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# 2021 Important Days

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## 2021 Important Days - January

OBSERVED DATE / WEEK	DAYS	KEY NOTES
January 4, 2021	World Braille Day	3rd edition of the United Nations(UN) World Braille Day is annually observed on 4th January, to promote and create awareness about the importance of Braille as a means of communication in the complete realization of the human rights of the visually impaired and partially sighted people. The day marks the birth anniversary of Louis Braille, the French educator and the inventor of Braille language, a system of reading and writing for the visually impaired.
January 6, 2021	World Day of War Orphans	Observed annually on January 6 around the world. The day aim to raise awareness about the difficult situation of the children who have been orphaned due to war and the need to care for these children who live in traumatic conditions in war-torn areas. The day was initiated by France based SOS Enfants En Détresse (SOSEED), a sponsorship program for orphans.
January 9, 2021	Pravasi Bharatiya Divas	Celebrated on January 9, 2021. It will be celebrated once in every two years to strengthen the participation of the overseas Indian community with the government of India and reconnect them with their roots. During this day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated PBD Convention 2021 virtually in New Delhi, a flagship event of the Ministry of External Affairs.This year(2021) marks the 16th PBD convention. Earlier PBD was celebrated in the year 2019.Theme of the 16th PBD Convention 2021- "Contributing to Aatmanirbhar Bharat".President Santokhi of Suriname was the chief guest of the PBD Convention 2021.
January 10, 2021	World Hindi Day	World Hindi Day(Vishwa Hindi Divas) is annually celebrated on January 10 across the world to promote Hindi language worldwide and to present Hindi as an international language. The then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh declared January 10 as World Hindi Day in 2006. January 10 has been selected because on this day the 1st World Hindi Conference was held in Nagpur, Maharashtra in 1975

January 12, 2021	National Youth Day (Yuva Diwas)	Celebrated annually on January 12 across India to recognise and honour the teachings of Swami Vivekananda. This year (2021) marks the 158th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. The day also aims to encourage youth in India to become a better person and achieve an honourable life that contributed to the development of the country.
January 14, 2021	Veteran Day	Indian Armed Forces annually celebrates the Veteran Day on 14th January to recognise the contributions of the veterans of the Indian Armed Forces. The 14th January 2021 marks the celebration of the 5th Veteran Day by the Indian Armed Forces. The day honours and recognises the service of Field Marshal KM Cariappa, OBE, the first Commander in Chief of Indian Armed Forces.
January 15, 2021	Army Day	Indian Army annually celebrates the Army Day on 15th January to honour the contribution and sacrifices of the Indian Soldiers who lost their lives in the line of duty towards the nation. The 15th January 2021 marks the celebration of the 73rd Army Day by the Indian Army. It remarks Lieutenant General KM Cariappa was appointed as the first Indian Commander in Chief of the Indian Army who took over from General Sir Francis Butcher, the last British Commander-in-Chief of India on 15th January 1949.
January 18 to February 17, 2021	National Road Safety Month	Ministry of Road Transport and Highway (MoRTH) observes the first National Road Safety Month from 18th January 2021 to 17th February 2021, instead of the 32nd National Road Safety Week, to create and spread awareness about road safety and its importance in reducing the road accidents in India. Theme - "Sadak Suraksha- Jeevan Raksha". Ministry of Road Transport and Highway (MoRTH) annually observes the National Road Safety Week during the second week of January.
January 19, 2021	NDRF Raising Day	The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) annually celebrates the NDRF Raising Day on 19th January to mark its formation in 2006. The 2021 marks the celebration of 16th NDRF Raising Day. The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) came into existence on 19th January 2006. The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) was

		constituted to lay down the policies, plans and guidelines for disaster management.
January 23, 2021	First Parakram Diwas or Courage Day	Ministry of Culture and Tourism published the gazette notification to annually observe the 23rd January as Parakram Diwas starting from 2021. The day honours and remembers the contributions of Netaji towards the nation. The government of India has decided to annually observe the birth anniversary of the Netaji as "Parakram Diwas" to honour the service of Netaji towards India. Year-long celebrations to commemorate 125th birth anniversary year of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose commenced on 23rd January, 2021.
January 24, 2021	International Day of Education	United Nations(UN)'s International Day of Education is annually observed on 24th January to celebrate the role of education for peace and development. The annual celebration of this day is organised by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in partnership with partners like Global Partnership for Education and the Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies (CRI). The theme of the 3rd International day of Education is "Recover and Revitalize Education for the COVID-19 Generation".
January 24, 2021	National Girl Child Day	National Girl Child Day is observed annually on January 24 to raise awareness about the rights of the girl child and importance of their education, health and nutrition. The year 2021 marks 13th National Girl Child Day. The initiative was started by the Ministry of Women and Child Development(MoWCD) in 2008. National Girl Child Week is being celebrated from January 21 to 26, 2021. On this occasion, the Govt of India organises awareness campaigns under Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao-BBBP (Save the girl child, Educate the girl child) scheme. <a href="#">Click here</a>
January 21 to 26, 2021	National Girl Child Week	
January 25, 2021	National Voters Day	Annually celebrated across India on 25th January to spread awareness among the voters and to promote informed participation in the electoral process. 25th January 2021, marks the celebration of the 11th National Voters Day by Election Commission of India (ECI). The theme of the National Voters Day 2021 is "Making Our Voters Empowered, Vigilant, Safe and Informed". President Ram Nath Kovind awarded the 2020-2021

		National Awards for the Best Electoral Practices.
January 25, 2021	National Tourism Day	Annually observed across India on 25th January to encourage tourism in India and to highlight the role of tourism in the economic development of the nation. The theme of National Tourism Day 2021 is “Dekho Apna Desh”. The Ministry of Tourism has been organising various seminars on the theme “Dekho Apna Desh” to showcase the cultural diversity of India and enhance the tourism of India in 2021.
January 26, 2021	Republic Day of India	India celebrated its 72nd Republic Day. On this date, in 1950 the Constitution of India came into effect by replacing the Government of India Act (1935). For the 1st time, a 122-member Bangladeshi Triservice force Contingent participated in the Republic Day Parade. Constitution was adopted by the Indian Constituent Assembly on 26 November, 1949 and came into effect on 26th January, 1950 making India a fully democratic republic. 26 January was chosen as Republic day as it was on this day that Indian National Congress (INC) Declared Purna Swaraj in 1929. President Ram Nath Kovind approved 455 Gallantry awards & other Defence decorations to Armed Forces personnel. <a href="#">Click here</a>
January 26, 2021	International Customs Day(ICD)	Annually celebrated across the globe on 26th January to recognise the contributions and roles of the customs officials and agencies in maintaining border security. The World Customs Organization(WCO) dedicated the International Customs Day 2021 is dedicated to the efforts of the customs to emerge from the pandemic situation. The theme of the 2021 ICD is “Customs bolstering Recovery, Renewal and Resilience for a sustainable supply chain”.
January 27, 2021	International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust (International Holocaust Remembrance Day)	United Nations(UN)’s International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust (International Holocaust Remembrance Day) is annually observed across the globe on 27th January to commemorate the victims of the Tragedy of Holocaust during the World War II. The date marks the anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi Concentration and Extermination Camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau by Soviet troops on 27

		January 1945. The theme of 2021 International Holocaust Remembrance Day is “Facing the Aftermath: Recovery and Reconstitution after the Holocaust”.
January 30, 2021	World Neglected Tropical Diseases(NTD) Day	Annually observed across the globe on 30th January to highlight the global commitment to eliminate Neglected Tropical Diseases that has affected the most marginalized communities of the World. The funding for World NTD Day is provided by the Crown Prince Court of Abu Dhabi. 30th January marks the anniversary of the 2012 London declaration on NTDs. World NTD Day was one of the initiatives announced on 19th November 2019, at the gathering of the global health community under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces.
January 30, 2021	Martyrs’ Day which is also known as “Shaheed Diwas”	Annually observed across India on 30th January to pay respect to the martyrs who lost their lives during India’s freedom struggle. The day will also mark the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. 30th January 2021 marks the 73rd Martyrs Day or Shaheed Diwas. The day will also mark the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Another Martyrs Day is observed in India on 23rd March, the death anniversary of Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev Thapar and Shivaram Rajguru who were hanged to death by British on 23rd March 1931 in Lahore, Pakistan.

## 2021 Important Days - February

OBSERVED DATE / WEEK	DAYS	KEY NOTES
January 31, 2021	World Leprosy Day	World Leprosy Day is annually observed across the globe on the last Sunday of January to create awareness about leprosy, also known as Hansen’s Disease. This day is a celebration of the leprosy community to advocate the rights of the person affected with the Leprosy and to create awareness about the medical and social implications of Leprosy. The World Leprosy Day 2021 falls on 31st January 2021. The theme of the 2021 World Leprosy day is “Beat Leprosy, End Stigma and Advocate for Mental Well-Being”.

February 1, 2021	Indian Coast Guard Day	Annually observed across India on 1st February which marks the Raising day of the Indian Coast Guard. 1st February 2021 marks the 45th Raising day of the Indian Coast Guard, Operating under the Defence Ministry. ICG cooperates with Indian Navy, the Department of Fisheries, the Department of Revenue (Customs) and the Central and State police forces.
February 2, 2021	World Wetlands Day	Annually observed across the globe on 2nd February to create awareness about the importance of wetlands and their roles towards humans and the planet. 2nd February 2021 marks the 25th World Wetlands Day. The theme of World Wetlands Day 2021 is "Wetlands and Water". It aims to highlight the importance of wetlands as the source of freshwater and to promote the actions to restore and stop the loss of wetlands.
February 4, 2021	World Cancer Day	Annually observed across the globe on 4th February to create awareness and educate the general public about the stigma around cancer and to reduce the preventable deaths. The World Cancer Day is a global uniting initiative led by the Union of International Cancer Control (UICC). The theme of the World Cancer Day for 2019 to 2021 is "I Am and I Will". The theme of World Cancer Day 2021 is "I Am and I Will: "Together, all our actions matter".
February 4, 2021	International Day of Human Fraternity	United Nations(UN)'s observed the first ever International Day of Human Fraternity across the globe on 4th February 2021 to raise awareness about different cultures and religions or beliefs and to promote cultural and religious tolerance, understanding. The theme of the International Day of Human Fraternity 2021 is "A Pathway to the Future".
February 6, 2021	International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation	United Nations(UN)'s International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation is annually observed across the globe on 6th February to heighten the efforts towards eliminating the process of Female Genital Mutilation(FGM). The theme of International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation 2021: "No Time for Global Inaction, Unite, Fund, and Act to End Female Genital Mutilation".
February 10, 2021	World Pulses Day	The United Nations(UN)'s World Pulses Day is annually observed across the globe on 10th

		February to celebrate the contribution of the pulses to the sustainable food system, healthy growth and environmental benefits. The First World Pulses Day was celebrated on 10th February 2019.
February 10, 2021	National Deworming Day (NDD)	National Deworming Day (NDD) 2021 is celebrated on 10th February, 2021. NDD is a biannual event celebrated across India to create awareness about worm infection and to eradicate the intestinal worms which is also known as soil Transmitted Helminths (STH) in children aged 1 to 19. In 2021, NDD is observed on 10th February, 2021 with a mop-up day on 15th February, 2021.
February 11, 2021	International Day of Women and Girls in Science	United Nations (UN)'s International Day of Women and Girls in Science is annually observed across the world on 11th February to recognize the critical role women and girls play in science and technology communities. The theme of 2021 International Day of Women and Girls in Science is "Women Scientists at the forefront of the fight against COVID-19".
February 11, 2021	World Unani Day	Annually observed across the globe on 11th February to create and spread awareness about health care delivery through the Unani system of medicine. The day marks the birth anniversary of Hakim Ajmal Khan, a great Unani scholar and social reformer.
February 12, 2021	National Productivity Day	Annually observed across India on 12th February to create awareness about productivity, that maximum output with optimum utilization of resources can be planned and achieved. The day is organised by the National Productivity Council (NPC).
February 13, 2021	World Radio Day (WRD)	United Nations World Radio Day (WRD) is annually observed across the globe on 13th February to celebrate radio as a part of the history of humanity. 2021 marks the 10th edition of World Radio Day (WRD) and more than 110 year of radio. The theme of the world radio day 2021 is "New World, New Radio."
February 13, 2021	National Women's Day	Annually celebrated across India on 13th February to honour Sarojini Naidu, the "nightingale of India", on her birth anniversary. The National Women's day is celebrated to recognise the social, cultural, political and economic achievements of

		Women. 13th February 2021 marks the 142nd birth anniversary of Sarojini Naidu.
February 8, 2021	International Epilepsy Day	Observed across the globe on the second Monday of February. The day aims to create awareness about epilepsy and its treatment and the need to bring the treatment to all who need it. The International Epilepsy Day is a joint initiative of the International Bureau for Epilepsy (IBE) and the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE). The theme of the International Epilepsy Day 2021 is "Epilepsy is more than seizures".
February 9, 2021	Safer Internet Day	Annually observed across the globe on the 2nd day of the 2nd week (i.e. 2nd Tuesday) of February to create awareness about the emerging new online issues and current issues like cyberbullying to social networking to digital identity. The Safer Internet Day 2021 observed on 9th February 2021 marks the 18th edition of Safer Internet Day. The safer internet day 2020 was observed on 11 February 2020. The theme of the 2021 Safer Internet Day is "Together for a better internet".
February 15, 2021	International Childhood Cancer Day (ICCD)	Each Year, the International Childhood Cancer Day (ICCD) is observed on February 15. The day aims to raise awareness about childhood cancer, express support for children & adolescents with cancer, the survivors and their families. The year 2021 marks the 20th Commemoration of the International Childhood Cancer Day (ICCD) since it was created in 2002 by Childhood Cancer International (CCI). In order to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of ICCD, the CCI & International Society of Paediatric Oncology (SIOP) unveiled a joint three-year campaign called 'Tree of Life'.
February 20, 2021	World Day of Social Justice	United Nations (UN)'s World Day of Social Justice is annually observed across the globe on 20th February to promote and ensure Social justice in letter and spirit in the world where the social inequality persists. The day recognises that social development can be ensured in the absence of Social Justice. The theme of the 2021 World Day of Social Justice is "A Call for Social Justice in the Digital Economy" which highlights the basic rights of the workers

