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IMPORTANT DAYS**Goods and Services Tax (GST) Day 2026 Observed on 1 July**

- **Goods and Services Tax (GST) Day** is observed every year in **India** on **1 July** to commemorate the implementation of the **Goods and Services Tax (GST)**.
- **1 July 2026** marks the **9th anniversary** of the launch of the **GST** regime in India.
- **GST** was implemented on **1 July 2017**, replacing multiple indirect taxes with a **single, unified indirect tax system** across the country.
- The introduction of **GST** is considered one of India's most significant **economic and tax reforms**, creating the concept of "**One Nation, One Tax.**"
- The idea of introducing **GST** was first recommended by the **Kelkar Task Force on Indirect Taxes** in **2003**.
- The primary objectives of **GST** are to **simplify the indirect tax structure**, **eliminate the cascading effect of taxes**, **promote ease of doing business**, and **create a unified national market**.

Chartered Accountants Day 2026 Observed on 1 July

- **Chartered Accountants Day** is observed every year in **India** on **1 July** to commemorate the establishment of the **Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)**.
- **1 July 2026** marks the **77th Chartered Accountants Day**.
- The **Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)** was established on **1 July 1949** as a statutory body under the **Chartered Accountants Act, 1949**, enacted by the **Parliament of India**.
- The day recognises the significant contribution of **Chartered Accountants (CAs)** in **nation-building, financial management, corporate governance, taxation, and economic development**.

About Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)

- Established: 1 July 1949
- Established Under: Chartered Accountants Act, 1949
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- President: CA. Prasanna Kumar D

National Doctors' Day 2026 Observed on 1 July

- **National Doctors' Day** is observed every year in **India** on **1 July** to honour the contributions of doctors and healthcare professionals.
- The day commemorates the **birth and death anniversary** of **Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy**, a renowned physician, educationist, and the **second Chief Minister of West Bengal**.
- **National Doctors' Day** has been observed annually since **1991**.
- The day is organised by the **Indian Medical Association (IMA)** to recognise the dedication and service of the medical fraternity.
- **Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy** was born on **1 July 1882** in **Patna**, then part of the **Bengal Presidency, British India**.

World Sports Journalists Day 2026 – 2 July

- **World Sports Journalists Day** is observed every year on **2 July** to recognise the contribution of **sports journalists** in promoting sports and delivering accurate sports coverage to the public.
- The day was established in **1994** by the **International Sports Press Association (AIPS)** to commemorate the **70th anniversary** of the organisation.
- The **International Sports Press Association (AIPS)** was founded on **2 July 1924** in **Paris, France**, during the **1924 Summer Olympics**.
- In **1883**, the **New York World** became one of the first newspapers to establish a **full-time sports department**, marking a significant milestone in sports journalism.

About International Sports Press Association (AIPS)

- Full Form: International Sports Press Association (AIPS)
- Founded: 2 July 1924
- Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland

World UFO Day 2026 – 2 July

- **World UFO Day** is observed every year on **2 July** to raise awareness about **Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs)**, encourage scientific discussion on unexplained aerial phenomena, and promote the search for extraterrestrial life.
- The day commemorates the **Roswell Incident** of **July 1947**, when debris recovered near **Roswell, New Mexico (United States)** was believed by many to be from a UFO, although the **United States Air Force** later stated it was part of a classified military project.
- The term **UFO (Unidentified Flying Object)** was coined by **Edward J. Ruppelt**, a **United States Air Force** officer, in **1952**.

International Plastic Bag Free Day 2026 – 3 July

- **International Plastic Bag Free Day** is observed every year on **3 July** to encourage people to reduce the use of **single-use plastic bags** and help eliminate **plastic pollution**.
- The day spreads awareness that a **plastic bag-free world is possible** by promoting sustainable and environmentally friendly alternatives.
- The initiative was established by the **Bag Free World** organisation, which launched campaigns promoting a plastic-free world.
- The **first International Plastic Bag Free Day** was observed on **3 July 2008**, initiated by **Rezero**, a member of **Zero Waste Europe**.
- In **2015**, the **European Union** adopted directives to reduce the consumption of **single-use plastic bags**.

