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- ▶ 2019 Pravasi Bharatiya Divas will be held in Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh) in January 6-9, 2019, with theme *Role of Indian Diaspora in building a New India*.
- ▶ 20th of May 2018 is first World Bee day, declared by United Nations General Assembly. First World Bee Day celebrations held in Slovenia.
- ▶ 4 June: International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression.. June 4, 2018 also marks 29th anniversary of Tiananmen Square protests of China. In 1989, Chinese troops violently retook Tiananmen Square in Beijing from pro-democracy protesters. It killed over 200 citizens, being biggest Massacre in Modern Chinese History.
- ▶ 5 April - National Maritime Day in India. It commemorates maiden voyage of first Indian owned ship *SS Loyalty* (first ship of Scindia Steam Navigation Company) sailed from Bombay to London on 5th April 1919. 2018 theme is *Indian Ocean-An Ocean of opportunity*.
- ▶ Apr 07 - WHO World Health Day. 2018 theme is *Universal Health Coverage: everyone, everywhere*.
- ▶ Apr 1 - Establishment Day of Reserve Bank of India (RBI). It was formed in 1935.
- ▶ Apr 11 - National Safe Motherhood Day (NSMD). 2018 theme is *Respectful Maternity Care*.
- ▶ Apr 12 - International Day of Human Space Flight & World Aviation and Cosmonautics Day. On 12th April 1961, Yuri Gagarin of Soviet Union, performed first manned flight to space on a *Vostok-1* spaceship.
- ▶ Apr 14 - Birth Anniversary of B R Ambedkar. He was Independent India's first law minister and principal architect of Constitution of India. Beginning 2018, it will be observed as Social Justice Day in India.
 - ▶ On this Occasion, Book *Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar: Vyakti Nahin Sankalp* has been released.
 - ▶ PM Narendra Modi Launched several development initiatives at this occasion -
 - ▶ Inaugurated Dr Ambedkar National Memorial in New Delhi.
 - ▶ Inaugurated a Health and Wellness Centre in Bijapur (Chhattisgarh) to mark launch of Government's ambitious Health Assurance Programme – Ayushman Bharat. Under It -
 - ▶ Sub centres and primary health centres at 1.5 lakh places will be developed as Health and Wellness Centres by 2022.
 - ▶ Will provide health cover of INR 5 lakh to 10 crore households (50 Crore People). It is world's largest government-funded health care programme.
 - ▶ Per family premium will be INR 1000 - 12000 will be borne by central and state governments.
 - ▶ NHPS will replace RSBY (Rashtriya Swasthaya Bima Yojana). In RSBY, Government provided medical expenses help of up to INR 30000 to BPL Families.
 - ▶ Launched Van Dhan Yojana that aims at empowering tribal communities. It envisages a mechanism for marketing of Minor Forest Produce through Minimum Support Price and development of value chain for MFP.
 - ▶ Launched Gram Swaraj Abhiyan that would ensure that all development initiatives launched by Government in the last four years, reach the poor and disadvantaged sections of society.
- ▶ Apr 18 - World Heritage Day. 2018 theme is *Heritage for Generations*. World Heritage Day was announced by International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) in 1982.
- ▶ Apr 19 - World Liver Day (WLD). 2018 theme is *Riding New Waves in Liver Diagnosis, Staging & Treatment*.

12. ▶ Apr 21 - National Civil Services Day. On this day in 1947, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (independent India's first home minister) addressed India's first batch of civil servants. This year observance of the day focussed on 'Evolving Strategies for Transforming Aspirational Districts'. It is also observed as National Secretaries day and World Creativity and Innovation Day (WCID).
13. ▶ Apr 22 - World Earth Day. 2018 Theme is *End Plastic Pollution*.
14. ▶ Apr 23 - Khongjom Day observed in Manipur. It remembers martyrs of Manipur who sacrificed their lives in last battle of independence known as 'Khongjom War' against Britishers on 23rd April 1891.
15. ▶ Apr 23 - World Book and Copyright Day and World English Language Day. World Book Capital for 2018 is Athens, Greece.
16. ▶ Apr 24 - National Panchayati Raj Day. He launched Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan at this occasion. This day marks passing of Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act 1992 that came into force on 24 April 1993. It permitted states to provide Village panchayats with necessary powers to make them function as units of self-government. First National Panchayati Raj Day was celebrated in 2010. Apr 24 is also observed as World Lab Animals Day.
17. ▶ Apr 28 - World Day for Safety and Health at Work. 2018 theme is *Occupational safety health (OSH) vulnerability of young workers*.
18. ▶ Apr 29 - International Dance Day. It marks birthday of Jean-Georges Noverre, creator of modern ballet.
19. ▶ Apr 30 - International Jazz Day, declared by UNESCO In 2011. Saint Petersburg (Russia) is Global Host City for International Jazz Day 2018.