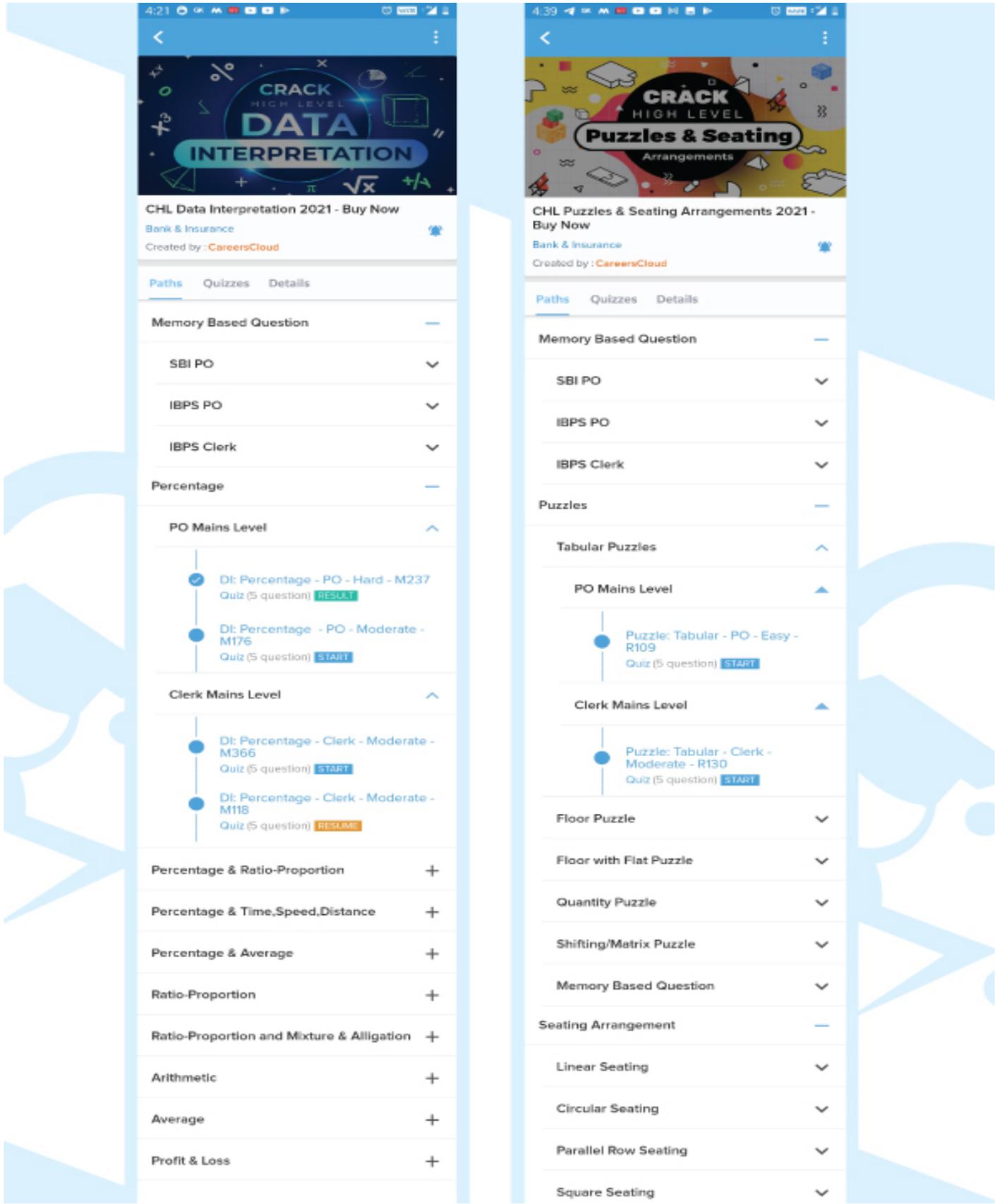
		who have shifted to the digital platform and whose lives were affected by the lack of digital infrastructure.
February 21, 2021	International Mother Language Day	United Nations(UN)'s International Mother Language Day is annually observed across the globe on 21st February to promote linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism. The 2021 marks the 22nd edition of the International Mother Language Day. The theme of the 2021 International Mother Language Day is "Fostering multilingualism for inclusion in education and society".
February 22, 2021	World Thinking Day	22nd February of every year is observed as World Thinking Day by the girl scouts and girl guides in 150 countries across the globe. The day offers an opportunity for the girl scouting and girl guiding communities to think about others and focus on a wider issue that impacts the others within the guiding and scouting movements. The theme of the World Thinking Day 2021 is "Peacebuilding".
February 20, 2021	World Pangolin Day	World Pangolin Day is annually observed across the globe on the 3rd Saturday of February to raise awareness about the Pangolins, a unique mammal and the difficulties they face. 20th February 2021 marks the 10th edition of the World Pangolin Day. The first World Pangolin day was observed in February 2012. Pangolins are known as scaly anteaters, which are covered in hard, plate-like scales. This nocturnal mammal is insectivorous, which feeds on ants and termites.
February 27, 2021	World NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) day	World NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) day is annually observed across the globe on 27th February to create awareness about the importance of social work and to recognise and honour the contributions of the Social workers, NGO founders, employees, volunteers, members and supporters who are working towards the betterment of the society.

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## 2021 Important Days - March

OBSERVED DATE / WEEK	DAYS	KEY NOTES
February 27, 2021	National Protein Day	Annually observed across India on 27th February to create and raise awareness about the importance and health benefits of Protein. The theme of the National Protein Day 2021 is 'Powering with Plant Protein'. The theme aims to focus on plant-based sources of protein – as accessible, affordable, acceptable, and versatile protein sources that are often ignored in a country.
February 28, 2021	National Science day	Annually observed across India on 28th February to commemorate the discovery of 'Raman Effect' by Indian Physicist Sir Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman (CV Raman) for which he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930. The theme of the National Science Day 2021 is "Future of Science and Technology and Innovation (STI): Impact on Education, Skills and Work". The celebrations and events of the National Science Day 2021 are organised by the National Council for Science Technology Communication (NCSTC), Department of Science and Technology (DST).
February 28, 2021	Rare Disease Day	Annually observed across the globe on the last day of February every year to create awareness to the general public regarding the rare disease and their effects on the lives of the affected people. The International Rare Disease Day is organised by EURORDIS. The Rare Disease Day 2021 falls on 28th February 2021 which also marks the 14th Rare Disease Day. Rare disease is also known as orphan disease, which affects a small percentage of the global population.
March 1, 2021	Zero Discrimination Day	Annually observed across the globe on 1st March to highlight the needs to take actions to end the inequalities based on income, sex, age, health status, occupation, disability, sexual orientation, drug use, gender identity race, class, ethnicity and religion. The UN celebrated the first Zero Discrimination Day on 1st March 2014.
March 1, 2021	World Civil Defence Day	Annually observed across the globe on 1st March to honour and signify the importance of civil protection. The aim is to bring the attention of the world public to the vital

		importance of Civil Protection. The theme of the World Civil Defence Day 2021 is “Strong Civil Protection To Preserve The National Economy”. The World Civil Defence Day 2021 observed on 1st March 2021 marks the 90th anniversary of the International Civil Defence Organization (ICDO).
March 1, 2021	Civil Accounts Day	Annually observed by the Indian Civil Accounts Service(ICAS) on 1st March since the inception of ICAS on 1st March 1976. ICAS is one of the Civil Services of India, under the Department of Expenditure, Union Ministry of Finance. 1st March 2021 marks the 45th Civil Accounts Day. For the first time the events of Civil Accounts Day have been organised as a virtual event in New Delhi.
March 3, 2021	World Wildlife Day	United Nations(UN)’s World Wildlife Day is annually observed across the globe on 3rd March to celebrate the wild fauna and flora across the globe and to create awareness about conservation of wildlife. The events of the world Wildlife day are organised by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) Secretariat in collaboration with the organizations in the United Nations system. The theme of 2021 is “Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet”.
March 3, 2021	World Hearing Day	Observed across the globe on 3rd March to raise awareness on how to prevent deafness and hearing loss and to promote hearing care across the globe. The World Health Organisation(WHO) organises the annual events of the world hearing day at the WHO headquarters at Geneva, Switzerland. The theme of the world Hearing day is also decided by the WHO. The World Hearing Day 2021 on 3rd march 2021 is celebrated under the theme “Hearing care for ALL! Screen. Rehabilitate. Communicate”.
March 4, 2021	National Safety Day	Observed across India on 4th March under the theme “Learn from Disaster and Prepare for a Safer Future” to create awareness about the safety and hygienic measures which should be inculcated in the lifestyle of the general people. The National Safety Week is observed from 4th March 2021 to 10th March 2021. The day marks the establishment of the National Safety council of India. The 4th

		March 2021 marks the 50th National Safety Day.
March 4, 2021	National Security Day	Which is also known as the Rashtriya Suraksha Diwas is annually observed across India on 4th March to acknowledge and appreciate the works of the security forces of the country. The day is celebrated to showcase the gratitude to all the security forces like, Police force, para military force, commandos, guards, army and other security personnels who put their life on line for the safety and security of others. The day is marked to remember the sacrifices of the security personnel who lost their lives in the line of duty.
March 7, 2021	Janaushadhi Diwas also known as Generic Medicine Day	Annually observed across India on 7th March, the last day of the Janaushadhi Diwas Week (1st March to 7th March). The day aims to publicize the endeavours of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana(PMBJP), an initiative by Department of Pharmaceuticals, Government of India, to provide quality medicine at affordable price. The 3rd Janaushadhi Diwas was observed on 7th March 2021 under the theme “Seva bhi – Rozgar bhi”.
March 8, 2021	International Women’s Day (IWD)	United Nations(UN)’s International Women’s Day (IWD) is annually observed across the globe on 8th March to recognise the achievements of the women regardless of their nation, ethnic, language, culture, economic or political. This day celebrates the efforts of the women and girls across the globe towards shaping an equal future and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. The theme of International Women’s Day 2021 is “Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world”. The theme of the International Women’s Day Campaign is “#ChoosetoChallenge”.
March 10, 2021	CISF Raising Day	Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) Raising Day is annually observed across India on 10th March to commemorate the service and commitment of the personnel of CISF towards protecting the major installations and integrity of the nation. The day also marks the establishment of the CISF on 10th March 1969. CISF was established under Central Industrial Security Force Act, 1968

		(50 of 1968). The 10th March 2021 marks the CISF's 52nd Raising Day.
March 10, 2021	National Gestational Diabetes Mellitus (GDM) Awareness Day	Annually observed across India on 10th March to create nationwide awareness about the connection between maternal health and diabetes. 10th March 2021 is observed as the National GDM Awareness Day. India observed the World's First National GDM Awareness Day from 10th March 2019.
March 11, 2021	World Kidney Day	Annually observed across the globe on the 2nd Thursday of March to create awareness about the functions of Kidney and to educate the importance of kidney health and reduce the impacts of kidney diseases. The World Kidney Day Steering Committee has declared 2021 the year of "Living Well with Kidney Disease". The theme of World kidney Day 2021 is "Kidney Health for Everyone Everywhere – Living Well with Kidney Disease". As part of the World Kidney Day campaign this year, the #MyGr8Rule challenge – involving the 8 golden rules of kidney care.
March 14, 2021	International Day of Mathematics (IDM)	Annually observed across the globe on 14th March to celebrate the beauty and importance of mathematics and its essential role in everyone's life. The day also marks the birth anniversary of renowned mathematician and physicist Albert Einstein and death anniversary of theoretical physicist Stephen Hawking. The theme of the International Day of Mathematics 2021 is "Mathematics for a Better World". The International Day of Mathematics is led by the International Basic Sciences Programme (IBSP) and the International Mathematical Union.
March 14, 2021	International Day of Action for Rivers	The International Day of Action for Rivers which was formerly known as "International Day against Dams, for Rivers, Water, and Life" is annually observed across the globe on 14th March to create awareness about the importance of rivers. 14th March 2021 marks the 24th edition of the International Day of Action for Rivers. The theme of International Day of Action for Rivers 2021 is "Rights of Rivers".
March 15, 2021	World Consumer Rights Day	Annually celebrated across the globe on 15th March to highlight the power of consumers and their rights for a fair, safe and sustainable

		marketplace for everyone. The world Consumer Rights day is coordinated by Consumers International, the membership organisation for consumer groups across the globe. The theme of World Consumer Rights Day 2021 is "Tackling Plastic Pollution".
March 16, 2021	National Vaccination Day	Also known as National Immunisation Day, is annually observed across India on 16th March to create awareness about the importance of vaccination. The government of India aims to raise awareness about the vaccination against poliovirus and other deadly viruses. The National Vaccination day 2020 aims to eradicate both polio and the COVID-19. The day was first observed on 16th March 1995, the day on which the Pulse Polio Immunisation Programme became operational.
March 18, 2021	Global Recycling Day	Annually observed across the globe on 18th March to promote the importance of recycling across the globe. The day calls for the world to work together to change the mindset of governments, business, communities and individuals across the globe to consider recyclables as resources. The theme of the Global Recycling Day 2021 is "Recycling Heroes". The theme of 2021 recognises the people, places and activities which showcased the importance of recycling towards an environmentally stable planet.
March 18, 2021	Ordnance Factory Day	Annually observed by the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) on 18th March to mark the foundation of the first Ordnance Factory at Cossipore near Kolkata in 1801. The day is celebrated by the Indian Ordnance Factories, under the Ministry of Defence. The 18th March 2021 marks the 220th Ordnance Factory Day. Two employees of the factory Mr Anjaneyulu and Mr Pulla Reddy have been conferred "Ayudh Sri" Awards. V. Gunasekaran, Joint General Manager, was awarded 'Ayudh Bhushan' award and K. Karthikesh, Security Officer, was awarded the 'Best Security Officer' award at a celebratory event.
March 19, 2021	World Sleep Day	Annually observed on the Friday before the Spring Vernal Equinox. The day is aimed to celebrate sleep and create awareness about the importance of sleep and issues related to sleep, including the medicine, education and

		social aspects. The 19th March 2021 marks the observance of the 14th annual World Sleep Day. The world Sleep day is annually organised by the World Sleep Day Committee of the World Sleep Society.
March 20, 2021	International Day of Happiness	United Nations (UN)'s International Day of Happiness, annually observed across the globe on 20th March, is dedicated to the importance of happiness in people's life. The first International day of happiness was observed on 20th March 2013. The theme of the International Day of Happiness 2021 is "Keep Calm. Stay Wise. Be Kind". The 2021 International Day of Happiness campaign theme is "Happiness For All Forever".
March 20, 2021	World Oral Health Day	Annually observed across the globe on 20th March to promote the importance of oral health and to reduce the problems of oral diseases that affect the individuals, health system and economy. The theme of World Oral Health Day 2021 is "Be Proud of your Mouth" and this theme will be followed in 2022 and 2023.
March 20, 2021	World Sparrow Day	Annually observed across the world on 20th March to create awareness and to bring attention to the significance and importance of conservation and protection of the sparrows and other such birds. The theme of World Sparrow Day is "I Love Sparrows". World sparrow day is the initiative of the Nature Forever Society in India in collaboration with the Eco-Sys Action Foundation, France and other national and international organisations across the globe.
March 21, 2021	United Nations International Day of Forests	Annually observed across the globe on 21st March to create awareness about the importance of all types of forests. The day is annually organised by the United Nations Forum on Forests and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations in collaboration with Governments, the Collaborative Partnership on Forests and other organizations in the field. The theme of the International Day of Forests for 2021 is "Forest restoration: a path to recovery and well-being".
March 21, 2021	International Day of Nowruz	United Nations (UN)'s International Day of Nowruz, is annually observed across the globe on 21st March to create awareness about Nowruz and to organise annual events

		to commemorate the festival of Nowruz. The festival is also known by other names like Navruz, Novruz, Nooruz, Nevruz and Nauryz. The word Nawruz means “New Day”. The first International Day of Nowruz was celebrated on 21st March 2010. The festival marks the first day of the spring and it is celebrated on the day of the astronomical vernal equinox, which usually occurs on 21 March.
March 21, 2021	World Poetry Day	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) celebrated, World Poetry Day every year on March 21 across the globe. It is one of the humanity’s most treasured forms of cultural and linguistic expression and identity. The day was observed to recognize the poetry movements nationally as well as internationally. Epic of Gilgamesh is an epic poem from ancient Mesopotamia, regarded as the earliest surviving notable literature and the second oldest religious text, after the Pyramid Texts.
March 21, 2021	World Down Syndrome Day	In a move to create awareness towards Down Syndrome, the United Nations annually observes 21st of March as the World Down Syndrome Day. All over the world, annually 3000 to 5000 children are born with this chromosome syndrome. #LotsOfSocks campaign – An online campaign was conducted where, people are asked to wear mismatched socks, to spread awareness on Down Syndrome.
March 21, 2021	International Day for the elimination of Racial Discrimination	The United Nations (UN)’s International Day for the elimination of Racial Discrimination is annually observed across the globe on 21st March to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination and to create awareness about the impacts of racial discrimination. The day aims to support a global culture of tolerance, equality and anti-discrimination. The theme of International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination 2021 is “Youth standing up against racism”.
March 22, 2021	United Nations (UN)’s World Water Day	Annually observed across the globe on 22nd March to enhance the focus on the importance of freshwater and to create awareness about the global water crisis. The main aim of World Water Day is to support the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6: Water and Sanitation for all by

		2030. The theme of World Water Day 2021 is "Valuing water". The theme of 2021 is about "What water means to people and its true value and how to protect the water, the vital resource".
March 21, 2021	World Puppetry Day	Annually observed across the globe on 21st March to promote the puppetry arts and allows the association of the puppet actors of the same territory. The day is celebrated across the globe through Union Internationale de la Marionnette (UNIMA)'s national centres and their members.
March 23, 2021	United Nations (UN)'s World Meteorological Day	Annually observed across the world on 23rd March to create awareness about the importance of the role of people and their behaviour in protecting the Earth's atmosphere. The day showcases the contribution of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services towards the safety and wellbeing of society. World Meteorology Day 2021 is a registered activity of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030). The theme of World Meteorological Day 2021 is "The ocean, our climate and weather".
March 23, 2021	Shaheed Diwas or Martyr's day	Government of India, annually observes the 23th of March as Shaheed Diwas or Martyr's day to honour the 3 young freedom fighters- Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev Thapar, and Shivaram Rajguru. The 90th death anniversary of the 3 youngsters was observed on 21st March 2021. During their hanging Bhagat Singh made the historic slogans "Inquilab Zindabad", which later became the slogan of India's armed struggle. 30th January, the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi is also observed as Martyr's day.
March 20, 2021	United Nations (UN)'s French Language Day	Annually observed across the globe on 20th March to create awareness among the international community about the history, culture and use of the French language. The UN annually celebrates the 6-language day for the 6 official languages of the UN, Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. The day is recognised by the International Organization of La Francophonie (OIF) as the International Day of La Francophonie. The theme of French Language Day 2021 is "Francophone Women, Resilient Women".