World Zoonoses Day 2026 Observed on 6 July

- **World Zoonoses Day 2026** is observed globally on **6 July 2026** to raise awareness about **zoonotic diseases**, which are diseases that spread between **animals and humans**.
- The day commemorates the **first successful administration of the rabies vaccine** by **Louis Pasteur**, a French biologist and microbiologist, to **Joseph Meister** on **6 July 1885**, after he was bitten by a rabid dog.
- The observance aims to promote awareness about the **prevention, surveillance, and control of zoonotic diseases** through the **One Health** approach, which recognises the interconnected health of humans, animals, and the environment.
- According to the **World Health Organization (WHO)**, **over 60% of known infectious diseases** in humans and **about 75% of emerging infectious diseases** originate from animals.

About World Health Organization (WHO)

- Established: 1948
- Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland
- Director-General: Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

International Day of Cooperatives 2026 Observed on 4 July

- **International Day of Cooperatives 2026** was observed globally on **4 July 2026**, the **first Saturday of July**.
- The **2026 theme** is **"Cooperatives for a Peaceful World"**, highlighting the role of cooperatives in promoting peace, social cohesion, inclusion, solidarity, and sustainable development.
- The **International Cooperative Alliance (ICA)** has observed the day since **1923**.

- The **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** officially proclaimed the **International Day of Cooperatives** in **1992** through **Resolution 47/90**, with the first joint **United Nations (UN)** observance held in **1995**, marking the centenary of the **International Cooperative Alliance (ICA)**.
- The **International Cooperative Alliance (ICA)** was established in **1895** in **London, United Kingdom**, and is currently headquartered in **Brussels, Belgium**.

About International Cooperative Alliance (ICA)

- Established: 1895
- Headquarters: Brussels, Belgium
- President: Ariel Guarco
- Director General: Jeroen Douglas

World Population Day 2026 – July 11

- **World Population Day** is observed every year on **11 July** to create awareness about global population-related issues and their impact on society.
- The **United Nations (UN)** recognised **11 July as World Population Day in 1989** to raise awareness about population-related challenges.
- **World Population Day was first observed on 11 July 1990** in more than **90 countries** with the support of **United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)** offices, governments and civil society organisations.
- **Historical Timeline of World Population Growth:**
 - In **1804**, the world population reached **1 billion**.
 - In **1927**, the global population doubled and reached **2 billion**.
 - In **1989**, the world population reached **3 billion**, and the **United Nations recognised 11 July as World Population Day**.

About United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

- Established: 1969
- Headquarters: New York, United States
- Executive Director: Diene Keita.

World Malala Day 2026 Observed on 12 July

- **World Malala Day** is observed annually on **12 July** to honour **Malala Yousafzai** and raise awareness about the **right to education, women's empowerment, and children's rights** across the world.
- The **United Nations (UN)** declared **12 July** as **Malala Day** in recognition of **Malala Yousafzai's** contribution to promoting **girls' education** and **human rights**.
- **Malala Yousafzai** was born on **12 July 1997** in **Mingora, Pakistan**. In **2014**, at the age of **17**, she became the **youngest-ever recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize** for her advocacy of girls' education.
- In **2007**, the **Taliban** took control of her hometown and banned **girls from attending school**. In **2009**, Malala began writing an anonymous blog for **British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) Urdu**, highlighting life under Taliban rule.
- In **2017**, **Malala Yousafzai** joined the **University of Oxford** for higher education and continues to campaign globally for **girls' education** and **women's rights** through the **Malala Fund**.

World Youth Skills Day 2026: 15 July to

- **World Youth Skills Day** is observed every year on **15 July** to highlight the importance of **skill development among youth** and the need to equip young people with skills required for **employment, entrepreneurship, and self-employment**.
- **World Youth Skills Day 2026** focuses on creating awareness about the importance of investing in **Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET)** and developing future-ready skills among young people.

About United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)

- Established: 1945
- Headquarters: New York, United States
- President: Annalena Baerbock

World Day for International Justice 2026 Observed on 17 July

- **World Day for International Justice 2026** was observed globally on **17 July 2026** to recognise and promote the importance of the **international justice system**.
- The day is also known by various names such as **International Justice Day, World Day for International Justice**, and **Day of International Criminal Justice**.
- The observance aims to acknowledge the efforts of **international courts and tribunals** in delivering justice to victims of war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide, and other serious international crimes.

About International Criminal Court (ICC)

- Established: 2002
- Headquarters: The Hague, Netherlands

Nelson Mandela International Day 2026 Observed on 18 July

- **Nelson Mandela International Day 2026** was observed globally on **18 July 2026** to honour the life, legacy, and humanitarian contributions of **Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela**, the former **President of South Africa**.
- The day, also known as **Mandela Day**, encourages people across the world to **serve their communities** and promote **peace, equality, justice, and human dignity**.

