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IMPORTANT DAYS**World Wide Web Day 2026 Observed on 1 August**

- **World Wide Web Day** is observed every year on **1 August** to commemorate the invention of the **World Wide Web (WWW)** and recognise its role in transforming global communication, information sharing and digital connectivity.
- The day highlights the importance of **web browsing**, which enables users worldwide to access information, conduct business, communicate and perform various online activities.
- The **World Wide Web** was invented in **1989** by **Sir Tim Berners-Lee**, a British computer scientist, while working at **CERN (European Organization for Nuclear Research)**.
- In **1996**, **Internet Explorer** was integrated into the **Windows operating system**, contributing to the widespread adoption of web browsing.

World Breastfeeding Week 2026 (1–7 August)

- **World Breastfeeding Week (WBW)** is observed every year from **1 August to 7 August** to promote the importance of **breastfeeding** for improving the health and well-being of infants and mothers.
- **Theme for 2026: "Breastfeeding for a Sustainable Start in Life: Strengthen What Works."**
- **World Breastfeeding Week** is coordinated by the **World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA)** in collaboration with the:
 - **World Health Organization (WHO)**
 - **United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)**
- **World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA)** was established on **14 February 1991**.
- **World Breastfeeding Week** was first observed in **1992** by the **World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA)**.

About World Health Organization (WHO)

- Established: 7 April 1948
- Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland
- Director-General: Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

About United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

- Established: 11 December 1946
- Headquarters: New York City, United States
- Executive Director: Catherine Russell

World Lung Cancer Day 2026 Observed on 1 August

- **World Lung Cancer Day** is observed every year on **1 August** to raise awareness about **lung cancer**, its symptoms, risk factors, prevention methods, screening techniques and treatment options.
- The objective of the day is to educate people about lung cancer prevention, encourage early diagnosis, promote healthy lung habits and support research efforts to reduce the global cancer burden.
- **World Lung Cancer Day** was first observed in **2012** by the **Forum of International Respiratory Societies (FIRS)** in collaboration with organisations including the **International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer (IASLC)** and the **American College of Chest Physicians (CHEST)**.

Hiroshima Day 2026: Global Observance to Promote Peace and Raise Awareness Against Nuclear Weapons

- **Hiroshima Day** is observed every year on **6 August** to promote **global peace, nuclear disarmament, and awareness about the consequences of nuclear warfare**.
- **Hiroshima Day 2026** marks the anniversary of the **atomic bomb attack on Hiroshima, Japan**, during the **Second World War**.
- On **6 August 1945**, the **United States** dropped an atomic bomb named “**Little Boy**” on the Japanese city of **Hiroshima**.
- The Hiroshima bombing was followed by the atomic bombing of **Nagasaki on 9 August 1945**, using the nuclear weapon “**Fat Man**”.
- The bombings played a major role in Japan’s surrender and the end of the **Second World War (1939–1945)**.

International Clouded Leopard Day 2026 Observed on 4 August

- **International Clouded Leopard Day** is observed **annually on 4 August** to raise awareness about the **conservation of Clouded Leopards**, one of the world's most **elusive and endangered wild cat species**.
- The official theme for International Clouded Leopard Day 2026 is “**Clouded Leopards: Guardians of the Forest**”.
- The observance was **established in 2018** by **Lauren Amos** and **Dan Kemp** at **Howletts Wild Animal Park, United Kingdom (UK)**.
- The initiative was launched with the support of **The Aspinal Foundation**, a wildlife conservation organisation.