March 24, 2021	World Tuberculosis Day	Observed annually on 24th March. It is observed to raise awareness about the global epidemic of Tuberculosis (TB). 2021 Theme – ‘The Clock is Ticking’. It is one of the 11 official Global Public Health campaigns marked by the World Health Organization (WHO). Kerala won Bronze Medal in the Union Health Ministry’s Sub National Certification of Efforts towards Elimination of TB.
March 24, 2021	International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims	United Nations(UN)’s International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims is annually observed across the globe on 24th March to pay tribute to the memory of Monsignor Oscar Arnulfo Romero, who was murdered on 24th March 1980. Monsignor Oscar Arnulfo Romero was actively involved in denouncing the violations of Human rights of the most vulnerable individuals in El Salvador.
March 25, 2021	International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade	United Nations(UN)’s International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade is annually observed across the globe on 25th March to honour and remember the victims of the brutal slavery system. The day aims to create awareness about the dangers of racism and prejudice. The theme of International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade 2021 is “Ending Slavery’s Legacy of Racism: A Global Imperative for Justice”.
March 25, 2021	International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members	United Nations(UN)’s International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members is annually observed across the globe on 25th March. The day recognises the dangers encountered by the UN staff members as they carry out their work for the United Nations. The day also marks the anniversary of the abduction of Alec Collett, a former journalist, who worked for the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East(UNRWA).
March 27, 2021	World Theatre Day	Annually observed across the globe on 27th March to create awareness about the importance of theatre arts. The day is observed at around 90 International Theatre Institute (ITI) Centres across the globe and the International Theatre Community. The World Theatre Day was first initiated by the

		International Theatre Institute (ITI) in 1961. The first World Theatre Day was celebrated on 27th March 1962.
March 27, 2021	Earth Hour	Annually observed across the globe on the last Saturday of March as a symbolic gesture towards the commitment to preserve the Earth and to support actions against Climate Change. Earth Hour is one of the world's largest grassroots movements for the environment. The first Earth Hour was held in Sydney, Australia, in 2007. Every year, On Earth Hour, millions of people across the globe switch off their non-essential electric lights for an hour between 8.30 PM and 9.30 PM. Earth Hour 2021 is observed on 27th March 2021.
March 29, 2021	World Piano Day	Annually observed across the globe on the 88th Day of the Year to celebrate the piano, piano performers, composers, piano builders, tuners and listeners. The World Piano Day 2021 falls on the 29th March 2021. The day aims to create a platform for piano related projects to promote the development of musical dimensions and to share the joy of playing piano.

## 2021 Important Days - April

OBSERVED DATE / WEEK	DAYS	KEY NOTES
March 31, 2021	International Transgender Day of Visibility	Annually observed across the globe on 31st March to celebrate the lives of Transgender people and to educate the general public about the history of Transgender. The day aims to create awareness about the discrimination and violence faced by the trans people. The first International Transgender Day of Visibility was held on 31st March 2009.
April 2, 2021	World Autism Awareness Day	United Nations(UN)'s World Autism Awareness Day is annually observed across the globe on 2nd April to highlight the needs to improve the quality of the life of the people living with autism. There was no official theme referred in UN sites on World Autism Awareness Day. Autism Speaks, an organisation highlight and promote autism awareness, in recognition of people with autism and those who love and support them

		with campaign #LightItUpBlue by wearing blue on April 2 2021.
April 2, 2021	International Children's Book Day(ICBD)	Annually observed across the globe on or around 2nd April, the birth anniversary of Danish Author Hans Christian Andersen, famous for his fairy tales for children.The day aims to celebrate and to inspire the love of reading and to focus attention on children's books. Theme of ICBD 2021 is "The Music of words". United States Board on Books for Young People (USBBY) is the sponsor of 2021's ICBD Poster.
March 20, 2021	World Frog Day	Annually observed across the globe on 20th March to create awareness and save the different species of tailless amphibians from being extinct. World Frog day was instituted in 2009.There are more than 6000 known species of Frog, out of which 4800 types of frogs are found across the globe except for Antarctica. The main reason for the decline in the population of frogs is human activity and fungal infections.
April 5, 2021	National Maritime Day (NMD)	Annually observed across India on 5th April, to create awareness about intercontinental commerce and the economy. 2021 marks the celebration of the 58th Edition of the National Maritime Day.The first edition of the National Maritime Day was observed on 5th April 1964. The theme of National Maritime Day 2021 is 'Sustainable Shipping beyond COVID-19'.The events for the Celebration of the National Maritime Day or Merchant Navy Flag Day are organised and co-coordinated by the National Maritime Day Celebrations Committee (NMDC).
April 4, 2021	International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action	United Nations(UN)'s International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action is annually observed across the globe on 4th April to provide support to the mine action work, raise awareness about landmines and work toward its eradication. The International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action events across the globe are led by the United Nations mine action Service(UNMAS).2021 International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action highlights the importance of "Perseverance, Partnership, and Progress" in the mine sector.

April 5, 2021	International Day of Conscience	United Nations(UN)'s International Day of Conscience is annually observed across the globe on 5th April to promote peace and love throughout the globe in accordance with the culture and customs of local, national and regional communities through education and awareness-raising activities.2021 marks the celebration of the 2nd International Day of Conscience.
April 6, 2021	International Day of Sport for Development and Peace	United Nations(UN)'s International Day of Sport for Development and Peace(IDSDP) is annually observed across the globe on 6th April to recognise the role of sports in communities and in individuals towards building resilience.2021 marks the celebration of the 8th edition of the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace(IDSDP).The theme of 2021 IDSDP is focused on – recovery from the pandemic.
March 31, 2021	World Backup Day	World Backup Day is annually observed on 31st March to remind us to protect our digital documents. The Day was originally started as the World Backup Month instituted by Maxtor, a hard drive company which was later acquired by Seagate Technology.The day aims to create awareness about the importance of the role of data and regular backups.
April 6, 2021	World Table Tennis Day	Annually observed across the globe on 6th April to promote table tennis globally to be played in every part of the world. The day also marks the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace.To promote Gender Equality and FEMpowerment, the World Table Tennis Day 2021 will focus to make table tennis popular, universal and inclusive.The celebration of the WTTD 2021 aims to contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goal 5: Gender Equality.
April 7, 2021	World Health Day	United Nations(UN)'s World Health Day is annually observed across the globe on 7th April to draw attention towards a specific health topic that concerns people across the globe to highlight the priority area of concern for the World Health Organisation(WHO). The theme of World Health Day 2021 is "Building a Fairer, Healthier World".
April 7, 2021	United Nations(UN)'s International Day Of Reflection On The 1994	Annually observed across the globe on 7th April to recognise the importance of combating impunity for all violations that

	Genocide Against The Tutsi In Rwanda	constitute the crime of genocide. The day recalls the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi ethnic group in Rwanda and remembers the victims of the genocide.
April 8, 2021	International Romani Day or International Roma Day	Annually observed across the globe on 8th April to celebrate the culture and heritage of Romani and to raise awareness of the issues facing Roma people. The day also focuses on the discrimination against the Roma communities across the globe and call for the human rights of all to be respected and observed. The International Roma Day 2021 marks the 50th anniversary of the first Romani Congress April 7 to 12 1971 in Chelsfield near London, England.
April 9, 2021	CRPF Valour Day	Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Valour Day is annually observed across India on 9th April to honour the valour of the Martyrs and the bravehearts of the 2 CRPF companies who fought against Pakistan at Sardar Post, Gujarat in 1965. The day is also known as the Shaurya Diwas. The 9th April 2021 marks the observance of the 56th CRPF Valour Day.
April 9, 2021	ICCR Foundation Day	Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) celebrated its 71st Foundation Day on 9th April 2021. ICCR was founded on 9th April 1950 by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the first Education Minister of Independent India. Through the Indian Cultural Centres, ICCR organises a range of cultural, academic and intellectual activities in the field of Indian culture including Indian dance, music, yoga, languages, cuisines, festivals, ethos and traditions along with contemporary issues.
April 9, 2021	Play True Day	Play True Day is annually observed by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) in 9th April to create awareness about the importance of protecting clean sport among the Athletes, sporting public and others. The Play True Day 2021 was observed by WADA on 9th April 2021. The theme of Play True Day 2021 is "What does Play True mean to you?".
April 10, 2021	World Homeopathy or Homoeopathy Day	Annually celebrated across the globe on 10th April to mark the importance of Homeopathy and its contribution to the field of medicine. 10th April 2021 marks the 266th Birth anniversary of Dr Christian Friedrich Samuel Hahnemann, a German physician and the founder of Homeopathy, He was born on 10th April 1755 in Paris, France.

April 11, 2021	National Safe Motherhood Day	Annually observed across India on 11th April to create awareness about the importance of pregnancy care, safe delivery, Childbirth and postnatal services along with a focus on reducing anaemia. 11th of April was chosen to honour the birth anniversary of Kasturba Gandhi. National Safe Motherhood Day is an initiative of the White Ribbon Alliance India (WRAI), an alliance of around 1800 organisations.
April 11, 2021	World Parkinson's Day	Annually observed across the globe on 11th April to create awareness and raise the funds to support the people living with Parkinson's disease. The day marks the birth anniversary of Dr. James Parkinson who was the first to describe Parkinson's disease as a neurological syndrome in 1817. The month of April is observed as Parkinson's Awareness month. 'Red tulip with a fringe of white' is the official symbol of Parkinson's disease.
April 12, 2021	International Day of Human Space Flight	United Nations (UN)'s International Day of Human Space Flight is observed annually across the globe on 12th April to promote the aspirations to explore and maintain outer space for peaceful purposes. The day is commemorated to remember the Yuri Gagarin, a Soviet citizen carried out the first human space flight on 12th April 1961.
April 12, 2021	International Day for Street Children	Annually observed across the globe on 12th April to acknowledge the strength and resilience of the street children across the globe. The day aims to highlight the efforts of street children to have their rights respected and meet their needs in a caring and respectful manner. The International Day for Street Children has been globally celebrated since 2012.
April 13, 2021	Jallianwala Bagh Massacre	13th April 2021 marks the 102nd anniversary of the Jallianwala Bagh Massacre, which took place on 13th April 1919 in a public garden (Jallianwala Bagh) in Amritsar, Punjab. Around 400 people including men, women and children were killed and around 1200 were wounded in the Jallianwala Bagh massacre which is also known as the Amritsar Massacre. On 12th April 2021, The new edition of 1969 classic "Jallianwala Bagh: A groundbreaking history of the 1919 massacre" authored by Vishwa Nath Datta (V N Datta) was released.

April 13, 2021	Siachen Day	Siachen Warriors celebrated the 37th Siachen Day on 13th April 2021 to honour the soldiers of the Indian army who continue to guard the Siachen Glacier, the northern frontier which is a part of the Union Territory of Ladakh. On 13th April 1984, the troops of the Indian Army unfurled the national flag of India at Bilafond and launched the operation Meghdoot. India secured the Siachen glacier and Salto ridge using the maps of Colonel Narendra 'Bull' Kumar. 13th April is annually observed as Siachen Day since 1984.
April 14, 2021	National Fire Service Day	Annually observed by the Fire Service personnel across India on 14 <sup>th</sup> April to commemorate the commitment and sacrifices of the 71 fire service personnel who died in the fire accident at freighter SS Fort Stikine at the Victoria Dock, Bombay Port on 14th April 1944. The theme of National Fire Service Day 2021 is "Maintenance of Fire Safety Equipment Is Key To Mitigate Fire Hazards".
April 14, 2021	World Chagas Disease Day	Annually observed across the globe on 14th April to raise awareness about Chagas disease, a life-threatening illness caused by the protozoan parasite Trypanosoma cruzi (T. cruzi). 14th April marks the day on which Carlos Ribeiro Justiniano Chagas, a Brazilian physician and researcher diagnosed the first human case of the disease, a 2-year-old girl called Berenice Soares de Moura, in 1909.
April 15, 2021	World Art Day	International Association of Art (IAA/AIAP) a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO), a partner of UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) celebrated the World Art Day on 15th April annually. The 1st World Art Day was officially celebrated on April 15th, 2012. UNESCO New Delhi Office for Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka offered a special webinar titled "Shaping the Future for Artists".
April 16, 2021	World Voice Day	Annually observed across the globe on 16th April to celebrate the phenomenon of voice and to encourage the people across the globe to seek help to train their voices. The theme of the World Voice Day 2021 & the campaign is "One World Many Voices". The theme was chosen by the Voice Committee of the American Academy of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery (AAO-HNS).

