



IMPORTANT NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL DAYS

List of Important National & International Days for Bank & Government Exams

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HERE'S A SAMPLE QUESTION:

When is National Sports Day celebrated in India?

- a. January 29th
- b. March 14th
- c. August 29th
- d. July 29th

Solution: C

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DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
JANUARY		
January 4 th	World Braille Day	Birthday of Braille inventor, Louis Braille, whose contributions helped the blind and visually impaired people to read and write.
January 9 th	Pravasi Bharatiya Divas	Celebrated to mark the contribution of overseas Indian community to the development of India.
January 10 th	World Hindi Day	Marks the anniversary of World Hindi Conference held in 1975. Seeks to promote Hindi globally.
January 12 th	National Youth Day	Birthday of Swami Vivekananda.
January 15 th	Indian Army Day	Recognition of Lieutenant General K. M. Cariappa's taking over as the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army from General Sir Francis Butcher.
January 24 th	National Girl Child Day	To promote girls' position in the society to make their living better among society people.
January 25 th	National Voters' Day	To encourage young voters to take part in the political process.
January 26 th	International Customs Day	Recognizes the role of custom officials and agencies in maintaining border security.
	Republic Day	Honours the day on which the Constitution of India came into effect replacing the Government of India Act as the governing document of India.
January 27 th	International Holocaust Remembrance Day	To commemorate the tragedy of the holocaust that occurred during the Second World War.
January 28 th	World Leprosy Day	To increase public awareness of the Leprosy.

FEBRUARY		
February 2 nd	World Wetlands Day	For disaster risk reduction.
February 4 th	World Cancer Day	To explore how each individual can do their part to reduce the global burden of cancer.
February 6 th	International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation	To end Female Genital Mutilation.
February 7 th	Safer Internet Day	Unite for better internet
February 10 th	National Deworming Day	To deworm children between 1 to 19 years at schools and anganwadi centres.
February 11 th	International Day of Women and Girls in Science	To achieve full and equal access to and participating in science for women and girls.
February 12 th	National Productivity Day	To encourage stakeholders to implement productivity tools and techniques with contemporary relevant themes.
February 13 th	World Radio Day	Celebrating radio.
February 20 th	World Day of Social Justice	To promote national activities in accordance with the objectives and goals of the world summit for social development.
February 21 st	International Mother Language Day	To promote awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity.
February 22 nd	World Thinking Day	Celebrated by Girl Guides and Girl Scouts to think about their brothers and sisters around the globe.
February 24 th	Central Excise Day	To encourage employees of excise department to carry out their duties in better way.
February 28 th	National Science Day	To mark discovery of the Raman Effect.

MARCH		
March 1 st	Zero Discrimination Day	To promote diversity and recognize that everybody counts.
March 3 rd	World Wildlife Day	To celebrate and raise awareness of the world's wild animals and plants.
	World Defence Day	To listen to young voices
	World Hearing Day	To raise awareness and promote ear and hearing care across the world.
March 4 th	National Security Day	To praise the work of security forces.
March 8 th	International Women's Day	To commemorate the movement for women's rights.
March 10 th	CISF Raising Day	Celebrates raising of the Central Industrial Security Force.
March 15 th	World Consumer Rights Day	To raise global awareness about consumer rights and needs.
March 18 th	Ordnance Factories' Day	Commemorating commencement of Ordnance factories.
March 20 th	International Day of Happiness	To create a happier world.
March 21 st	International Day of Forests	To raise awareness of importance of forests.
	World Down Syndrome Day	To raise awareness of down syndrome.
March 22 nd	World Water Day	Focuses on importance of universal access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene facilities.
March 23 rd	World Meteorological Day	To commemorate establishment of Meteorological organisation.
March 24 th	World TB Day	Raise awareness of TB worldwide.
March 27 th	World Theatre Day	To demonstrate global nature of theatre.