World Ranger Day 2026 Observed on 31 July

- **World Ranger Day** is observed every year on **31 July** to honour the dedication and sacrifices of **Rangers** who protect the world's natural heritage, wildlife and cultural resources.
- The theme of **World Ranger Day 2026** is “**Rangers: Guardians of a Changing Planet**”.
- The first **World Ranger Day** was observed in **2007**, marking the **15th anniversary of the establishment of the International Ranger Federation (IRF)**.
- The **International Ranger Federation (IRF)** was established in **1992** through a joint agreement between:
 - **Scottish Countryside Rangers Association (SCRA)**
 - **Association of National Park Rangers (ANPR), United States**
 - **Countryside Management Association (CMA), United Kingdom**

National Handloom Day 2026 Observed on 7 August

- **National Handloom Day** is observed every year on **7 August** to honour the **handloom weaving community** and create awareness about the importance of India's traditional handloom sector.
- **National Handloom Day 2026** marks the **12th observance** of the occasion, which was initiated by **PM Narendra Modi on 7 August 2015**.
- The **first National Handloom Day** was celebrated on **7 August 2015** and was inaugurated by **PM Narendra Modi**.
- The day commemorates the launch of the **Swadeshi Movement on 7 August 1905** at **Calcutta Town Hall**, which encouraged **domestic production, indigenous industries, and the use of handloom products**.

National Javelin Day 2026 Observed on 7 August to Commemorate Neeraj Chopra's Historic Olympic Gold Medal

- **National Javelin Day** is observed annually on **7 August** to commemorate **Neeraj Chopra's historic gold medal** in the **Men's Javelin Throw** at the **Tokyo Olympics 2020**, achieved on **7 August 2021**.
- **National Javelin Day 2026** marks the **5th observance** of the occasion, with **grassroots and state-level javelin competitions** organised across the country to encourage youth participation.
- The **Athletics Federation of India (AFI)** declared **7 August as National Javelin Day in 2021** to honour Neeraj Chopra's achievement and promote the sport of javelin throw in India.

- The **first National Javelin Day** was officially observed on **7 August 2022**.
- The day aims to promote **javelin throw** in **schools, colleges, universities, and athletics associations**, while identifying and nurturing young sporting talent.

Quit India Movement Day 2026 is observed on 8 August

- **Quit India Movement Day** is observed on **8 August** every year to commemorate the launch of the **Quit India Movement in 1942**, which demanded an immediate end to **British rule in India**.
- The movement was launched by **Mahatma Gandhi** during the **Bombay session of the All India Congress Committee (AICC)** on **8 August 1942**, during the **Second World War**.
- Gandhi gave the historic call of “**Do or Die**”, urging Indians to participate in **mass civil disobedience** and continue the struggle for independence.

Nagasaki Day 2026 is observed annually on 9 August

- **Nagasaki Day** is observed annually on **9 August** to commemorate the victims of the **atomic bombing of Nagasaki, Japan**, by the **United States (US)** on **9 August 1945**, during the **Second World War**.
- The atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki was code-named “**Fat Man**”. The bombing caused massive destruction and loss of life, with **tens of thousands of people killed**, while many survivors suffered from radiation-related illnesses.
- The **Nagasaki bombing**, along with the earlier atomic bombing of **Hiroshima on 6 August 1945**, played a major role in Japan’s decision to surrender in the Second World War.

International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples 2026 – August 9

- **International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples** is observed annually on **August 9** to raise awareness about the rights, culture, traditions and well-being of **Indigenous Peoples** and to highlight the challenges they face in areas such as **education, healthcare, environment, culture and economic development**.
- **Theme 2026: “Honouring Indigenous Midwives: Safeguarding Life and Well-being.”**
- The **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** proclaimed **August 9** as the International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples on **December 23, 1994**, with the first observance held in **1995**.

World Biofuel Day 2026 is observed on 10 August

- **World Biofuel Day** is observed annually on **10 August** to create awareness about the **importance of biofuels** and highlight initiatives undertaken to promote their production and use.

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- In India, **World Biofuel Day** has been observed since **August 2015**, with initiatives led by the **Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG)**.
- **Biofuels** are fuels derived from **biomass**, including **plants, algae and animal waste**, and serve as alternatives to conventional fossil fuels.