April 17, 2021	World Hemophilia Day	Annually observed across the globe on 17th April to create awareness about Hemophilia and other bleeding disorders. The day is an effort to provide better diagnosis and access to care for the people with Hemophilia. April 17th Marks the birth anniversary of Frank Schnabel, the founder of the World Federation of Hemophilia. The theme of World Hemophilia Day 2021 is “Adapting to change: sustaining care in a new world”.
April 18, 2021	International Day for Monuments and Sites	Annually observed across the globe on 18th April to preserve human heritage which has ancient importance and to recognise the endeavours of the organisations which are working for it. In many countries the day is celebrated as – World Heritage Day. The Theme of the International Day for Monuments and Sites 2021 is ‘Complex Pasts: Diverse Futures’. The International Day for Monuments and Sites is globally promoted by the International Council on Monuments and Sites(ICOMOS).
April 19, 2021	World Liver Day	Annually observed across the globe on 19th April to create awareness about the importance of liver and liver related diseases. The day aims to inform the general public about liver infections and to provide timely treatment for the preventable illness.
April 20, 2021	Chinese Language Day	United Nations(UN)’s Chinese Language Day is annually observed across the globe on 20th April to celebrate the contribution of Chinese literature, poetry and language to the world’s culture. April 20th was chosen from the Guyu, the 6th of 24 solar terms in the traditional east Asian calendars, which pays tribute to Cangjie, the inventor of Chinese characters.
April 21, 2021	World Creativity and Innovation Day	United Nations(UN)’s World Creativity and Innovation Day is annually observed across the globe on 21st April to create awareness about the role of creativity and innovation in all the aspects of human development. The celebration of the World Creativity and Innovation Week begins on 15th April which marks the birth anniversary of Leonardo da Vinci. In 2019 the United Nations adopted a resolution A/C.2/74/L.16/Rev.1 and declared the year 2021 as the International Year of the Creative Economy for Sustainable Development.

April 21, 2021	National Civil Services Day	Annually observed across India on 21st April to acknowledge and appreciate the contribution of the civil servants towards ensuring the seamless functioning of the public administration. April 21 was chosen to commemorate the day on which Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the first Home Minister of Independent India addressed the Administrative service officers at the Metcalfe House, Delhi in 1947. In his address he referred to the civil servants as the “Steel frame of India”.
April 10-16, 2021	World Homeopathy Awareness Week	Annually observed across the globe from 10th April to 16th April to create awareness about the importance of Homeopathy, the system of alternate medicine. The week begins on 10th April to mark the birth anniversary of Dr Samuel Hahnemann, the German physician who created homeopathy. World Homeopathy Day is annually observed on 10th April.
April 22, 2021	International Mother Earth Day	United Nations(UN)’s International Mother Earth Day is observed annually across the globe on 22nd April. It is also called Earth Day. The day aims to create awareness about the deteriorating environment, to protect the people’s livelihood and to stop the biodiversity decline. The theme of the Earth Day 2021 is “Restore Our Earth”. Earth Day was officially renamed to International Mother Earth Day in 2009.
April 23, 2021	World Book and Copyright Day	Annually observed across the globe on 23rd April to promote the benefits of reading, publishing and copyright. The annual observance of the world book and copyright day is organised by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO). The year 2021 marks the observance of the 25th edition of UNESCO’s World book day.
April 23, 2021	English Language Day and Spanish Language Day	The United Nations(UN)’s English Language Day and Spanish Language Day are annually observed across the Globe on 23rd April to promote the use of both English and Spanish respectively as the official language of the organisation. i.UN Spanish language day– 23rd April marks the death anniversary of Miguel de Cervantes, the genius of Spanish literature.

		ii.UN English language day – 23rd April marks both the birth and death anniversary of the famous English playwright William Shakespeare, who was known as “Bard of Avon”.
April 22, 2021	International Girls in ICT Day	Annually observed across the globe on the 4th Thursday in April to bring attention to the critical needs of the girls and women in the ICT sector.The year 2021 marks the 10th anniversary of the International Girls in ICT(Information and communication technologies) day.The theme of the International Girls in ICT Day 2021 is “Connected Girls, Creating Brighter Futures”.
April 21, 2021	Administrative Professionals Day	Annually observed across many countries on 21st April to recognise the work of the administrative professionals towards the seamless functioning of the offices. The day is also known as Secretaries Day or Admin Day.The day recognizances the administrative professionals like secretaries, administrative assistants, executive assistants, personal assistants, receptionists, client services representatives and others.
April 24-30, 2021	World Immunization Week	Observed annually across the globe in the last week of April to promote the use of vaccines to protect people against diseases. World Immunisation Week 2021 is observed from 24th April to 30th April 2021. The theme of World Immunization Week 2021 is “Vaccines bring us closer”.The theme aims to promote the importance of the vaccine in bringing people together and in improving the health of everyone.
April 24, 2021	International Day for Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace	United Nations(UN)’s International Day for Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace is annually observed across the globe on 24th April to promote the 3 pillars of the United Nations – Peace and Security; Development; and Human Rights.It aims to spread the advantages of Multilateralism and diplomacy for peace through education and public awareness activities.
April 24, 2021	World Day for Laboratory Animals	Annually observed across the globe on 24th April. The day is observed as a movement to end the suffering of the animals in laboratories across the globe and replace animal testing with advanced scientific non-animal techniques.The World Day for Laboratory Animals is associated with the

		Lab Animal week which has been observed from 20th to 26th April since 1979.
April 24, 2021	National Panchayati Raj Day or Panchayati Raj Diwas	Annually observed across India on 24 <sup>th</sup> April to recognise the work of the Panchayat leaders towards building an AtmaNirbhar Bharat. The day is annually commemorated by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj. 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 marks the celebration of the 12th National Panchayati Raj Day. Panchayat is made up of two words – “Panch”, meaning five, and “Ayat”, meaning assembly.
April 25, 2021	World Malaria Day	Annually observed across the globe on 25th April to highlight the need for investment and commitment towards the prevention and control of malaria. The day aims to educate and provide a better understanding of Malaria, a preventable and curable disease. The theme of World Malaria Day 2021 is “Reaching the zero malaria target”. As a part of the World Malaria Day 2021, Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) virtually chaired the “Reaching Zero” Forum on malaria elimination.
April 26, 2021	World Intellectual Property Day	Annually observed across the globe on 26th April to create awareness about the impacts of the patents, copyright, trademark and designs. The day also aims to educate the general public about the role of Intellectual property (IP) rights in supporting innovation and creativity. The theme of World Intellectual Property Day 2021 is “IP and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs): Taking your ideas to market”.
April 25, 2021	International Delegates Day	United Nations (UN)'s International Delegates Day is annually observed across the globe on 25th April to create awareness about the role of the representatives and delegates of the member states to the United Nations. The day recognises the role of the delegates in fulfilling the UN's goals like maintaining international peace, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.
April 26, 2021	International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day	United Nations (UN)'s International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day is annually observed across the globe on 26th April to mark the anniversary of the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear power plant disaster. The day aims to create awareness about the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster and

		the risks of nuclear energy. The First International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day was observed on 26th April 2017.
April 24, 2021	World Veterinary Day	Annually observed across the globe on the last Saturday of April to promote animal health and welfare and to provide global leadership to veterinary professionals across the globe. The theme of World Veterinary Day 2021 is "The Veterinarian Response to the Covid-19 Crisis". The World Veterinary Day 2021 is observed by the WVA in collaboration with other organisations like World Organisation for Animal Health (formerly the Office International des Epizooties (OIE)), World Health Organization (WHO), and Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).
April 25, 2021	World Penguin Day	Annually observed across the globe on 25th April to create awareness about the challenges faced by the Penguins due to the overfishing in their ecosystem. The World Penguin Day coincides with the annual northern migration of Adelie penguins, the smallest and the most widespread species of penguin in the Antarctic.
April 28, 2021	World Day for Safety and Health at Work	United Nations (UN)'s World Day for Safety and Health at Work is annually observed across the globe on 28th April to highlight the prevention of accidents and diseases at work and to raise awareness about occupational safety and health. On the occasion of World Day for Safety and Health at Work 2021, ILO released a report titled "Anticipate, prepare and respond to crises: Invest now in resilient Occupational Safety and Health systems" which examines risk prevention and management related to the pandemic.

## 2021 Important Days - May

OBSERVED DATE / WEEK	DAYS	KEY NOTES
April 30, 2021	International Jazz Day	Annually observed across the globe on 30th April <b>Celebrated by</b> - The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) also with its official partners the Herbie Hancock Institute of Jazz. <b>2021</b> Marks 10 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of International Jazz Day. <b>Aim of the day</b> - to highlight jazz and its diplomatic role in uniting people across the globe.
April 30, 2021	Ayushman Bharat Diwas	Annually observed across India – April 30 <sup>th</sup> <b>Aim of the day</b> - to promote affordable medical facilities in the remote parts of India and aims to promote health and wellness and provide the benefits of insurance to the poor.
May 2, 2021	World Tuna Day	Annually observed across the globe on 2nd May. <b>Aim</b> - To create awareness about the importance of Tuna and to promote sustainable fishing practices. The first World Tuna Day was observed on 2nd May 2017.
May 2, 2021	World Laughter Day	Celebrated every year on the first Sunday of May and this year it falls on 2nd May. <b>Aim</b> - to raise awareness about laughter and its many healing benefits. <b>"HAPPY-DEMIC"</b> was the first World Laughter Day gathering outside India. The first world laughter day was celebrated on 10th May 1998 in Mumbai, India organised by Dr. Madan Kataria.
April 29, 2021	International Dance Day	Annually celebrated across the world on 29 <sup>th</sup> April, the birth anniversary of Jean-

		<p>Georges Noverre, the creator of modern ballet.</p> <p><b>Founded by</b> – Dance Committee of the International Theatre Institute (ITI) in 1982.</p> <p><b>Purpose</b> - to celebrate dance and its universality which unites the people across different political, cultural and ethnic backgrounds.</p>
May 1, 2021	International Labour Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on May 1<sup>st</sup>.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - To recognize the achievements of the workers and to create awareness about the exploitation of workers.</p> <p>❖ It is also known as International Workers Day or May Day, Antarrashtriya Shramik Diwas (International Labour Day) or “Kamgar Din”.</p> <p>The day is observed in many countries like India, Cuba and China.</p>
May 3, 2021	World Press Freedom Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 3rd May.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - To recognize the freedom of the press and highlights the need for the government and people to respect their commitment to press freedom.</p> <p><b>The theme of 2021</b>- “Information as a Public Good”.</p> <p>3rd May marks the anniversary of the Declaration of Windhoek.</p>
May 4, 2021	World Asthma Day	<p>Annually observed on the first Tuesday of May. This year it falls on May 4.</p> <p><b>Theme for the year 2021:</b> “Uncovering Asthma Misconceptions”.</p> <p>The day is organized by the Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA) in collaboration with health care groups and asthma educators, to spread awareness and care around the world.</p>
May 5, 2021	International Day of the Midwife	<p>Annually celebrated across the globe on 5th May.</p>

		<p><b>Theme of the IDM 2021</b> - “Follow the data: Invest in Midwives”</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - to recognise and celebrate the work of midwives across the world. The midwives are the healthcare professionals who provide support and care for the women during pregnancy, labour and birth.</p>
April 24-30, 2021	World Immunization Week	<p>Former England Footballer, United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) Goodwill Ambassador and founder of the 7 Fund for UNICEF, David Beckham released a video ahead of World Immunization Week 2021 (April 24th-30th) for creating awareness among the parents around the world to vaccinate their children against deadly diseases.</p>
May 4, 2021	International Firefighters Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 4<sup>th</sup> May.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - To recognize and honor the contribution and sacrifices of the Firefighters to ensure the safety of their community and environment.</p> <p>The day was proposed by the Australian firefighter JJ Edmondson on 4th January 1999 to honour and remember the deaths of 5 firefighters who died in the line of duty in the 1998 Wildfire at Linton, Victoria, Australia.</p>
May 5, 2021	World Hand Hygiene Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 5<sup>th</sup> May.</p> <p>Organised by - World Health Organisation(WHO).</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - To create awareness about the importance of hand hygiene towards health care.</p> <p>The 2021 theme of the campaign is “Achieving hand hygiene at the point of care”.</p> <p>The 2021 slogan of the campaign is “Seconds save lives – clean your hands!”</p>
May 6, 2021	International No Diet Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 6<sup>th</sup> May</p>

		<p><b>Aim</b> - To celebrate body acceptance and diversity and to promote a healthy lifestyle and create awareness about various eating disorders and the dangers and futility of dieting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ The Blue Ribbon is the symbol of the International No Diet Day.</li> <li>❖ The First INDD was celebrated in the United Kingdom in 1992.</li> </ul>
May 7, 2021	World Athletics Day	<p>World Athletics Day (WAD) is annually observed across the globe in the month of May.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - To create awareness about athletics and encourage youngsters to take up sports.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ The day is annually observed by the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF), formerly (1912–2001) International Amateur Athletic Federation.</li> <li>❖ The IAAF marks the WAD 2021 on 7th May 2021.</li> </ul>
May 7, 2021	Border Roads Organisation (BRO) Raising Day	<p>Annually observed across India on 7th May to mark the establishment of the BRO in 1960.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ The day also recognises the contribution of all veterans and BRO personnel.</li> <li>❖ 7th May 2021 marks the celebration of the 61st BRO Raising Day.</li> </ul> <p>BRO is the leading road construction agency under the Ministry of Defence.</p>
May 5, 2021	World Portuguese Language Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 5<sup>th</sup> May.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - To celebrate the Portuguese language and Lusophone cultures. The first World Portuguese Language Day was observed on 5th May 2020. 40<sup>th</sup> Session of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)'s General Conference held in 2019 proclaimed the 5<sup>th</sup> May of every year as the "World Portuguese Language Day".</p>

<p>May 4, 2021</p>	<p>Coal Miners Day</p>	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 4<sup>th</sup> May.  <b>Aim</b> - To recognize the hard work of the professionals and the Miners working in the coalfields and also observed to remember and appreciate the workers who have sacrificed their lives and to remember the tragic events experienced by the coal miners.</p>
<p>May 8, 2021</p>	<p>World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day</p>	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 8<sup>th</sup> May.  <b>Theme of 2021</b> is 'Together we are #unstoppable!'.  <b>Aim</b> - To celebrate and acknowledge the volunteers, members and staff who support the people in need.  ❖ The day also commemorates the birth anniversary of Henry Dunant, the founder of the International Committee of the Red Cross(ICRC) who was born on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1948.  The first Red Cross Day was celebrated on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1948 and it was renamed as the World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day.</p>
<p>May 8, 2021</p>	<p>World Thalassemia Day</p>	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 8<sup>th</sup> May.  Theme of 2021 : "Addressing Health Inequalities Across the Global Thalassemia Community".  Aim - To encourage the patients suffering from Thalassemia, to raise awareness amongst the general public and decision-makers about thalassemia and it was declared an International observance in the loving memory of George Englezos who was the son of son of Thalassemia International Federation's (TIF) president.</p>
<p>May 8, 2021</p>	<p>World Migratory Bird Day</p>	<p>Bi-annually observed across the world on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in May and October.  WMBD 2021 falls on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and also will be observed on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2021.  <b>Theme of May 2021</b> - Sing, Fly, Soar – Like a Bird!  <b>Aim</b> - To create awareness about the importance of the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats.</p>

		<p><b>Celebrated by</b> - Secretariat of the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA) in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS).</p>
May 8-9, 2021	Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives during the Second World War	<p>United Nations(UN) annually mark this day on May 8<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> .The year 2021 marks the 76th anniversary of the end of World War II.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - to create awareness about the misfortune of war and to pay tribute to all the victims of World War II(WWII).</p>
May 10, 2021	International Day of Argania	<p>United Nations(UN)'s first International Day of Argania was observed on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 will be observed annually across the globe on same day.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - To recognize the importance of the Argan tree in achieving the 3 dimensions (Economic, Social and Environmental) of sustainable development at the local level.</p>
May 11, 2021	National Technology Day	<p>Annually observed across India on 11<sup>th</sup> May.</p> <p><b>Theme of 2021</b> is "Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future".</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - This day is to celebrate India's major advancement in the field of Science and Technology and also marks the anniversary of the 1998 Pokhran Nuclear tests, a series of 5 nuclear tests conducted by India.The day also marks the first flight of the first indigenous aircraft "Hansa-3".</p>
May 12, 2021	International Nurses Day	<p>Annually celebrated across the globe on May 12.</p> <p><b>Theme of 2021</b> is Nurses: A Voice to Lead - A vision for future healthcare</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - To highlight the importance of nurses in healthcare and to appreciate their work towards healthcare.</p> <p>The International Nurses Day marks the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale.</p>
May 15, 2021	International Day of Families	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 15th May.</p>