APRIL		
1 st April to 7 th April	Prevention of Blindness Week	To raise awareness towards blind people.
2 nd April	World Autism Awareness Day	To raise awareness about autism.
	International Children's Book Day	To promote books and reading.
April 4 th	International Mine Awareness Day	To raise awareness about landmines and progress towards their eradication.
April 5 th	National Maritime Day	To commemorate maiden voyage of the first Indian owned ship "SS Loyalty".
April 6 th	International Day for Sports Development and Peace	To raise awareness of potential of sports.
April 7 th	World Health Day	To mark anniversary of found of WHO.
April 8 th	International Romani Day	To celebrate Romani culture.
April 10 th	World Homeopathy Day	Tribute to Dr. Samuel Hahnemann, founder of homeopathy.
April 11 th	National Safe Motherhood Day	To ensure women have adequate access to care during pregnancy.
April 12 th	International Day of Human Space Flight	Celebrating beginning of space era for mankind.
April 13 th	Jallianwala Bagh Massacre	Turning point in India's struggle for freedom.
April 17 th	World Hemophilia Day	Awareness day for Hemophilia.
April 18 th	World Heritage Day	International day for monuments and sites.
April 21 st	Civil Services Day	To recognize and reward civil servants.
April 22 nd	World Earth Day	To support environmental protection.
April 23 rd	World Book and Copyright Day	To pay worldwide tribute to books and authors.
April 24 th	National Panchayati Raj Day	Marks passing of constitution act.
April 25 th	World Malaria Day	To recognize global efforts to control Malaria.
April 26 th	World Intellectual Property Day	To raise awareness of how patent, copyrights, trademarks, and designs impact our daily life.
April 28 th	World Day for Safety and Health at Work	Focuses on need for better health and safety at work.
April 29 th	International Dance Day	Attract attention of people toward dance.
April 30 th	International Jazz Day	To highlight importance of Jazz.

MAY		
May 1 st	International Labour Day	Celebration of labourers and working class.
	May Day	Public holiday.
	Maharashtra Day	To commemorate formation of Maharashtra.
May 3 rd	World Press Freedom Day	To raise awareness of importance of freedom of press.
May 4 th	International Firefighters Day	To honour firefighters.
May 7 th	World Athletics Day	To popularize sports among youth.
May 8 th	World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day	Birth anniversary of Henri Dunant.
May 10 th	World Migratory Bird Day	Awareness highlighting need for conserving migratory birds.
May 11 th	National Technology Day	Commemorates technological achievements.
May 12 th	International Nurses Day	To mark contribution of nurses.
May 14 th (2 nd Sunday)	Mothers' Day	To celebrate mothers.
May 15 th	International Families Day	To raise awareness of role of families.
May 16 th	National Dengue Day	To control dengue through awareness.
May 18 th	World AIDS Vaccine Day	Promoting continued urgent need for vaccine to prevent HIV infection and AIDS.
May 20 th	World Metrology Day	Celebrates the signature by representatives of 17 th nations of the metre convention.
May 21 st	Anti-Terrorism Day	Observed as anti-terrorism day in memory of former Indian PM Rajiv Gandhi.
May 22 nd	International Day for Biological Diversity	To increase awareness of biodiversity issues.
May 23 rd	World Turtle Day	Bring attention to and increase knowledge of turtles and tortoises.
May 25 th	International Missing Children's Day	Honoring missing children.
May 29 th	International Day of UN Peacekeepers	Investing in peace around the world.
May 30 th	Goa Statehood Day	The day Goa became a state.
May 31 st	World No-Tobacco Day	Promoting health and development by confronting tobacco crisis.

JUNE		
June 1 st	World Milk Day	To recognize importance of milk as global food.
June 2 nd	International Sex Workers Day	Honours sex workers, recognizes their often-exploited working conditions.
June 4 th	International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression	To acknowledge pain of children who have been through physical and mental abuse.
June 5 th	World Environment Day	Encouraging worldwide awareness and action for protection of environment.
June 8 th	World Ocean Day	Celebrating our ocean.
June 12 th	World Day Against Child Labour	To raise awareness and prevent child labour.
June 13 th	International Albinism Awareness Day	To prevent discrimination and attacks on persons with albinism.
June 14 th	World Blood Donor Day	To raise awareness about need for safe blood and blood products.
June 15 th	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day	To voice opposition against abuse of elderly.
June 16 th	International Day of Family Remittances	Recognising significant financial contribution migrant workers make for wellbeing of their families.
June 17 th	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	Promote awareness of international efforts to combat desertification.
June 19 th	International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict	To put an end to conflict related sexual violence.
June 20 th	World Refugee Day	To commemorate strength, courage and perseverance of refugees.
June 21 st	International Yoga Day	Promotion of global health, harmony and peace.
June 23 rd	Public Services Day	To celebrate value and virtue of public service.
	International Widows' Day	To take action towards full rights and recognition for widows.
	International Olympic Day	To commemorate birth of modern Olympic games.
June 26 th	International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	To achieve goal of international society free of drug abuse.