20. ▶ Apr 4 - International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action. 2018 Theme is *Advancing protection, Peace and Development*.
21. ▶ Apr 5 - Birth Anniversary of Noted Indian politician Babu Jagjivan Ram, observed as Samta Diwas.
22. ▶ Apr 6 - International Day of Sport for Development and Peace.
23. ▶ April 10 - World Homoeopathy Day. A two-day scientific convention is being organised in New Delhi by Ministry of AYUSH on This occasion. It pays tribute to Christian Friedrich Samuel Hahnemann, founder of Homeopathy system of medicine.
24. ▶ April 17 - World Haemophilia Day. 2018 theme is *Sharing Knowledge Makes Us Stronger*.
25. ▶ April 2 - World Autism Awareness Day. 2018 theme is *Empowering Women and Girls with Autism*.
26. ▶ April 26 - World Intellectual Property Day. It is Celebrated to learn about role that intellectual property rights (patents, trademarks, industrial designs, copyright) play in encouraging innovation and creativity. Theme for 2018 is 'Powering change: Women in innovation and creativity'.
27. ▶ April 8 - International Romani Day. It marks Romani culture and raise awareness of the issues facing Romani people.
28. ▶ Feb 02 - World Wetlands Day. It marks adoption of Convention on Wetlands (also called as Ramsar Convention) in 1971 in Ramsar (Iran). Theme for 2018 is *Wetlands for a Sustainable Urban Future*.
 - ▶ On this occasion, Floating Treatment Wetland (FTW) was inaugurated in Nekkampur Lake in Hyderabad to purify polluted lake. Plants planted on FTW can clean lake by absorbing nitrates and other pollutants in water.
29. ▶ Feb 04 - World Cancer Day. 2018 Theme is *We can. I can*.
 - ▶ Feb 4, 2018 is also 70th Independence Day of Neighboring Nation *Sri Lanka*. On Feb 4 in 1948, Sri Lanka achieved freedom from British rule.
30. ▶ Feb 13 - World Radio Day. 2018 theme is *Radio and Sports*.
 - ▶ India's 1st Online Radio Station *Radio Umang* Has been launched, accessible through web / app.
 - ▶ India's first radio festival held in New Delhi to mark World Radio Day, organized by International Association of Women in Radio and Television AND UNESCO.
31. ▶ Feb 20 - World Day of Social Justice. 2018 theme is *Workers on the Move: the Quest for Social Justice*.
32. ▶ Feb 21 - International Mother Language Day (IMLD). 2018 Theme is *Linguistic diversity and multilingualism count for sustainable development*.
33. ▶ Feb 28 - National Science Day. It marks discovery of Raman effect by Indian physicist Sir Chandrashekhara Venkata Raman on 28 February 1928. For this, he was awarded Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930.
 - ▶ On this occasion, Department of Science and Technology awarded Raghbir Singh Khandpur for his contribution to science and his efforts to make Science City in Punjab's Kapurthala into an international-level facility.
34. ▶ July 1 - Doctors Day in India.
 - ▶ It honours legendary physician and 2nd Chief Minister of West Bengal, Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy. He was born on July 1, 1882 and died on the same date in 1962, aged 80 years. He was honoured with highest civilian award *Bharat Ratna* in February 1961.
35. ▶ July 1 - GST (Goods and Services Tax) Day. Govt. Launched GST regime on July 1, 2017. It replaced all indirect taxes in India with a single GST, with 4 Components - CGST, IGST, SGST and UTGST. GST has 5 Tax Slabs - 0%, 5 %, 12%, 18 % and 28 %.


36. ▶ July 11 - World Population Day. 2018 theme is *Family Planning is a Human Right*. On this occasion, A workshop with title *Population stabilization: A right and Responsibility*, was organized in New Delhi.
37. ▶ July 12- Observed as UN International Malala Day. According to World Bank, not educating girls or creating barriers in their school education globally costs between \$15-30 trillion.
- ▶ July 12 is also Foundation day of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), founded in 1982. On this occasion, A national seminar on 'Collectivisation and Market linkages: Farmers Producers Organizations' organized in Mumbai.
38. ▶ July 15 - World Youth Skills Day. It aims to raise awareness on importance of investing in youth skills development.
39. ▶ July 17 - International Justice Day, marks 1998 Rome Statute that created International Criminal Court (ICC).
40. ▶ July 18 - UN Nelson Mandela International Day 2018. This year marks 100th birth anniversary of Great South African Social Reformer Nelson Mandela.
41. ▶ July 26 - Kargil Vijay Diwas. It marks success of Operation Vijay. On this day in 1999, India successfully took command of high outposts intruded by Pakistanis.
42. ▶ July 28 - World Hepatitis Day. 2018 theme is *Test. Treat. Hepatitis*.