		<p><b>Theme of 2021</b> is “Families and New Technologies”.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - To promote the awareness of the issues related to families and to educate the social, economic and demographic processes affecting families.</p>
May 17, 2021	International Day Against Homophobia Transphobia and Biphobia	<p>Annually observed on 17<sup>th</sup> May.</p> <p><b>Theme of 2021</b> “Together: Resisting, Supporting, Healing!”.</p> <p><b>Aim</b>- To commemorate the World Health Organization(WHO)’s decision to declassify homosexuality as a mental disorder in 1990. The day also aims to celebrate sexual and gender diversity and campaign against the violence and discrimination experienced by Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex (LGBTI) people across the globe.</p>
May 17, 2021	World Telecommunication and Information Society Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 17<sup>th</sup> May.</p> <p><b>The theme of 2021</b> : “Accelerating digital transformation in challenging times”.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> – To raise awareness of the possibilities about the use of the Internet and other information and communication technologies (ICT) can bring to societies and economies, as well as of ways to bridge the digital divide.</p>
May 17-23, 2021	Global Road Safety Week	<p>Global Road Safety Week (<b>UNGRSW</b>) is a biennial global road safety campaign and in this year 2021 marks the 6th UNGRSW which observed from 17th to 23rd May 2021.</p> <p><b>Hosted by</b> - World Health Organization(WHO).</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - To create awareness of road safety and make changes that will reduce the number of road deaths.</p> <p><b>Theme of 2021</b> is “Streets for Life #Love30”, which calls for 30 km/h default speed limits where people and vehicles mix.</p>
May 17, 2021	World Hypertension day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 17<sup>th</sup> May.</p> <p><b>Theme for 2021:</b> ‘Measure Your Blood Pressure Accurately, Control It, Live Longer’.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - To raise awareness about the symptoms of hypertension to prevent and control it. The focus of 2021: Combatting low awareness rates worldwide, especially in low to middle-income areas, and accurate blood pressure measurement methods.</p>

May 16, 2021	International Day of Living Together in Peace	Annually observed across the globe on May 16. Aim - To support the desire to live and act together, united in differences and diversity, to build a sustainable world of peace, solidarity and harmony.
May 16, 2021	National Dengue Day	Annually observed across the India on May 16. <b>Aim</b> - To create awareness about measures on dengue prevention and to control the spread of the vector-borne disease and to reaffirm nationwide efforts to tackle the scourge by using both education and medical intervention.
May 16, 2021	International Day of Light	Annually observed across the globe on 16th May. <b>Aim</b> - To celebrate the role of lights in science, culture and art, education and sustainable development, medicine, communications, and energy. The day also marks the anniversary of the first successful operations of the laser in 1960 by Physicist and Engineer Theodore Maiman.
May 16, 2021	World Agri-Tourism Day	Annually observed across the globe on 16th May. 2021 marks the 14th World Agri Tourism Day. <b>Aim</b> - To educate the tourists on how agricultural activities are done in farms. <b>India's Effort</b> - Department of Tourism, Government of Maharashtra and Agri Tourism Development Corporation(ATDC) has organized an International conference on Agri Tourism on 15th and 16th May 2021 with the theme "Rural Women Sustainable Entrepreneurship Opportunities through Agri"
May 18, 2021	World AIDS Vaccine Day	Annually observed across the globe on 18 <sup>th</sup> May. <b>Aim</b> - To create awareness about the requirement of HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) vaccines to prevent HIV infection and AIDS. The day aims to educate the general public about AIDS, encourage the researchers and ensure the participation of the general public in the vaccination drive.
May 18, 2021	International Museum Day	International Museum Day 2021 annually observed across the globe on 18 <sup>th</sup> May.

		<p><b>Organised by</b> - International Council of Museums (ICOM) Advisory Committee.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - To create awareness on the importance of museums towards the development of society.</p> <p><b>Theme of 2021</b> is “The Future of Museums: Recover and Reimagine”.</p>
May 20, 2021	World Bee Day	<p>World Bee Day 2021 annually observed across the globe on 20th May. 2021 marks the observance of the 4th World Bee Day.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - To create awareness on the importance of bees and other pollinators and the threats faced by them and highlights their contribution towards sustainable development.</p> <p>United Nations has organized a virtual event under the theme “Bee engaged – Build Back Better for Bees”.</p>
May 20, 2021	World Metrology Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 20th May.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - To celebrate the International system of Unit. The day marks the annual celebration of the signing of the Metre Convention on 20 May 1875 in Paris, France by 17 nations.</p> <p><b>Theme for 2021</b> is “Measurement for Health”.</p>
May 21, 2021	International Tea Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 21<sup>st</sup> May.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> -To celebrate the cultural heritage, health benefits and economic importance of tea.</p> <p>The observance of the international tea day is led by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)of the UN.</p>
May 21, 2021	World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development	<p>Annually observed on 21<sup>st</sup> May.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - To provide opportunity to provide understanding on the values of cultural diversity.</p> <p>The first World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development was observed on 21st May 2003.</p>
May 22, 2021	International Day for Biological Diversity	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 22nd May.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> :- To create awareness of biodiversity issues and provide a better understanding of the importance of biodiversity as a global asset of high value to the future generation.</p>
May 21, 2021	Anti-Terrorism Day	<p>Annually observed across India on 21st May.</p>

		<p><b>Aim-</b> To prevent the youth from terrorism and to highlight the suffering of the common public and its effect on the national interest. The day also marks the death anniversary of former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi. 21st May 2021 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> death anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi.</p>
May 21, 2021	Endangered Species Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on the third Friday of May to recognize the animals across the globe which are in need of protection and conservation efforts. The Endangered Species Day 2021 was observed on 21st May 2021. The 21st May 2021 marks the celebration of 16th Endangered Species Day.</p>
May 23, 2021	World Turtle Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 23<sup>rd</sup> May. 2021 marks 21<sup>st</sup> World Turtle Day.  <b>Aim</b> - to support the people to celebrate and protect the tortoise and turtles and their habitats across the globe.  <b>Theme</b> of World Turtle Day 2021 is "Turtle Rocks!".</p>
May 23, 2021	International Day to End Obstetric Fistula	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 23<sup>rd</sup> May.  <b>Aim</b> - to create awareness and intensify the actions towards ending obstetric fistula which is one of the most serious and tragic childbirth injuries caused by prolonged obstructed labour without access to timely medical treatment.  <b>Theme of 2021</b> - "Women's rights are human rights! End fistula now!".</p>
May 25, 2021	World Thyroid Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 25<sup>th</sup> May.  <b>Aim</b> - To create awareness about the importance of Thyroid and educate about the prevention and treatment of Thyroid diseases.  <b>International Thyroid Awareness Week</b> is annually observed across the globe on the 4th Week of May as declared by the 11th European Congress of Endocrinology in April 2009. It is observed from 25th May 2021 to 31st May 2021.</p>
May 25, 2021	International Missing Children's Day (IMCD)	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 25<sup>th</sup> May.  <b>Aim</b> - To create awareness about the issues of child abduction and educate the parents about the measures to protect and safeguard their children.</p>

		'Forget me not' flower is the official emblem of the International Missing Children's Day.
May 26, 2021	Buddha Purnima or Vesak Day	Annually celebrated on the full moon day of the Hindu Month Vaisakha all over the world. 2021 marks the <b>2583rd birth anniversary of Buddha</b> . Buddha Purnima, the birth anniversary of Lord Gautama Buddha, the founder of Buddhism. day is also known as " <b>triple-blessed day</b> " which marks the birth, enlightenment, and Maha Parnirvana of Buddha. The day is celebrated based on the Asian lunisolar calendar.
May 25-31, 2021	International Week of Solidarity	This day is annually observed across the globe from 25th to 31st May. It aims to take effective measures to protect and guarantee the inalienable rights of the people of the Non-Self-Governing Territories to their natural resources, including land.
May 28, 2021	Menstrual Hygiene Day	Annually observed across the globe on 28 <sup>th</sup> May. <b>Aim</b> - To educate the importance of Menstrual hygiene and also to promote menstrual health and hygiene for all women and girls. The global coordinator of Menstrual Hygiene Day is WASH United. <b>Theme of 2021</b> is "Action and Investment in Menstrual Hygiene and Health."
May 28, 2021	International Day of Action for Women's Health or International Women's Health Day	Annually observed across the globe on 28 <sup>th</sup> May. <b>Theme of 2021 campaign</b> is "Women's Health Matters: Ending the Inequality Pandemic and Ensuring SRHR remains essential!". <b>Aim</b> - To create awareness about the sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) movement across the globe.
May 28, 2021	World Hunger Day	Annually observed across the globe on 28 <sup>th</sup> May. <b>Theme of 2021</b> is "Access Ends Hunger". <b>Aim</b> - To create awareness about the 815 million people across the globe who are living in chronic hunger. The day also aims to celebrate the sustainable solution to hunger and poverty.
May 29, 2021	International Day of UN Peacekeepers	Annually observed across the globe on 29th May.

		<p><b>Aim</b> - To pay tribute to the uniformed and civilian personnel contribution towards the UN and to honour the peacekeepers who lost their lives in the line of service to the UN since 1948.</p> <p><b>Theme of 2021 is</b> “The road to a lasting peace: Leveraging the power of youth for peace and security.”</p>
May 29, 2021	World Digestive Health Day (WDHD)	<p>World Digestive Health Day (<b>WDHD</b>) is annually observed across the globe on 29<sup>th</sup> May.</p> <p><b>Organised by</b> - World Gastroenterology Organisation (<b>WGO</b>) in partnership with the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders (<b>IFSO</b>).</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - To focus on the digestive disease and increase general public awareness of prevention, prevalence, diagnosis, management and treatment of the disease.</p> <p><b>Theme of 2021 is</b> “Obesity: An Ongoing Pandemic”.</p>
May 29, 2021	International Everest Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 29<sup>th</sup> May.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> -The day observed to mark the first summit of Mount Everest by Sir Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and Tenzing Norgay Sherpa of Nepal on 29<sup>th</sup> May 1953. Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay Sherpa became the first people to scale the world’s highest mountain.</p>

## 2021 Important Days - June

OBSERVED DATE / WEEK	DAYS	KEY NOTES
May 24, 2021	Commonwealth Day	<p>Celebrated on the second Monday in the month of March every year. In 2021, it was observed on March 8, 2021. But Commonwealth Day in India is commemorated every year on 24<sup>th</sup> May.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Objective</b> - This day is also known as Empire Day observed across the 54 Commonwealth Nations to promote Commonwealth’s shared values of peace, democracy, and equality, and to celebrate the association’s rich diversity.</li> <li>✓ <b>History of May 24:-</b> Commonwealth Day is observed on the birth date of Queen Victoria, who was born on 24<sup>th</sup> May 1819.</li> </ul> <p><b>Theme for 2021 Commonwealth Day is</b> ‘Delivering a Common Future’.</p>

May 28, 2021	World Blood Cancer Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 28th May.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - To mark their support to the people with Blood Cancer. World Blood Cancer Day was created by the DKMS in 2014.</p>
May 28, 2021	Amnesty International Day	<p>Annually observed on 28th May.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - To mark the establishment of Amnesty International, an international non-governmental organization focused on human rights, based in London, the United Kingdom(UK).</p> <p>Amnesty International was founded in 1961, following the publication of the article “The Forgotten Prisoners” by the lawyer Peter Benenson in “The Observer” newspaper on 28th of May 1961.</p>
May 30, 2021	World Vape Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 30th May and it falls on the day before the WHO’s World No Tobacco Day (May 31).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Aim</b> - To raise awareness about the significant health, social, and economic benefits of vaping and e-cigarettes/vapor products for people who smoke.</li> <li>✓ World Vape Day is a community-supported effort, with the website maintained by the International Network of Nicotine Consumer Organizations (<b>INNCO</b>).</li> </ul>
May 31, 2021	World No Tobacco Day (WNTD)	<p>Observed every year around the world on 31<sup>st</sup> May.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Aim</b> - To spread awareness about the dangers of using tobacco. According to World Health Organization(WHO), tobacco kills more than 8 million people every year around the world. <p><b>Theme of WNTD 2021</b> is “Commit to Quit”.</p> </li></ul>
June 1, 2021	Global Day of Parents	<p>United Nations(UN)’s Global Day of Parents is annually observed across the globe on 1st June.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - To honour and appreciate the parenthood throughout the world. Also highlights the parent’s commitment to children and their sacrifice towards nurturing the relationship between parents and children.</p>
June 1, 2021	World Milk Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on June 1.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - To create awareness about milk and to highlight the importance of milk and dairy products as a global food.</p> <p><b>Theme of World Milk Day 2021</b> focuses on Sustainability in the dairy sector with messages around the environment, nutrition and socio-economics.</p>

June 2, 2021	International Sex Workers Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. This day is also known as International Whores Day.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - To ensure the protection of rights of the Sex workers and to tackle the abuse and trafficking problems faced by the sex workers.</p> <p>Every year on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, International Sex Workers Day, the Global Network of Sex Work Projects (NSWP) focuses on the theme of Access to Justice.</p>
June 3, 2021	United Nations(UN)'s World Bicycle Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 3<sup>rd</sup> June.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - To highlight the benefits of cycling and to acknowledge the versatility, uniqueness and longevity of the two-wheeler.</p> <p>The First World Bicycle Day was observed on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018.</p>
June 4, 2021	United Nations(UN)'s International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 4<sup>th</sup> June.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - To highlight the UN's commitment to protect the rights of children. The day acknowledges the sufferings of the children who are the victims of physical, mental and emotional abuse.</p>
June 5, 2021	International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing	<p>United Nations(UN)'s International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing is annually observed across the globe on 5<sup>th</sup> June.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - It is to promote sustainability to ensure the sustainability of fisheries are being seriously compromised by illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing activities.</p>
June 5, 2021	World Day Against Speciesism	<p>Annually observed across the globe on June 5<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><b>Observed by</b> - People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), Farm Animal Rights Movement (FARM), and other animal rights groups across the globe.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - To create awareness among people that speciesism has no place in a civilized society.</p>
June 5, 2021	United Nations(UN)'s World Environment Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 5<sup>th</sup> June.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - To promote and encourage the involvement of the government, businesses, celebrities and citizens to focus on environmental issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ World Environment Day 2021 is focused on ecosystem restoration and its theme is "Reimagine. Recreate. Restore."</li> <li>✓ Pakistan is the host of 2021 World Environment Day; they host the day with the theme "Ecosystem restoration".</li> </ul>