World Lion Day 2026 is observed annually on 10 August

- **World Lion Day** is observed annually on **10 August** to raise awareness about the **conservation, protection and ecological importance of lions**.
- The **scientific name of the lion** is **Panthera leo**. Lions are popularly known as the “**King of the Jungle**” because of their distinctive appearance, strength and social behaviour.
- **World Lion Day was first observed in 2013** as an international initiative to create awareness about the threats faced by lions and the need for their conservation.
- The **Big Cat Initiative (BCI)** was established in **2009** by conservationists and filmmakers **Dereck and Beverly Joubert**, in partnership with **National Geographic**, to support the conservation of big cats, including lions.
- The conservation of Asiatic lions in India is supported by their inclusion under **Schedule I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972**, which provides them with the **highest degree of legal protection**.

World Steelpan Day 2026 is observed annually on 11 August

- **World Steelpan Day** is observed annually on **11 August** to highlight the **cultural, historical and social significance of the steelpan** and its contribution to sustainable development.
- The **2026 edition** marks the **4th observance** of World Steelpan Day, following its first observance on **11 August 2023**.
- The **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** officially proclaimed **11 August as World Steelpan Day** through **Resolution A/RES/77/316**, adopted on **24 July 2023**. The resolution was **co-sponsored by 84 United Nations Member States**.
- The initiative originated with **Trinidad and Tobago**, which formally approached the **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)** in **2022** with a proposal to establish World Steelpan Day.

World Elephant Day 2026 – 12 August

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- **World Elephant Day** is observed annually on **12 August** to raise global awareness about the **protection, conservation and welfare of elephants**.
- **World Elephant Day 2026** was observed with the global theme “**Bringing the World Together to Help Elephants.**”
- **World Elephant Day** was conceived in **2011** by **Patricia Sims** and **Michael Clark** of Canazwest Pictures, along with **Sivaporn Dardarananda**, Secretary-General of the **Elephant Reintroduction Foundation, Thailand**.
- The **first World Elephant Day** was observed on **12 August 2012**.

International Youth Day 2026 – 12 August

- **International Youth Day** is observed annually on **12 August** across the world to raise awareness about the **challenges faced by young people** and promote solutions for youth-related issues.
- **International Youth Day 2026** was observed with the official United Nations (UN) theme “**Different Contexts, Common Aspirations.**”
- The theme highlights the **diverse circumstances of young people** across countries while recognising their **shared aspirations and common goals**.
- The **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** adopted a resolution to establish **International Youth Day in 1999**, following the recommendation of the **World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth**.
- The **first International Youth Day** was observed on **12 August 2000**.

World Organ Donation Day 2026 – 13 August

- **World Organ Donation Day** is observed annually on **13 August** to create awareness about the **importance of organ donation** and encourage people to donate their organs after death.
- The **first successful organ transplant** involving a living donor was performed in **1954 in the United States**, when **Ronald Lee Herrick** donated a kidney to his identical twin brother **Richard J. Herrick**.

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- **Dr. Joseph E. Murray** was awarded the **Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1990**, jointly with **E. Donnall Thomas**, for discoveries concerning **organ and cell transplantation in the treatment of human disease**.
- In India, organ and tissue donation and transplantation activities are coordinated through the **National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO)** under the **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**.

International Lefthanders Day 2026 – 13 August

- **International Lefthanders Day** is observed annually on **13 August** to celebrate the **uniqueness of left-handed people** and raise awareness about the challenges they face in a predominantly right-handed world.
- **International Lefthanders Day 2026** marks the **31st annual observance** of the day.
- The **Left-Handers Club** launched **International Lefthanders Day in 1992**, with **13 August** chosen as the annual date of observance.

India's 80th Independence Day 2026 – 15 August

- **Independence Day** is celebrated annually on **15 August** to commemorate India's independence from **British colonial rule**.
- India became an independent nation on **15 August 1947**, ending nearly **two centuries of British rule**.
- India's Independence Day in **2026** marks the **80th Independence Day**.
- **Jawaharlal Nehru**, the first Prime Minister of independent India, delivered his historic **"Tryst with Destiny"** speech at midnight on **14–15 August 1947**.