June 27 th	Micro-, Small and Medium Sized Enterprises Day	Celebrating micro, small and medium sized enterprises.
June 29 th	National Statistics Day	To create awareness about importance of statistics in daily life.

———— JULY ————

July 1 st	National Doctors' Day	To recognize contributions of physicians towards community.
July 2 nd	World Sports Journalists Day	To maintain standards in sports journalism.
	World UFO Day	Dedicated to existence of UFOs
July 3 rd	International Plastic Free Day	Dedicated to raising awareness about issues caused by use of plastic.
July 4 th	American Independence Day	Celebrating American Independence
July 7 th	Global Forgiveness Day	Day to forgive and be forgiven
	World Chocolate Day	Celebrating chocolates.
July 11 th	World Population Day	Focus attention on urgency and importance of population issues.
July 12 th	Malala Day	To honour Malala Yousafzai
July 15 th	World Youth Skill Day	Awareness of importance of investing in youth skill development.
July 17 th	International Justice Day	To recognise emerging system of international criminal justice.
July 18 th	International Nelson Mandela Day	To recognise Mandela's contribution to peace and freedom.
July 26 th	International Day for the Conservation of Mangrove Ecosystem	To preserve Mangrove ecosystems
	Kargil Vijay Diwas	India successfully took command of the high outposts which had been lost of Pakistani intruders.
July 28 th	World Hepatitis Day	To raise awareness about Hepatitis.
	World Nature Conservation Day	To recognise that healthy environment is needed for productive and stable society.
July 29 th	International Tiger Day	To raise awareness about tiger conservation.
July 30 th	World Day Against Trafficking in Persons	To protect and assist trafficked persons.

AUGUST		
1 st to 7 th Aug	World Breastfeeding Week	To sustain breastfeeding.
August 5 th (First Sunday of August)	Friendship Day	Celebrating friendship.
August 6 th	Hiroshima Day	The day US dropped an atomic bomb called Little Boy on Hiroshima.
August 7 th	National Handloom Day	To honour handloom weavers.
	Sanskrit Day	Focused on Sanskrit.
August 9 th	Kranti Diwas (Quit India Movement Day)	Observed to remember the historic Quit India Movement.
	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples	To promote and protect the rights of world's indigenous peoples.
August 10 th	World Bio Fuel Day	To create awareness about non- fossil-fuels.
August 12 th	International Youth Day	To celebrate young peoples' contribution to conflict prevention, social justice and sustainable peace.
August 13 th	Organ Donation Day	To motivate people to donate organs.
August 15 th	Independence Day of India	Celebrating Indian Independence.
August 19 th	World Photography Day	Celebrating photography.
	World Humanitarian Day	To recognize Humanitarian Personnel.
August 20 th	Sadbhavana Diwas	To commemorate birth anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi.
August 29 th	International Day Against Nuclear Test	To increase awareness about effects of Nuclear weapon testing.
August 29 th	National Sports Day	Marks the birthday of Dhyan Chand.
August 30 th	Small Industry Day	Support and promotion of Small Industries.

SEPTEMBER		
September 1 st (1 st to 7 th)	National Nutrition Week	Intensify awareness generation on the importance of nutrition.
September 2 nd	World Coconut Day	To make people aware this crop has a vital role in poverty reduction.
September 5 th	National Teachers Day	Mark of tribute to the contributions made by teachers to the society.
	International Charity Day	To raise awareness and provide a common platform for charity related activities.
September 8 th	International Literacy Day	To highlight importance of literacy to individuals, communities and societies.
September 9 th	World First Aid Day	To promote importance of first aid training in preventing injuries and saving lives.
September 10 th	World Suicide Prevention Day	To provide worldwide commitment and action to prevent suicides.
September 12 th	International Day of South South Cooperation	Commemorates the date when UN General Assembly adopted a plan of action in 1978 to promote and implement technical cooperation developing countries.
September 14 th	Hindi Divas	To promote and propagate the Hindi language.
September 15 th	International Day of Democracy	To promote and uphold the principles of Democracy.
	Engineers Day	To commemorate the birthday of the legendary Engineer Sir. M. Visveswaraya.
September 16 th	International Day for Prevention of Ozone Layer	To commemorate the date of signing of the Montreal Protocol on substances that deplete the ozone layer.
September 21 st	World Peace Day	Dedicated to world peace.
	World Alzheimer's Day	To raise awareness and challenge the stigma surrounding dementia.