World Chess Day 2026 Celebrated on 20 July

- **World Chess Day** is observed every year on **20 July** to commemorate the establishment of the **International Chess Federation (FIDE)** in **1924** at **Paris, France**.
- **World Chess Day 2026** aims to promote chess as a universal game that develops **strategic thinking, problem-solving skills, creativity, and intellectual growth**.
- The **International Chess Federation (FIDE)** was established on **20 July 1924** in **Paris, France** by chess organisations from **Argentina, Czechoslovakia, France, Poland, Romania, Spain, Switzerland, and Yugoslavia**.

International Moon Day 2026 Observed on 20 July

- **International Moon Day** is observed every year on **20 July** to commemorate the anniversary of the **first human landing on the Moon** during the **Apollo 11 mission** and to promote **international cooperation in space exploration**.
- **International Moon Day 2026** marks the **57th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon landing**, which took place on **20 July 1969**.
- The main objective of **International Moon Day 2026** is to promote awareness about the importance of **international collaboration, scientific research, and sustainable exploration of the Moon**.

World Brain Day 2026 Observed on 22 July

- **World Brain Day** is observed every year on **22 July** to create awareness about **brain health**, prevent **neurological disorders**, and promote better treatment, rehabilitation, and care for people affected by brain-related disabilities.

- The day was established by the **World Federation of Neurology (WFN)** to highlight the importance of **neurology research**, early diagnosis, and global efforts towards improving brain health.

About World Federation of Neurology (WFN)

- Established: 22 July 1957
- Headquarters: London, United Kingdom
- Founded In: Belgium

National Broadcasting Day 2026 Observed on 23 July

- **National Broadcasting Day** is observed every year on **23 July** in India to commemorate the **first-ever radio broadcast in the country**, which took place on **23 July 1927**.
- **National Broadcasting Day 2026** marks the beginning of organised radio broadcasting in India and highlights the role of broadcasting in **information dissemination, education, entertainment, and national development**.
- The first radio broadcasting service in India was started by the **Indian Broadcasting Company (IBC)** in **1927**.

Kargil Vijay Diwas 2026 Commemorates 27 Years of India's Victory in the Kargil War

- **Kargil Vijay Diwas** is observed every year on **26 July** to honour the **bravery, courage, and supreme sacrifice of Indian Armed Forces personnel** during the **Kargil War of 1999**.
- **Kargil Vijay Diwas 2026** marks the **27th anniversary** of India's victory in the **Kargil War**, which was fought between **India and Pakistan from May to July 1999**.
- The day commemorates the successful completion of **Operation Vijay**, launched by the **Indian Armed Forces** to recapture strategic locations occupied by Pakistani forces in the **Kargil sector**.

World Nature Conservation Day is observed on 28 July 2026

- **World Nature Conservation Day 2026** is observed on **28 July 2026** across the world to create awareness about the importance of conserving nature, protecting biodiversity, and preserving natural resources.
- The day highlights the need for maintaining a **healthy and sustainable environment** for present and future generations.
- The major objective of **World Nature Conservation Day** is to promote the conservation of **endangered plants and animal species** and protect ecosystems from environmental degradation.

About International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

- The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) was established on 5 October 1948 in Fontainebleau, France.
- Headquarters: Gland, Switzerland

World Day Against Trafficking in Persons 2026 Observed on 30 July

- **World Day Against Trafficking in Persons** is observed every year on **30 July** to raise awareness about **human trafficking**, highlight the challenges faced by victims, and promote the protection of their rights.
- The **theme for World Day Against Trafficking in Persons 2026** is “**Trapped Behind the Scam**”, focusing on the exploitation of victims through fraudulent schemes and organised trafficking networks.

International Friendship Day 2026 Observed on 30 July

- **International Friendship Day** is observed every year on **30 July** across the world to highlight the importance of **friendship, peace, solidarity and mutual understanding** among people and communities.
- The day is celebrated by the **United Nations (UN)** to promote the idea that friendship between individuals, cultures and nations can contribute to **building peace and strengthening global cooperation**.
- In **India**, Friendship Day is generally celebrated on the **first Sunday of August**. In **2026**, it will be observed on **2 August**.