June 6, 2021	Russian Language Day	<p>United Nations(UN)'s Russian Language Day is annually observed across the globe on 6<sup>th</sup> June.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - To create awareness about the history, culture and development of the Russian language. UN Language Days promote multilingualism and the development of all the 6 official languages of the UN – Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.</p> <p>June 6<sup>th</sup> marks the birth anniversary of the <b>great Russian poet Alexander Pushkin</b>, the father of modern Russian literature, who was born on 6<sup>th</sup> June 1799.</p>
June 6, 2021	World Pest Day also known as World Pest Awareness Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 6<sup>th</sup> June.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - To spread awareness about pest management and the benefits of preserving the quality of the life of people and plants across the globe, also the role of professional pest control towards protecting health, home and businesses.</p>
June 7, 2021	World Food Safety Day	<p>United Nations(UN)'s World Food Safety Day is annually observed across the globe on 7<sup>th</sup> Jun.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - To create awareness about the methods to prevent and detect foodborne risks, and to ensure food security, human health, economic prosperity, agriculture, market access, tourism and sustainable development.</p> <p>✓ <b>The theme of the World Food Safety Day 2021</b> is "Safe food today for a healthy tomorrow".</p> <p><b>The slogan of the World Food Safety Day 2021</b> is "Food safety is everyone's business".</p>
June 6, 2021	BIMSTEC Day	<p>6<sup>th</sup> June 2021 marked the observance of the 24<sup>th</sup> BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) Day by the BIMSTEC member countries which consist of Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Thailand. Sri Lanka is holding the current BIMSTEC chair.</p>
June 8, 2021	United Nations World Oceans Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 8<sup>th</sup> June.</p> <p><b>The theme of World Oceans Day 2021</b> is "The Ocean: Life and Livelihoods".</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - To create awareness about the impacts of human activity on the Ocean and to promote sustainable management of the Oceans.</p>

June 8, 2021	World Brain Tumour Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 8<sup>th</sup> June since 2000.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - To create awareness among the general public about brain tumors. The day also aims to pay respect to patients with brain tumors and their families.</p> <p>The Grey Ribbon is used to promote brain cancer awareness.</p>
June 9, 2021	World Accreditation Day(WAD)	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 9<sup>th</sup> June by the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation(<b>ILAC</b>) and the International Accreditation Forum (<b>IAF</b>) to promote the value of accreditation.</p> <p><b>Theme of WAD 2021</b> is “Accreditation: Supporting the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”.</p>
June 10, 2021	International Level Crossing Awareness Day(ILCAD)	<p><b>International Level Crossing Awareness Day(ILCAD)</b> across the globe on 10<sup>th</sup> June. The day highlights the importance of educational measures and the promotion of safe behaviour at and around level crossings. 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021 marks the observance of the 13<sup>th</sup> ILCAD.</p> <p><b>The theme of ILCAD 2021</b> is “Distraction” with the motto, “Distraction kills!”.</p>
June 12, 2021	United Nation’s World Day Against Child Labour	<p>annually observed across the globe on 12<sup>th</sup> June to highlight the focus on the global extent of child labour and the action and efforts required to eliminate Child Labour.</p> <p>✓ UN declared 2021 as the <b>International Year for the Elimination of Child Labour</b>.</p> <p>Based on the theme “<b>Act now: end child labour</b>”, a high-level virtual event will be carried by International Labour Conference(ILC) on 2021 World Day Against Child Labour.</p>
June 13, 2021	United Nations(UN)’s International Albinism Awareness Day( <b>IAAD</b> )	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 13<sup>th</sup> June to create awareness about Albinism and the human rights of the people with albinism.</p> <p><b>The theme of the International Albinism Awareness Day 2021</b> is “Strength Beyond All Odds”.</p>
June 14, 2021	World Blood Donor Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 14<sup>th</sup> June.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - To create awareness about the need for safe blood and blood products for transfusion and of the critical contribution voluntary, unpaid blood donors make to national health systems.</p> <p>The slogan or campaign theme of 2021 is “Give blood and keep the world beating”.</p>
June 15, 2021	Global Wind Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 15<sup>th</sup> June.</p>

		<p><b>Aim</b> - To create awareness on the importance of Wind Energy and its contribution to the energy system. The day is dedicated to discovering wind energy and its power and possibilities to enhance the energy system, decarbonise the economies and increase job opportunities and growth.</p> <p>European Wind Energy Association(<b>EWEA</b>) and the Global Wind Energy Council(<b>GWEC</b>) coordinates the Global Wind Day through a network of their partners.</p>
June 15, 2021	United Nations(UN)'s World Elder Abuse Awareness Day(WEAAD)	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 15th June.</p> <p>✓ <b>Aim</b> - To create awareness about physical, mental, sexual, financial and social abuse faced by the elders.</p> <p><b>The theme</b> of the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 2021 is "Access to Justice".</p>
June 15, 2021	ASEAN Dengue Day	<p>Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) annually celebrates the ASEAN Dengue Day on 15th June to create awareness on dengue prevention and control at the regional and National level.</p> <p>✓ <b>The theme of the ASEAN Dengue Day</b> is "ASEAN Unite Against Dengue Amidst the Pandemic".</p> <p>The day allows the ASEAN Members to promote the dengue prevention and control measures, in coordination with the World Health Organisation(WHO).</p>
June 16, 2021	United Nations(UN)'s International Day of Family Remittances(IDFR)	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 16th June to recognize more than 200 million migrant workers across the globe who provide financial support to around 800 million family members.</p> <p>The day highlights the resolve of the migrant workers in facing economic insecurity, environmental and climate-related tragedies, and a worldwide pandemic.</p>
June 17, 2021	United Nation's World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	<p>annually observed worldwide on 17<sup>th</sup> June.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - It aim to create and raise awareness regarding the prevention of desertification of the soil in arid, semi-arid, and dry sub-humid areas caused due to climate change and human activities.</p> <p><b>The theme of 2021</b> is "Restoration.Land.Recovery: We build back better with healthy land".</p>
June 17, 2021	World Crocodile Day or World croc day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 17<sup>th</sup>June.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - It aims to create awareness about the difficulties faced by the endangered crocodiles and alligators around the world.</p>

		Crocodile Research Coalition (CRC) in collaboration with the Belize Zoo observed the first World Crocodile Day in 2017.
June 18, 2021	Sustainable Gastronomy Day	Annually observed across the globe on 18 <sup>th</sup> June. <b>Aim</b> -The day aims to observe to acknowledge gastronomy as a cultural expression related to the natural and cultural diversity of the world and to create public awareness of its contribution to sustainable development. United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization ( <b>UNESCO</b> ) and the Food and Agriculture Organization ( <b>FAO</b> ) and the United Nations General Assembly ( <b>UNGA</b> ) observe this day.
June 18, 2021	Autistic Pride Day	Annually observed across the globe on 18 <sup>th</sup> June. The “ <b>rainbow infinity</b> ” is the symbol of Autistic Pride Day. <b>Aim</b> -The day aims to create awareness about Autism and to provide space for people with autism to celebrate their neurodiversity and difference. It also recognises the importance of pride for people with autism and highlights the unique individuals and not cases for treatment.
June 18, 2021	International Picnic Day	Annually celebrated across the globe on 18 <sup>th</sup> June. The objective of the day is to encourage people to spend quality time with family and to go outdoors. Picnic is derived from the French word picque-nique which refers to an outing in which the participants carry food.
June 19, 2021	National Reading Day	Annually observed across India on 19 <sup>th</sup> June. The year 2021 marks the celebration of the 26 <sup>th</sup> National Reading Day. <b>Aim</b> – The day aims to encourage reading among the students across India and marks the death anniversary of Puthuvayil Narayana Panicker (P.N. Panicker), who was known as “Kerala’s Father of Library Movement”. India will celebrate June 19 to 25, the week following the National Reading Day (19 <sup>th</sup> June), as Reading week and June 19 <sup>th</sup> to July 18 <sup>th</sup> will be celebrated as Reading Month.
June 19, 2021	United Nations (UN)’s International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict	Annually observed across the globe on 19 <sup>th</sup> June. This marks 7 <sup>th</sup> observance of the International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict. <b>Aim</b> – The day aims to create awareness about the needs to end the conflict-related sexual violence, to honour the victims and survivors of sexual violence around the

		world. The day also pays tribute to the people who have contributed their lives to eradicate conflict-related sexual violence.
June 19, 2021	World Sickle Cell Day	World Sickle Cell Day also known as World Sickle Cells Awareness Day is annually observed across the globe on 19 <sup>th</sup> June to raise awareness about the sickle cell disorders, the most frequent genetic disease across the globe. World Sickle Cell Day 2021 will be jointly organised by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Congo Assistance Foundation, the Permanent Delegation of Congo to UNESCO and the Sickle Cell Disease International Organisation (SCDIO).
June 20, 2021	United Nations's World Refugee Day	Annually observed across the globe on 20 <sup>th</sup> June. <b>Aim</b> – The aim of the day is to support and protect the refugees across the globe and focus on the inclusion of refugees in Healthcare, education and sports. <b>The theme of 2021</b> is “Together we heal, learn and shine”.
June 21, 2021	United Nations (UN)'s International Day of the Celebration of the Solstice	Annually observed across the globe on 21 <sup>st</sup> June to create awareness about solstices and equinoxes and to highlight their significance in various religions and ethnic cultures. June 21 is also known as “Summer Solstice”.
June 21, 2021	World Hydrography Day	Annually observed across the globe on 21 <sup>st</sup> June. 2021 also marks the 100th anniversary of the formation of the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO). <b>Aim</b> – This day aims to highlight the importance of hydrography and celebrates the works and contribution of the Hydrographers. <b>The theme of 2021</b> is “One Hundred Years of International Cooperation in Hydrography”.
June 21, 2021	World Music Day	World Music Day, also known as Fête de la Musique in French, is annually observed across the globe on 21 <sup>st</sup> June. <b>Aim</b> – It aims to honour the musicians and singers across the globe and celebrated to motivate the growing young and professional musicians. The day was founded by France's Minister of Culture, Jack Lang and Maurice Fleuret a French composer, music journalist, radio producer, arts administrator, and festival organiser in Paris in 1982.

June 21, 2021	United Nations (UN) International Day of Yoga (IDY)	<p>Annually celebrated on June 21 all over the world. This year 2021 marks 7th International Day of Yoga.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Aim</b> - The day aims to raise awareness and promote the benefits of practicing yoga worldwide.</li> <li>✓ <b>The theme of IDY 2021</b> is 'Yoga for well-being'.</li> <li>✓ PM Modi launched the <b>M-Yoga app</b> in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO).</li> </ul>
June 21, 2021	World Humanist Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 21<sup>st</sup> June.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - The day aims to create awareness about the ways to spread information and combat misinformation about the positive aspects of Humanism, a means to affect the change in the world.</p> <p>World Humanist Day is globally celebrated by the American Humanist Association (<b>AHA</b>), the International Humanist and Ethical Union (<b>IHEU</b>), the Council for Secular Humanism, the Campus Freethought Alliance and the Secular Student Alliance.</p>
June 23, 2021	United Nations (UN) International Widows' Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 23<sup>rd</sup> June.</p> <p><b>Aim</b>- The day aims to create awareness about the experiences of the widows and to provide the support they need. The day provides the opportunity for action towards achieving full rights and recognition for widows.</p>
June 23, 2021	International Olympic Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 23<sup>rd</sup> June.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - It aims to promote the Olympic movement and the day commemorates the creation of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1894 in Paris, France. The first Olympic Day was celebrated on 23 June 1948.</p>
June 23, 2021	United Nations Public Service Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 23<sup>rd</sup> June.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - The day aims to recognize the contribution of the people associated with the public service and to encourage the youngsters to take up a career in the public sector.</p> <p>Virtual Celebration of United Nations Public Service Day 2021 is celebrated under the theme "Innovating the Future Public Service: New Government Models for a New Era to Reach the SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals)".</p>

June 25, 2021	United Nations (UN)'s Day of the Seafarer	Annually observed across the globe on 25th June. <b>Aim-</b> The day aims to recognize the contribution of the seafarers towards the global trade and economy and also to create awareness and educate the public about the danger faced by seafarers during sea travel. The day is celebrated by the International Maritime Organisation(IMO), a specialised agency of the UN responsible for regulating shipping.
June 25, 2021	World Vitiligo Day (WVD) or Vitiligo Awareness Day	Annually observed across the globe on 25 <sup>th</sup> June. <b>Aim -</b> To create awareness about Vitiligo, a rare skin disease that affects around 1 to 2 % of the global population. The day also marks the death anniversary of American singer Michael Jackson, "King of Pop", who was also diagnosed with vitiligo. ✓ The official theme of World Vitiligo Day 2021 is "Embracing Life with Vitiligo". 2021 World Vitiligo Day is hosted by Jakarta, Indonesia which will act as the 2021 Campaign headquarters.
June 26, 2021	United Nation's International Day in Support of Victims of Torture	Annually observed on 26 <sup>th</sup> June. <b>Aim -</b> The day aims to create awareness about the sufferings of the victims of torture and to support and honour the victims and survivors across the globe. Various organisations like the <b>International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT)</b> and Amnesty International, plays a major role in promoting the day through organising various events across the globe.
June 26, 2021	United Nations (UN)'s International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	Annually observed across the globe on 26 <sup>th</sup> June. <b>Aim -</b> The day aims to create awareness about the major problem that illicit drugs represent to society. 2021 theme aims to combat misinformation about drugs and to promote the sharing of facts on drugs. <b>The theme of the 2021</b> is "Share Facts on Drugs, Save Lives".
June 27, 2021	United Nations (UN)'s Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day (MSME Day)	Annually observed across the globe on 27th June to create awareness about the contributions of the MSME sector towards sustainable development and the global economy. The theme of 2021 is "MSME 2021: Key to an inclusive and sustainable recovery".
June 13-19, 2021	World Allergy Week	Observed across the globe from 13th to 19th June 2021. <b>Aim -</b> to create awareness about the allergic disease and related disorders. The day also advocates the provisions of training and

		resources in diagnosis, management, and prevention of these diseases and asthma. The theme of 2021 is “Anaphylaxis: Be Aware.Be prepared.Save lives”.
June 28, 2021	National Insurance Awareness Day	Annually observed on 28 <sup>th</sup> June. <b>Aim</b> -The day aims to create awareness about the importance of insurance and to encourage people to review their insurance policies.
June 29, 2021	United Nations(UN)’s International Day of the Tropics	Annually observed across the globe on 29 <sup>th</sup> June. <b>Aim</b> -The day aims to celebrate the diversity of the tropical region and to highlight the challenges and opportunities faced by the nations of the tropic. The First International Day of the Tropics was observed across the globe on 29th June 2016.
June 29, 2021	National Statistics Day	Annually observed on 29 <sup>th</sup> June. <b>Aim</b> - To popularize the use of Statistics in everyday life and sensitize the public as to how Statistics helps in shaping and framing policies. The day also commemorates the birth anniversary of Padma Vibhushan Prof Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis (P C Mahalanobis) who was referred to as the “Father of Indian Statistics”. <b>The theme of 2021</b> is “Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)-2: End Hunger, Achieve Food Security and Improved Nutrition and Promote Sustainable Agriculture”.