September 24 th	World Rivers Day	Global celebration of world's waterways.
	World Deaf Day	Draw attention of public, politicians and development authorities towards achievements of the deaf people.
September 25 th	World Pharmacists Day	To promote and advocate role of pharmacists in improving health in every corner of the world.
September 26 th	World Environmental Health Day	To draw public attention to the problems of Environment.
	World Contraception Day	To spread the word and raise awareness about contraception and safe sex.
September 27 th	World Tourism Day	To raise awareness on the role of tourism within the international community.
September 28 th	World Rabies Day	To raise awareness about rabies prevention.
	Gunners Day India	To mark the raising of the first Indian Artillery unit.
	World Maritime Day	To celebrate international maritime industry's contribution towards world economy.
September 29 th	World Heart Day	To unite in the fight against CVD and reduce the global disease burden.
September 30 th	International Translation Day	To show solidarity of the worldwide translation community in an effort to promote the translation profession in different countries.

OCTOBER		
October 1 st	International Day for Older Persons	To raise awareness about issues affecting the elderly.
	World Vegetarian Day	To promote the joy, compassion, life-enhancing possibilities of vegetarianism.
October 2 nd	Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti	To commemorate the birth of Mahatma Gandhi
	World Habitat Day (1 st Monday of October)	To reflect on the state of our cities and towns and the basic human right to adequate shelter.
October 4 th to 10 th	World Space Week	To celebrate the contribution of space science and technology to the betterment of the human condition.
October 4 th	World Animal Day	For animal rights and welfare.
October 5 th	World Teachers' Day	To commemorate teacher organisations worldwide.
October 6 th (1 st Friday of October)	World Smile Day	Coined and initiated by Harvey Ball to make world a better place.
October 8 th	Indian Air Force Day	To increase awareness about the importance of Indian Air Force.
October 9 th	Columbus Day	Anniversary of Christopher Columbus's arrival in the Americas.
	World Post Day	To mark the anniversary of the Universal Postal Union's creation.
October 10 th	World Mental Health Day	To raise awareness about mental health issues.
	World Day Against the Death Penalty	To raise awareness about the reasons why people living in poverty are at a greater risk of being sentenced to death and executed.
October 11 th	International Girl Child Day	To increase awareness about issues faced by girls in the world.
October 12 th	World Arthritis Day	To raise awareness about Arthritis.
October 12 th	World Sight Day (2 nd Thursday of October)	To focus global attention on blindness and vision impairment.
October 13 th	International Day for Disaster Reduction	To promote a global culture of risk awareness and disaster reduction.

October 14 th	World Standards Day	To raise awareness among regulators, industry and consumers as to the importance of standardisation to the global economy.
October 15 th	International Day of Rural Women	To recognize the critical role and contribution of rural women, including indigenous women, in enhancing agricultural and rural development, improving food security, and eradicating rural poverty.
	World Students Day	To commemorate birth anniversary of A. P. J. Abdul Kalam.
October 16 th	World Food Day	In honour of the date of the founding of the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the UN in 1945.
October 17 th	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	To honour victims of poverty, hunger, violence and fear.
October 20 th	World Statistics Day	To highlight importance of reliable and timely data for informed decision making by governments and individuals.
	National Solidarity Day	Thoughts of our whole nation turn to our Armed Forces who gallantly guard our extensive borders.
	World Osteoporosis Day	To raise awareness of prevention, diagnosis and treatment of osteoporosis.
October 21 st	Police Commemoration Day	Remembering brave policemen who sacrificed their lives while discharging their duties.
October 24 th	United Nations Day	To make known to people about the achievements and aims of UNO.
	World Development Information Day	To draw attention of the world to development problems.
	World Polio Day	To end polio.
October 27 th	World Day for Audiovisual Heritage	To safeguard audiovisual heritage from threat of social, financial, political and other factors.