World Humanitarian Day 2026

- **World Humanitarian Day (WHD)** is observed annually on **19 August** to honour **humanitarian workers** who provide life-saving assistance during conflicts, disasters and other humanitarian crises.
- **World Humanitarian Day 2026 Theme**: "Honouring fallen humanitarians and calling for greater protection of health care."

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- The day also promotes the **protection of humanitarian personnel** and respect for **International Humanitarian Law (IHL)**.

World Photography Day 2026

- **World Photography Day** is observed annually on **19 August** to celebrate the **art, craft, science and history of photography**.
- **World Photography Day 2026 Theme: “HOME”**.
- The first official **World Photography Day** was celebrated on **19 August 2010**.

Sadbhavana Diwas 2026 Observed on August 20

- **Sadbhavana Diwas** is observed annually on **August 20** to commemorate the **birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi**.
- The term “**Sadbhavana**” means **goodwill, harmony and friendly relations**.
- The day aims to promote **national integration, communal harmony, peace and emotional unity** among people belonging to different **castes, religions, regions and linguistic communities**.

World Mosquito Day 2026 Observed on August 20

- **World Mosquito Day** is observed annually on **August 20** to raise awareness about **malaria and other mosquito-borne diseases** and promote measures for their prevention and control.
- The day commemorates the discovery made by **Sir Ronald Ross** on **August 20, 1897**, when he established that **female mosquitoes transmit malaria parasites to humans**.
- **Sir Ronald Ross**, a British physician and scientist, received the **Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1902** for his work on malaria.

Akshay Urja Day 2026 – Promoting Renewable Energy and Sustainable Development

- **Akshay Urja Day** is observed annually on **20 August** in India to create awareness about **renewable energy** and promote the adoption of sustainable energy sources.
- The term “**Akshay Urja**” means “**inexhaustible energy**” and refers to naturally replenished sources such as **solar energy, wind energy, hydropower, biomass and geothermal energy**.

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- The day aims to highlight the role of renewable energy in addressing climate change, reducing dependence on conventional energy sources and achieving sustainable development.

World Breastfeeding Week 2026 Observed from August 1 to 7

- **World Breastfeeding Week (WBW)** is observed annually from **August 1 to 7** to promote the importance of breastfeeding for the **health, nutrition and well-being of infants and children**.
- **World Breastfeeding Week 2026 Theme:** “**Breastfeeding for a sustainable start in life: strengthen what works.**”
- The 2026 observance focuses on strengthening effective breastfeeding practices and highlighting their contribution to **sustainable health and nutrition outcomes**.

World Fintech Day 2026 Observed on August 1

- **World Fintech Day** is observed annually on **August 1** to celebrate the evolution of **Financial Technology (FinTech)** and its role in transforming the global financial ecosystem.
- **World Fintech Day 2026** was hosted by the **Türkiye Fintech Association** in **Istanbul, Türkiye**, bringing together fintech leaders, innovators and stakeholders from the international fintech community.
- The **theme of World Fintech Day 2026** is “**Potential to Impact: Trusted, Connected, Global Systems for Inclusive Finance.**”

Madras Day 2026: Chennai Marks 387 Years of Its Historic Foundation

- **Madras Day** is observed annually on **22 August** to commemorate the historical foundation of **Madras, now Chennai**, and celebrate the city’s rich heritage and cultural identity.
- **Madras Day 2026** marks the **23rd anniversary of the observance** and the **387th anniversary of the founding of Madras in 1639**.
- The occasion is associated with the **1639 land grant** through which the **English East India Company** acquired land at **Madraspatnam** from local ruler **Damarla Venkatadri Nayaka**.

International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition 2026

- **International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition** is observed annually on **23 August**.

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- The day is designated by the **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)** to commemorate the **transatlantic slave trade** and raise awareness about its historical consequences.
- **Theme 2026: “Ending Slavery's Legacy of Racism: A Global Imperative for Justice”.**

International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism 2026

- The **International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism** was observed on **21 August 2026** to honour **victims and survivors of terrorism** and promote their **human rights and fundamental freedoms**.
- **2026 Theme: “Healing Through Memory”.**
- The day also focuses on supporting victims and survivors in their **recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration into society**.