## 2021 Important Days - July

OBSERVED DATE / WEEK	DAYS	KEY NOTES
June 30, 2021	United Nations ’s International Asteroid Day or Asteroid Day	Annually celebrated across the globe on 30 <sup>th</sup> June. ✓ <b>Aim</b> - The day aims to create awareness and engage and educate the general public about the asteroid’s opportunities and risks. The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted the resolution A/RES/71/90 on 6th December 2016 and declared the 30th June as the International Asteroid Day.
June 30, 2021	United Nations ’s International Day of Parliamentarism	Annually observed across the globe on 30 <sup>th</sup> June. <b>Aim</b> - The day aims to recognize the importance of parliaments in national plans and strategies. The day also highlights the importance of parliaments in ensuring

		transparency and accountability at national and global levels.
July 1, 2021	National Doctors Day	<p>Annually observed across India on 1<sup>st</sup> July.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> – The day aims to recognize the efforts and contributions of the doctor’s community to society and the commitment of the doctors towards their profession.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The day also marks the birth and death anniversary of Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy, who served as the Chief Minister(CM) of West Bengal(WB) from 1948 to 1962.</li> </ul> <p>The headquarters of IMA has declared “Save the Saviours” as the theme of National Doctors Day 2021.</p>
July 1, 2021	National Chartered Accountants'(CA) Day	<p>Annually observed across India on July 1<sup>st</sup>.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> – The day aims to commemorate the establishment of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India(ICAI) by the Parliament under the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949.</p> <p>The day highlights the importance of Chartered Accountants in bringing transparency to the economy. The year 2021 marks the celebration of the 73rd National Chartered Accountants’ Day.</p>
July 1, 2021	Goods and Services Tax (GST) Day	<p>Annually observed across India on 1st July.</p> <p>The day marks the commemoration of the unprecedented reform of Indian taxation – Goods and Services Tax (GST). The day is observed by the Central Board of Indirect Tax and Customs(CBIC) across India.The year 2021 marks the observance of the 4th GST Day.</p>
July 1, 2021	66 <sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of SBI	<p>On July 1 2021, the State Bank of India (SBI), the largest lender and the oldest commercial bank in India, has celebrated <b>its 66<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day</b>.On the same day in 1955, the Government of India took control of the Imperial Bank of India, with the Reserve Bank of India taking a 60 percent stake, renamed it as the State Bank of India.</p> <p>It has allocated Rs 62 crore to PM CARES Fund on its foundation day to support the fight against Covid-19.</p>
July 1, 2021	National Postal Worker Day	<p>Annually observed on 1st July.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> -It aims to recognize the work of the postal workers who work hard to deliver the mail and delivery on time. The day encourages the general public to appreciate the work of postal workers amid the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>

July 1, 2021	International Fruit Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 1st July to share fruits in sympathy and joy with family, friends or needy people. The day also addresses the people who create and preserve positive living conditions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The motto of the <b>International Fruit Day</b> was “Create Change Together” and the Fruit Of The Year 2021 is Watermelon.</li> </ul> <p>United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted the resolution A/RES/74/244 on 19th December 2019 and proclaimed the year 2021 as the International Year of Fruits and Vegetables.</p>
July 1-7, 2021	Crop Insurance week 2021	<p>Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister of Ministry for Agriculture &amp; Farmers Welfare (MoA&amp;FW) flags off the observance of the <b>Crop Insurance week 2021 from 1st – 7th July 2021</b> over a virtual platform. He also launched the Crop Insurance Awareness Campaign during the event of Crop Insurance Week.</p>
July 2, 2021	World Sports Journalists Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 2<sup>nd</sup> July.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> – The day aims to recognize the efforts and devotion of the sports journalists across the globe. The day also celebrates the achievements of the sports journalists. The day is celebrated across the globe by the International Sports Press Association.</p>
July 3, 2021	International Plastic Bag Free Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 3<sup>rd</sup> July.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> -The day aims to create awareness about the issues of plastic pollution and to highlight the effects of plastic pollution on the natural environment ranging from land to marine. The Plastic Bag Free Day is a global initiative of Zero Waste Europe that aims to eliminate the usage of single-use plastic bags in the world.</p>
July 3, 2021	UN International Day of Cooperatives (#CoopsDay)	<p>Observed annually on the first Saturday of July, which falls on July 3 in 2021.</p> <p><b>Aims</b> - It is observed to increase awareness of cooperatives and highlight the contributions of the cooperative movement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The Theme for International Day of Cooperatives is <b>‘Rebuild better together’</b>.</li> </ul> <p>2021’s celebration will be the 27th International Day of Cooperative recognized</p>

		by the UN and the 99th International Cooperative Day (being observed since 1923).
July 6, 2021	World Zoonoses Day	Annually observed across the globe on 6th July to create awareness about zoonoses or zoonotic disease, a disease or infection transmitted from vertebrate animals to humans. The day also commemorates the first vaccination administered against zoonotic disease.
July 10, 2021	National Fish Farmers Day	Annually observed across India on 10 <sup>th</sup> July. <b>Aim</b> - The day also recognises the contribution and the efforts of fish farmers in producing the fish to meet the needs of the people. The recognized in memory of the Scientists – Dr K. H. Alikunhi and Dr Hiralal Chaudhuri – who successfully demonstrated the induced breeding in Indian Major Carps on 10th July 1957.
July 11, 2021	United Nations (UN)'s World Population Day	Annually observed across the globe on <b>11<sup>th</sup> July</b> . <b>Aim</b> – The day aims to create awareness about the urgency and importance of population issues such as the importance of family planning, gender equality, poverty, maternal health and human right, and their relations to the environment and development.
July 12, 2021	Malala Day	Annually observed across the globe on 12th July. <b>Aim</b> – The day aims to mark the birthday of Malala Yousafzai, Pakistani activist for female education and the youngest-ever Nobel laureate. She won the Nobel Prize for Peace in December 2014 and became the youngest-ever Nobel laureate.
July 15, 2021	United Nations (UN)'s World Youth Skills Day (WYSD)	Annually observed across the globe on 15 <sup>th</sup> July. <b>Aim</b> – The day aims to highlight the importance of empowering the youths with skills for employment, decent work and entrepreneurship. According to the YMCA, the World's oldest and largest youth-focused movement, the theme of WYSD 2021 is "Reimagining Youth Skills Post-Pandemic".
July 15, 2021	National Plastic Surgery Day	Annually observed on 15 <sup>th</sup> July in India has been adopted as the World Plastic Surgery Day by the leaders of Plastic surgery specialist bodies across the globe. The

		<p>announcement of the world Plastic Surgery day was made by the Association of Plastic Surgeons in India (APSI).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The 15th July 2021 will be observed as the first-ever World Plastic Surgery Day.</li> </ul> <p>Starting from 2021, the 15th July of every year will be observed as World Plastic Surgery Day.</p>
July 17, 2021	Day of International Criminal Justice	<p>Annually observed across the globe by the <b>International Criminal Court (ICC)</b> on 17<sup>th</sup> July.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Aim</b> - The day aims to recognise the efforts of modern justice against international criminal acts and its role in bringing peace and security to the world.</li> <li>✓ The day is also known as World Day of International Justice and International Criminal Justice Day.</li> </ul>
July 18, 2021	United Nations (UN)'s Nelson Mandela International Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 18<sup>th</sup> July. 2021 Mandela Day marks the 103<sup>rd</sup> birth anniversary of Nelson Mandela.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - The day aims to recognise the contributions of Nelson Mandela towards justice, peace and dialogue and his role in Africa's struggle for liberation and unity.</p> <p><b>The theme of the 2021 Nelson Mandela International Day is "One Hand Can Feed Another".</b></p>
July 20, 2021	United Nations (UN)'s World Chess Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 20<sup>th</sup> July. World Chess Day 2021 also marks the 97<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the FIDE.</p> <p><b>Subject</b> - The day aims to highlight the role of the World Chess Federation or International Chess Federation (FIDE) towards international cooperation for chess activity and improving harmony among the people across the globe.</p> <p>The day also focuses on the importance of chess in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).</p>
July 19, 2021	Bank Nationalisation Day	<p>Annually observed across India on <b>19<sup>th</sup> July to commemorate the issuance</b> of the Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Ordinance, 1969 on 19<sup>th</sup> July 1969, that nationalised 14 major banks in India with a deposit of more than Rs</p>

		50 crores each. 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 marks the 52 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Bank Nationalisation. All India Bank Employees' Association (AIBEA) has organised a month-long National Webinars from July 1 to 31 to commemorate the 52 <sup>nd</sup> anniversary of bank nationalisation.
July 20, 2021	Space Exploration Day also known as Moon Day	Annually observed across the globe on 20 <sup>th</sup> July. It marks the anniversary of America's Apollo 11, the first manned mission to land on the Moon. <b>Subject</b> - The day aims to encourage people to learn about space exploration and to inspire the youths to consider space science and space exploration as careers.
July 22, 2021	Pi Approximation Day	Annually observed across the globe on 22 <sup>nd</sup> July (22/7) to honour the concept of pi, represented using the Greek alphabet - 'π', and the approximation of pi values to 3.14 in a mathematically pleasing way. 22 <sup>nd</sup> July written in the day/month format (22/7) denotes the fraction 22/7, which is a common approximation of pi which is accurate to 2 decimal places (3.14).
July 23, 2021	National Broadcasting Day	Annually observed across India on 23 <sup>rd</sup> July. <b>Aim</b> - The day aims to commemorate the first radio broadcast aired from the Indian Broadcasting Company (IBC) on 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 1927. IBC was a private radio station based in Bombay (now Mumbai). The Radio Club of Bombay made the first-ever broadcast in India in June 1923. 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2021 marks the 94 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of <b>All India Radio (AIR)</b> , which was formerly known as IBC.
July 24, 2021	161 <sup>st</sup> Income Tax Day or Aaykar Diwas	Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) celebrated the <b>161<sup>st</sup> Income Tax Day or Aaykar Diwas</b> on July 24, 2021. It was on July 24, 1860 that income tax was introduced in India by Sir James Wilson to compensate the British government for the losses incurred during the First War of Independence in 1857. ✓ July 24 has been celebrated as the Income Tax Day in India since 2010 annually because this year marked the 150 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of income tax.

July 22, 2021	World Brain Day	<p>Annually the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July is observed as <b>World Brain Day by the World Federation of Neurology (WFN)</b>.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> – It aims to create awareness on neurological diseases and their effects. This year’s focus is on ‘Multiple Sclerosis (MS)’, a cognitive neurological disease that leads to physical disability among people across age groups.</p> <p><b>Theme of 2021</b> – “Stop Multiple Sclerosis” MS was selected as the focus of 2021 by WFN, in partnership with MS International Federation (MSIF), which received support from the American Academy of Neurology, European Academy of Neurology &amp; World Health Organization.</p>
July 22, 2021	The annual Fragile X Day	<p>The annual Fragile X Day was held on July 22, 2021 marking the 21st year of celebrating Fragile X Awareness. The entire month of July is being celebrated as 2021 Fragile X Awareness Month through awareness messages and programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Fragile X syndrome (FXS)</b> is genetic disease inherited from the parents to their children that causes developmental and intellectual disabilities.</li> </ul>
July 26, 2021	22 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas	<p>India celebrates the <b>22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas on 26th July 2021</b> which marks the victory of India over Pakistan in the war fought from 3rd May to 26th July 1999 in Kargil, Jammu &amp; Kashmir.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The day remembers the valour and sacrifices of the heroes of the Kargil War and pays homage to the martyrs who lost their lives in the line of duty.</li> </ul>
July 26, 2021	International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem or World Mangrove Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 26<sup>th</sup> July. The day aims to create awareness on the importance of the mangroves in preserving ecosystems and to promote solutions for the sustainable management, conservation and use of mangrove ecosystems.</p>
July 25, 2021	World In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 25<sup>th</sup> July.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Aim</b> – The day aims to mark the success of IVF, one of the greatest innovations in the field of reproductive medicine, 25th July of</li> </ul>

		<p>every year is observed as World In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) Day.</p> <p>This day also aims to mark the birth of Louise Joy Brown, the World's first IVF baby, on 25th July 1978 in Manchester, England.</p>
July 25, 2021	First United Nations(UN)'s World Drowning Prevention Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021. World Health Organisation(WHO) hosted the global launch event of World Drowning Prevention Day.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - The day aims to highlight the impacts of death by drowning on families and communities and to provide solutions to prevent death by drowning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021 marks the observance of the first-ever World Drowning Prevention Day.</li> </ul> <p>The theme of World Drowning Prevention Day is "Anyone Can Drown, No One Should".</p>
July 27, 2021	83rd CRPF Raising Day	<p>Central Reserve Police Force(CRPF), India's largest Central Armed Police Force, under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) celebrates the 83rd CRPF Raising Day on 27th July 2021. The CRPF Raising Day is annually observed across India on 27th July to mark the establishment of the Force.</p> <p>The day recognizes the valour and professionalism of the CRPF and recognizes their contribution to securing the internal security of India and maintaining peace.</p>
July 28, 2021	World Nature Conservation Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 28<sup>th</sup> July to highlight the importance of nature and the environment. The day also creates awareness about the significant role of nature conservation in protecting the Earth.</p> <p><b>Objective:</b> The day aims to promote the best practices to protect and conserve the environment and to save the flora and fauna which are facing extinction.</p>
July 28, 2021	United Nations (UN)'s World Hepatitis Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 28<sup>th</sup> July to highlight the need for the global response defined in the <b>World Health Organisation (WHO)'s Global hepatitis report 2017</b>. The day aims to create awareness about viral hepatitis, which causes severe liver diseases and hepatocellular cancer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ World Hepatitis Day is sponsored by the World Health Organisation (WHO).</li> </ul>

		✓ The theme of World Hepatitis Day 2021 is <b>“Hepatitis can’t wait”</b> .
July 29, 2021	International Tiger Day or Global Tiger Day	Annually observed across the globe on 29 <sup>th</sup> July. <b>Aim</b> - The day aims to create awareness about the Tigers (scientific name: Panthera tigris, belong to genus Panthera), one of the species that is classified as Endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). It also aims to spread awareness about the decreasing population of tigers and the importance of Tiger conservation and their natural habitats.
July 29, 2021	Earth Overshoot Day (EOD)	Earth Overshoot Day (EOD) marks the day on which humanity’s demand for ecological resources and services in the year exceeds the regeneration capacity of Earth in that year. The <b>Earth Overshoot Day 2021</b> falls on the 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2021. The EOD is hosted and calculated by Global Footprint Network, an international research organization. The Earth Overshoot Day 2020 was observed on 22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2020.
July 17-25, 2021	National Moth Week	Annually observed across the globe on the last full week of July to celebrate the beauty, lifecycle and habitats of the nocturnal species, moths. The day offers an opportunity for everyone to become a Citizen Scientist and contribute scientific data about moths, a part of the Lepidoptera order of insects. The National Moth week 2021 observed from 17 <sup>th</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2021, marks the 10 <sup>th</sup> National Moth week.
July 30, 2021	United Nations (UN)’s World Day Against Trafficking in Persons	Annually observed across the globe on 30 <sup>th</sup> July. <b>Aim</b> – The day aims to create awareness about the situation of the victims of human trafficking and to promote and protect their rights. <b>Theme of the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons 2021</b> - “Victims’ Voices Lead the Way”, highlights the importance of listening and learning from the survivors of human trafficking.