October 28 th	National Ayurveda Day	To raise awareness about importance of Ayurveda.
	International Animation Day	To celebrate the art of animation.
October 29 th	International Internet day	To celebrate invention of internet.
	World Stroke Day	To raise awareness about prevention of strokes.
October 31 st	National Unity Day	To pay tribute to Vallabhbaiai Patel
	World Savings Day	To promote savings worldwide.
	World Cities Day	To promote the international community's interest in global urbanization.
	Vigilance Awareness Week	To promote probity in public life.

NOVEMBER		
November 1 st	World Vegan Day	Celebrated by vegans.
	Karnataka Formation Day	To celebrate birth of Karnataka state.
November 5 th	World Tsunami Awareness Day	To promote a global culture of Tsunami Awareness.
November 7 th	National Cancer Awareness Day	To raises awareness about cancer across the country.
November 8 th	International Radiology Day	To promote the role of medical imaging in modern healthcare.
November 9 th	World Quality Day	To increase worldwide awareness of the important contribution that quality makes towards both organisational and national growth.
	Legal Services Day	To offer help and support to the weaker and poor group to sections of people.
November 10 th	World Science Day for Peace and Development	To highlight the important role that science has in the society.
November 11 th	National Education Day	To commemorate birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad.
November 12 th	World Pneumonia Day	To stand together and demand action in fight against pneumonia.
	Public Service Broadcasting Day	In memory of the first and only address by Mahatma Gandhi on All India Radio.
November 13 th	World Kindness Day	To promote synchronized global waves of unified thoughts and acts of kindness for all life.
November 14 th	Children's Day	To give tribute to Jawaharlal Nehru.
	World Diabetes Day	To promote global awareness on diabetes.
November 16 th	International Day for Tolerance	To generate public awareness of the dangers of intolerance.
	World Philosophy Day	To underline to enduring value of philosophy for development of human thought.

November 20 th	Universal Children's Day	To promote mutual exchange and understanding among children and to benefit and promote welfare of children.
November 21 st	World Television Day	To commemorate the date on which the first World Television Forum was held.
November 25 th	International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women	To raise awareness of the fact that women around the world are subject to rape, and domestic violence.
November 26 th	Constitution Day	To commemorate adoption of Constitution of India.
	National Milk Day	To mark birth anniversary of Dr. Verghese Kurian, father of white revolution in India.

DECEMBER		
December 1 st	World AIDS Day	To raise awareness of the AIDS pandemic caused by the spread of HIV infection.
December 2 nd	International Day for Abolition of Slavery	To eradicate contemporary forms of slavery.
	National Pollution Control	To make people aware of the need of pollution control acts.
December 3 rd	International Day for Persons with Disabilities	To promote understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights and wellbeing of persons with disabilities.
December 4 th	Indian Navy Day	To celebrate the magnificence, achievements and role of the naval force to the country.
December 5 th	International Volunteer Day	To pay special tribute to people's participating in making a difference.
December 7 th	International Civil Aviation Day	To celebrate the people of the aviation community.
	Armed-Forces Flag Day	Dedicated to India towards collection of funds from people of India for the welfare of the Indian Armed Forces Personnel.
December 9 th	International Anti-Corruption Day	To promote and strengthen measures to prevent combat corruption more efficiently.
December 10 th	Human Rights Day	To honour UNGA's adoption and proclamation of UDHR, the first global enunciation of human rights.
December 11 th	International Mountain Day	To encourage sustainable development in mountains.
December 12 th	Universal Health Coverage Day	Anniversary of first unanimous UN resolution calling for all nations to provide their citizens affordable, quality healthcare.
December 14 th	World Energy Conservation Day	To highlight importance of energy consumption, scarcity and impact on sustainability of global ecosystems.
December 16 th	Vijay Diwas (Victory Day)	Marks India's military victory over Pakistan in 1971 during Indo-Pakistani war.

December 18 th	International Migrants Day	To protect rights of migrant workers and members of their family.
December 20 th	International Human Solidarity Day	To celebrate unity in diversity and raise awareness of importance of solidarity.
December 22 nd	National Mathematics Day	To commemorate birth of Indian Mathematics genius Srinivasa Ramanujan.
December 23 rd	Farmers Day	To promote awareness to help and reward farmers for their contribution towards our society.
December 24 th	National Consumers Day	To highlight importance of consumer movement and promote basic rights and responsibilities of consumers.
December 25 th	Good Governance Day	To foster awareness among Indian people of accountability in Government.

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