorological Organization, which focuses on the **study of Earth’s atmosphere, climate, and hydrological systems**.

### World Water Day 2026 Observed on 22 March with Theme “Water and Gender: Where Water Flows, Equality Grows”

- **World Water Day 2026** was observed globally on **22 March 2026** to highlight the importance of **freshwater resources** and promote their **sustainable management**.
- The theme for 2026 is “**Water and Gender: Where water flows, equality grows,**” emphasizing the role of **equitable access to water in promoting gender equality**.
- The idea for observing World Water Day originated during the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development held in **Rio de Janeiro in 1992**.

### World Tuberculosis Day 2026 Observed on 24 March

- **World Tuberculosis Day 2026** was observed globally on **24 March 2026** to raise awareness about the **global epidemic of Tuberculosis** and efforts to eliminate the disease.
- The theme for **World Tuberculosis Day 2026** was “**Yes! We can end Tuberculosis!**”.
- The day is observed every year to highlight the **health, social and economic consequences of Tuberculosis** and to strengthen global efforts to **end the Tuberculosis epidemic**.

### United Nations French Language Day Observed on 20 March

- United Nations **French Language Day** is observed annually on **20 March** across the globe.
- The day aims to promote multilingualism, cultural diversity, and equal recognition of the six official languages of the United Nations.
- The date commemorates the **establishment of the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation (ACCT)** on **20 March 1970** in **Niamey, Niger**.

### International Day of the Unborn Child Observed on 25 March 2026

- The **International Day of the Unborn Child** is observed annually on **25 March** across the world.
- The day commemorates **unborn children** and promotes **respect for human dignity before birth**.
- **El Salvador** was the **first country** to recognize a **Day of the Right to Be Born** in **1993**.
- **Argentina** declared the **Day of the Unborn** in **1998**.

### International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade – 25 March 2026

- The **International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade** is observed annually on **25 March** across the world.

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- It is an international observance designated by the United Nations in **2007**.
- The day aims to **honour and remember the victims of the transatlantic slave trade** and to **preserve the memory of this tragic chapter in human history**.
- It seeks to **raise awareness about the dangers of racism, prejudice, and intolerance**.

### World Theatre Day 2026 Observed on 27 March

- **World Theatre Day** was observed globally on **27 March 2026**.
- **Theme for 2026: “Theatre and a Culture of Peace.”**
- The day highlights the **importance of theatre arts in educating, entertaining and promoting social change** across societies.
- **World Theatre Day** was designated in **1961** by the **International Theatre Institute (ITI)**.