## 2021 Important Days - August

OBSERVED DATE / WEEK	DAYS	KEY NOTES
July 30, 2021	United Nation's International Day of Friendship	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 30<sup>th</sup> July to highlight the role of Friendship between people, countries, cultures and individuals towards peace efforts. The day is also known as 'Friendship day'.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ India celebrated Friendship Day on the first Sunday of the month of August.</li> </ul> <p>India's Friendship Day 2021 was celebrated on 1st August 2021.</p>
July 31, 2021	World Ranger Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 31<sup>st</sup> July.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - The day aims to commemorate the Rangers who are injured or killed in the line of their duty. The day also recognizes the contribution of rangers across the globe in protecting the natural and cultural heritage. The day also marks the foundation of the International Ranger Federation (IRF) i.e. on 31st July 1992.</p> <p><b>The theme of World Ranger Day 2021</b> is "Ranger Safety and Wellbeing".</p>
Aug 1-7, 2021	United Nation's World Breastfeeding Week (WBW)	<p>Annually observed across the globe from 1st to 7th August. The annual observance of the WBW is organised by the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Aim</b> - The day aims to encourage breastfeeding which contributes to the health of babies across the Globe.</li> </ul> <p><b>Theme of World Breastfeeding Week</b> is "Protect Breastfeeding: A Shared Responsibility".</p>
Aug 1, 2021	Muslim Women's Rights Day	<p><b>Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA)</b> decided to observe Muslim Women's Rights Day annually on August 1 across India to celebrate the enactment of the law against triple talaq. In this regard, on August 1, 2021, this day was observed at the National Commission for Minorities (NCM) office in New Delhi.</p> <p>The day also celebrated the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the enactment of the law against triple talaq in 2019 i.e. Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act, 2019.</p>
Aug 1, 2021	World Lung Cancer Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 1<sup>st</sup> August.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Pearl or white is the colour of the Lung Cancer Awareness ribbon.</li> <li>✓ The month of November is observed as Lung Cancer Awareness Month.</li> </ul> <p><b>Aim</b> - The day aims to create awareness about lung cancer, one of the most common forms of cancer across the globe and the preventive measure against lung cancer and also aims to promote overall lung health.</p>
Aug 4, 2021	National Bone and Joints Day	<p>Annually observed across India on 4<sup>th</sup> August.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - The day aim to observe as a reminder to reexamine and recognise the contribution of orthopaedics to achieve improved bone health. The annual National Bone and Joints day is organised by the Indian Orthopedic Association (IOA), which consist of more than 800 active members.</p> <p>The theme of National bone and Joint Day 2021 is "Save Self and Save one".</p>
Aug 6, 2021	Hiroshima Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on the 6<sup>th</sup> August. 6<sup>th</sup> August 2021 marks the observance of the 76<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hiroshima Day.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - The day aims to remember the victims of the world's first atomic bombing on Hiroshima, Japan during World War II (WW2). The day also aims to create awareness about the adverse effects of nuclear power and nuclear weapons and to promote world peace.</p>
Aug 7, 2021	National Handloom Day (NHD)	<p>Annually observed across India on 7<sup>th</sup> August to create awareness about the handloom works in India and to recognise its contribution to the socio-economic development of India. The annual celebration of the national Handloom day is organised by the Ministry of Textiles. August 7 was chosen to commemorate the Swadeshi Movement which took place on 7<sup>th</sup> August 1905 in Calcutta Townhall.</p>
Aug 8, 2021	Quit India Movement Day	<p>Annually observed across India on 8<sup>th</sup> August to commemorate the launch of the Quit India Movement on 8<sup>th</sup> August 1942. 8<sup>th</sup> August 2021 marks the 79<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Quit India movement.</p> <p>The day remembers the sacrifices of the martyrs of the freedom struggle and pays homage to the freedom fighters. The day is also known as August Kranti Diwas or India</p>

		August Movement since the movement was held in August.
Aug 9, 2021	United Nations 's International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 9<sup>th</sup> August to recognize the contributions and achievements of the indigenous people across the globe, who have a vast diversity of unique cultures, traditions, languages and knowledge systems. The day aims to promote and protect the rights of the world's indigenous population. The day is also known as "World Tribal Day".</p> <p>The <b>theme of International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples 2021</b> is "Leaving No One Behind: Indigenous peoples and the call for a new social contract".</p>
Aug 9, 2021	Nagasaki Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 9<sup>th</sup> August to create awareness about the hazards of nuclear power and to promote world peace. The day also remembers the atomic bomb victims of Nagasaki. The 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021 marks the 76<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki, a city on the island of Kyushu in Japan.</p>
Aug 10, 2021	World Biofuel Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 10<sup>th</sup> August.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - The aims to create awareness about the importance and significance of non-fossil fuels as a substitute for conventional fossil fuels. Biofuels are renewable, biodegradable and sustainable sources of energy that can reduce the dependency on fossil fuels and promote clean energy.</p> <p>World Biofuel Day has been observed by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG), Government of India since 2015.</p>
Aug 10, 2021	World Lion Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 10<sup>th</sup> August.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - The day aims to create awareness about the Lions (Panthera leo), and to educate people about the challenges faced in the conservation and protection of lions. The idea of World Lion Day was initiated by wildlife filmmakers Dereck and Beverly Joubert, the co-founders of National Geographic Society's Big Cats Initiative.</p> <p>The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (<b>MoEFCC</b>) launched the "Asiatic Lion Conservation Project" in 2018 to protect the Asiatic lions and their habitat.</p>

Aug 7, 2021	National Javelin Throw Day	<b>Athletics Federation of India (AFI)</b> has declared the 7 <sup>th</sup> August of every year, starting from 2022, as the National Javelin Throw Day. The day will commemorate the feat of Indian athlete(javelin) Neeraj Chopra, who won the gold medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. He became the first Indian athlete in the country's independent history to win an athletics medal at the Olympics.
Aug 12, 2021	World Elephant Day	Annually observed across the globe on 12 <sup>th</sup> August. <b>Aim</b> - The day aim to create awareness about the dangers faced by Asian elephants ( <i>Elephas maximus</i> ) and African elephants ( <i>Loxodonta africana</i> ) and the threats to their survival. The year 2021 marks the 10 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of World Elephant Day.
Aug 12, 2021	United Nation's International Youth Day (IYD)	Annually observed across the globe on 12 <sup>th</sup> August. <b>Aim</b> -The day aim to create awareness about the cultural and legal issues surrounding youth and to celebrate the potential of youths as the partners of the global society. IYD 2021 was virtually convened by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs(DESА) in partnership with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations(FAO) and the Major Group for Children and Youth. <b>The theme of International Youth Day 2021 is "Transforming Food Systems: Youth Innovation for Human and Planetary Health"</b>
Aug 12, 2021	National Remote Sensing Day	Annually observed across India on 12 <sup>th</sup> August. The 12th August 2021 marked the 102nd birth anniversary of Dr Vikram Sarabhai. <b>Aim</b> - The day aims to mark the birth anniversary of Dr Vikram Sarabhai, who is known as the Father of the Indian Space Program. The day also aims to create awareness of the Indian Remote Sensing program and its applications for the Environment and Society.
Aug 13, 2021	World Organ Donation Day	Annually observed across the globe on 13 <sup>th</sup> August to create awareness about the importance of organ donation and to encourage organ donation among the general public. ✓ Organ donation is a process of surgically removing an organ or tissue

		<p>from a person(donor) and placing it into another person(recipient).                  The national organ donation day is organized by the <b>National Organ &amp; Tissue Transplantation Organisation(NOTTO)</b>, under the Ministry of Health &amp; Family Welfare.</p>
Aug 13, 2021	International Left-Handers Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 13<sup>th</sup> August.  <b>Aim</b> - The day aims to celebrate the sinistrality or left-handedness, the quality of having a more efficient left hand and create awareness about the advantages and disadvantages of being left-handed. The day also addresses the needs of left-handed children and the likelihood of left-handers developing schizophrenia. 13<sup>th</sup> August 2021 marks the 30th annual Left-Handers Day.</p>
Aug 14, 2021	World Prediabetes Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 14<sup>th</sup> August. 2021 marks the first World Prediabetes Day.                  ✓ <b>Aim</b> - The day aims to create awareness about Prediabetes and to reduce the increasing rate of diabetes. World Prediabetes Day (August 14) has been strategically chosen 90 days before World Diabetes Day (14 November) since scientifically it takes 90 days to change the lifestyle to reverse Prediabetes and prevent progression to diabetes.</p>
Aug 14, 2021	Partition Horrors Remembrance Day	<p>Prime Minister(PM) Narendra Modi declared the 14th August as the "Partition Horrors Remembrance Day" to acknowledge the difficulties faced by the Indians during the partition of India in 1947. The day aims to remind the people that hatred and violence is never a solution and inspire them to work towards social harmony and sensitivity.</p>
Aug 13, 2021	Patriot's Day	<p><b>Aim</b> -The day aims to remember the heroes who sacrificed their lives during the Anglo Manipur War 1891. The state-level observance of the Patriot's Day led by Ganga Prasad, Governor of Manipur (additional charge) and Nongthombam Biren Singh, Chief Minister of Manipur at Imphal, Manipur.</p>
Aug 15, 2021	Independence Day	<p>India and the Indians across the globe celebrated the 75th Independence Day on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021.</p>

		<p><b>Aim</b> – The day aims to mark the day on which India became an independent nation within the British commonwealth. The day remembers the sacrifices of the freedom fighters, irrespective of their gender, religion and ethnicity who fought to get independence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The theme of the 75th Independence Day is “Nation First, Always First”.</li> <li>✓ The government of India announced a new website for the celebration of the 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day:  <a href="https://indianidc2021.mod.gov.in/">https://indianidc2021.mod.gov.in/</a>.</li> </ul> <p>Assistant Sub Inspector (ASI) Babu Ram of Jammu &amp; Kashmir(J&amp;K) Police was posthumously honored with the Ashoka Chakra, India’s highest peacetime gallantry honour...<a href="#">Click here for full detail...</a></p>
Aug 19, 2021	United Nations(UN)’s World Humanitarian Day(WHD)	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 19<sup>th</sup> August.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> – The day aims to honour and recognize the efforts of Humanitarians across the globe on protecting and supporting the people in need is a campaign by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and humanitarian partners. WHD 2020 highlights the immediate human cost of the Climate Crisis by pressuring the world leaders to take climate actions for the vulnerable people across the globe.</p>
Aug 19, 2021	World Photography Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 19<sup>th</sup> August. World Photography Day is also known as World Photo Day.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> - The day aims to celebrate the art, craft, science and history of photography. The day also inspires photographers across the globe to share one of their photographs to share their world with the world.</p>
Aug 20, 2021	Sadbhavana Diwas	<p>Annually celebrated across India on the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. The day aims to promote national integration and communal harmony among the people of all religions and Languages.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The Sabhavana Diwas literally means “Harmony Day”.</li> </ul> <p>The Sadbhavana Diwas 2021 marks the 77th birth anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi. He was born on 20th August 1944.</p>
Aug 20, 2021	World Mosquito Day	<p>Observed annually across the globe on 20th August.</p>

		<p><b>Aim</b> – The aims to commemorate the discovery of British doctor Sir Ronald Ross in 1897 that female mosquitoes transmit malaria between humans. The day also aims to create awareness about the cause and prevention of Malaria.</p> <p>The annual celebration of World Mosquito Day has been organised by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine since the 1930s.</p>
Aug 20, 2021	Akshay Urja Diwas also known as National Renewable Energy Day	<p>Annually observed across India on 20<sup>th</sup> August to create awareness about the benefits of natural energies such as Biogas, Solar Energy, Wind Energy and Hydroelectric Power.</p> <p>The day also marks the birth anniversary of Late Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.</p>
Aug 21, 2021	World Senior Citizen's Day	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 21<sup>st</sup> August.</p> <p><b>Aim</b> -The day aims to recognize and acknowledge the contribution of the elders to society and their inclusiveness in society. The day aims to create awareness about the issues and challenges faced by the elderly.</p> <p>United Nations (UN) International Day of Older Persons is annually observed on 1<sup>st</sup> October.</p>
Aug 21, 2021	United Nations (UN)'s International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 21<sup>st</sup> August to honour and support the victims and survivors of terrorism. The day also aims to promote and protect the human rights and fundamental freedom of the victims of terrorism.</p> <p>✓ <b>The theme</b> of the International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism 2021 is "Connections".</p> <p>21<sup>st</sup> August 2021 marks the <b>4<sup>th</sup> commemoration of the International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism.</b></p>
Aug 21, 2021	World Entrepreneurs' Day (WED)	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 21<sup>st</sup> August.</p> <p>✓ <b>Aim</b> – The day aims to create awareness about entrepreneurship, innovation and leadership among the stakeholders. The day also recognises and celebrates the efforts of individuals who start a business venture.</p>

		<p>Alliance of International Business Associations (AIBA) leads the observance and invites people across the globe to promote World Entrepreneurs Day.</p>
Aug 22, 2021	<p>United Nations (UN)'s International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief</p>	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 22<sup>nd</sup> August. <b>Aim</b> - The day is observed to commemorate the victims of the violence based on religion or belief. The day also recognises the importance of supporting the victims and members of their families and providing assistance following applicable law.</p>
Aug 22, 2021	<p>World Sanskrit Day, also known as Vishva-Sanskrita-dinam and Sanskrit Diwas</p>	<p>Annually observed on 'Sawan Poornima' to create awareness, promote and revive Sanskrit, one of the ancient Indian languages. World Sanskrit Day 2021 falls on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ World Sanskrit week(<b>19th August to 25th August 2021</b>) is annually observed across the globe to promote and celebrate one of the ancient Indian languages 'Sanskrit'. The week on which Sanskrit Day falls is celebrated as Sanskrit week.</li> </ul> <p>World Sanskrit Day 2020 was marked on August 3 2020.</p>
Aug 23, 2021	<p>United Nations (UN)'s International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition</p>	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 23<sup>rd</sup> August. <b>Aim</b> - The day aims to remember the tragedy of the slave trade across the globe during colonial rule. The day also aims to educate the people about the events associated with the slave trade and its consequences.</p>
Aug 23-27, 2021	<p>World Water Week (WWWeek)</p>	<p>Annually celebrated across the globe in the month of August. <b>Aim</b> -The day aims to address the major water issues across the globe. The <b>WWWeek 2021</b> is being held as an online event from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> August.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The theme of 2021 World water Week is "<b>Building Resilience Faster</b>".</li> </ul> <p>Sandra Postel, founding director of the Global Water Policy Project, has been named Stockholm Water Prize Laureate 2021 for her work towards changing the people's view on water.</p>
Aug 26, 2021	<p>Women's Equality Day</p>	<p>Annually celebrated across the United States of America(USA) on 26<sup>th</sup> August to mark the achievements and advancements made by women across various fields. The day</p>

		<p>celebrates and recognises the efforts of women to achieve an equal standing in society.</p> <p>The day also marks the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the United States Constitution in 1920 which granted all American women the right to vote.</p>
Aug 29, 2021	National Sports Day	<p>Annually observed across India on 29<sup>th</sup> August to commemorate the birth anniversary of Olympian and Indian Hockey legend, Major Dhyan Chand, who is popularly known as the <b>“Hockey Wizard”</b> and <b>“the Magician”</b>. He was born on 29<sup>th</sup> August 1905 in Allahabad, British India, present-day Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The National Sports day aims to create awareness about the importance of sports and reminds the need for sporting activities in life.</li> </ul> <p>On the occasion of the National Sports Day 2021, Union Minister Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Singh Thakur launched the Fit India Mobile app, India’s most comprehensive fitness app, at the Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, Delhi.</p>
Aug 29, 2021	United Nations(UN)’s International Day against Nuclear Tests	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 29<sup>th</sup> August to create awareness about the hazards of testing nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosions and the need to end nuclear tests and achieve a nuclear-weapon-free world. 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021 marks the observance of the 12<sup>th</sup> International Day against Nuclear Tests.</p> <p>29<sup>th</sup> August was chosen to commemorate the closure of the Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test site on 29 August 1991.</p>
Aug 30, 2021	United Nations (UN)’s International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances	<p>Annually observed across the globe on 30<sup>th</sup> August to create awareness about enforced or involuntary disappearance in various regions across the globe. The day highlights that enforced disappearance is a crime and it should not be used as a way to deal with conflicts.</p>
Aug 30, 2021	National Small Industry Day	<p>Annually observed across India on 30<sup>th</sup> August to celebrate and recognize the contribution of small-scale industry to the development of India. The day aims to promote the value of small businesses in society and to encourage the small industries across India.</p>

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