National Space Day 2026 – India Celebrates Third National Space Day

- **National Space Day** was observed on **23 August 2026** as the **third National Space Day** in India.
- The day commemorates the historic **soft landing of Chandrayaan-3’s Vikram lander on the Moon on 23 August 2023**.
- **Chandrayaan-3** made India the **fourth country in the world** to achieve a soft landing on the **Moon** and the **first country to land near the lunar south polar region**.
- **2026 Theme: “Towards Viksit Bharat: Innovating, Collaborating and Aspiring to Global Space Leadership.”**

International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief 2026 – 22 August

- The **United Nations (UN)** observes the **International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief** every year on **22 August**.
- The day aims to **condemn violence, terrorism and persecution targeting individuals because of their religion or belief** and to honour the victims of such acts.

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- **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** adopted **Resolution A/RES/73/296** on **28 May 2019**, officially designating **22 August** as the International Day.

International Dog Day 2026 – August 26

- **International Dog Day** is observed annually on **26 August** to celebrate dogs and recognise their importance as companions and working animals.
- The day was first observed on **26 August 2004**.
- **Founder: Colleen Paige**, an American **Animal Welfare Advocate and Pet Lifestyle Expert**.
- The day aims to create awareness about **dog welfare, responsible pet ownership and the importance of treating dogs with care and compassion**.

Women's Equality Day 2026 – August 26

- **Women's Equality Day** is observed annually on **26 August** in the **United States** to commemorate women's constitutional right to vote.
- The day marks the **19th Amendment to the United States Constitution**, which prohibited the denial of voting rights on the basis of sex.
- The **19th Amendment was ratified on 18 August 1920**, granting women the constitutional right to vote across the United States.
- **Women's Equality Day was officially designated in 1973** by the **United States Congress**.

World Water Week 2026 Held from August 23–27 Under the Theme “Water for People and Progress”

- **World Water Week (WWW) 2026** is being held from **August 23 to 27, 2026**, focusing on the theme **“Water for People and Progress”**.
- The event serves as a leading global platform for addressing the **world's water crisis** and promoting **sustainable, equitable and climate-resilient water management**.
- The 2026 discussions focus on progress towards **water-related targets under the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** and explore the future of global development beyond the current SDG framework.

World Lake Day 2026 Observed on August 27

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- **World Lake Day 2026** is observed annually on **August 27** to highlight the importance of lakes for **freshwater security, biodiversity, livelihoods and climate resilience**.
- The **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** established World Lake Day through **Resolution 79/142**, adopted **without a vote on December 12, 2024**.
- The observance commemorates the **first World Lake Conference**, which was held on **August 27, 1984**, in **Shiga Prefecture, Japan**.

Partition Horrors Remembrance Day Observed on August 14 to Honour Victims of Partition

- The **Government of India** has designated **August 14** every year as **Partition Horrors Remembrance Day (Vibhajan Vibhishika Smriti Diwas)**.
- The day commemorates the **sufferings, sacrifices and deaths of people** affected by the **Partition of India in 1947**.
- The observance was announced by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi on August 14, 2021**, ahead of India's **75th Independence Day**.

World Senior Citizens Day 2026 Observed on August 21

- **World Senior Citizens Day** is observed annually on **August 21** to recognise the **contributions, wisdom and life experiences of older adults**.
- The day aims to promote **dignity, respect, social inclusion, healthy ageing and the rights and well-being of senior citizens**.
- The observance highlights the need to address key concerns affecting older people, including **healthcare access, emotional well-being, financial security, accessibility and elder rights**.

National Sports Day 2026 is observed annually on 29 August

- **National Sports Day (Rashtriya Khel Divas)** is observed annually on **29 August** to commemorate the birth anniversary of legendary Indian hockey player **Major Dhyan Chand**.
- India officially began observing **National Sports Day in 2012** to honour Major Dhyan Chand and promote awareness about the importance of **sports, physical fitness and a healthy lifestyle**.