- ▶ On this occasion, Government launched National Viral Hepatitis Control Program, aiming to eliminate viral hepatitis by 2030. India is also working to end TB by 2025, five years ahead of global target of 2030. It aims to reduce morbidity and mortality due to viral hepatitis.
43. ▶ July 29 - International Tiger Day. The annual day is celebrated with slogan *Their survival is in our hands*.
44. ▶ July 30 - World Day against Trafficking in Persons. 2018 Theme is *responding to the trafficking of children and young people*. On This occasion, Ministry of Women and Child Development launched a contest, '#Childline1098'. It invites people to share images of the Childline 1098 logo that they spot at unique locations and send it with a tagline.
45. ▶ July 4 - American Independence Day. USA Attained independence from UK in 1776.
46. ▶ June 01 - World Milk Day. India is leading Milk Producer in world with 23.69% increase during 2014-2018 and Annual increase of 6.3%. India's Milk production was 165.5 Million Tonnes in FY 2016-17. Also On June 1 2018, India's first superfast train, Deccan Queen express from Mumbai to Pune marked 88 years of service.
47. ▶ June 1 - Global Day of Parents. It was Announced by UNICEF in 2012.
48. ▶ June 12 - World Day against Child Labour. 2018 theme is 'Generation Safe & Healthy'. Campaign aims to achieve Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) targets of ending all forms of child labour by 2025 and achieving safe working environments for all workers by 2030.
49. ▶ June 13 - International Albinism Awareness Day. 2018 theme is *shining our light to the world*.
50. ▶ June 14 - World Blood Donor Day. 2018 theme is *Be there for someone else. Give blood. Share life*. The 2018 host is Greece.
51. ▶ June 17 - World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought (WDCDD). 2018 Theme is *Land has true value – invest in it*. Global observance of WDCD 2018 was hosted by Ecuador.
52. ▶ June 18 - World Sustainable Gastronomy Day, proclaimed by United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in December 2016.
53. ▶ June 2 - Telangana Statehood Day. It was formed in 2014, after Bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh.
54. ▶ June 20 - World Refugee Day. 2018 theme is *Now More Than Ever, We Need to Stand with Refugees*.
55. ▶ June 21 - World Music Day. 2018 theme is *Live the music together*.
56. ▶ June 21 is longest day of the year. It marks beginning of summer in Earth's Northern Hemisphere, referred to as 'summer solstice'. A solstice is an astronomical event when tilt of Earth's axis with respect to the Sun is maximum. After summer solstice, days start getting shorter till winter solstice on December 21, Northern Hemisphere's shortest day.
57. ▶ June 21, 2018 - 4th UN International Yoga Day. 2018 theme is *Yoga for Peace*.
- ▶ Main Yoga Day 2018 events held in Dehradun (Uttarakhand).
 - ▶ Guinness world record was created by conducting largest yoga session on International Yoga Day at Kota (Rajasthan), where 1 lakh people together performed yogic exercises.
 - ▶ 3 day National Yoga Olympiad concluded at All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) in New Delhi. Prizes were distributed by Eric Falt (Director and UNESCO Representative to India, Bhutan, Maldives and Sri Lanka), who was Chief Guest.
 - ▶ Yoga is inscribed since 2016 on UNESCO's Representative list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.
 - ▶ Winners -
 - ▶ Upper Primary (Girls) – Gold won by the Sikkim team, Silver by Gujrat team and Bronze by Delhi
 - ▶ Upper Primary (Boys) – Gold won by Gujrat team, Silver by Delhi team and Bronze by Tamil Nadu.
 - ▶ Secondary (Girls) – Gold by Sikkim team, Silver by Manipur team and Bronze by Delhi team.
 - ▶ Secondary (Boys) – Gold by Delhi, Silver by Haryana and Bronze by Karnataka.

- ✎ Shri Vishwas Mandalik, Nasik and The Yoga Institute, Mumbai are recipients of Prime Minister's Award for outstanding contribution for promotion and development of Yoga for the year 2018, selected from among 186 nominations.
 - ✎ HRD Ministry approves setting up an inter-university yoga centre at Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana in Bengaluru.
 - ✎ Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar announced to set up a 'Yog Aayog' in state.
 - ✎ West Bengal University Visva-Bharati received INR 5 crores central grant for setting up a 'Yoga Gram' in university campus.
 - ✎ PM Modi inaugurated a nature center in New York City, through video conferencing called *YO1 Nature Cure Center*.
58. ▶ June 23 - is observed as United Nations Public Service Day. It is also observed as International Olympics Day and UN International Widows' Day.
59. ▶ June 25 - Day of the Seafarer. 2018 theme is *Seafarers wellbeing*.
60. ▶ June 26 - International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. 2018 theme is *Listen First – Listening to children and youth is the first step to help them grow healthy and safe*.
61. ▶ June 27 - UN Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Day (MSME) Day. It was declared by UN General Assembly in 2017.
- ✎ On this occasion, Udyam Sangam 2018 was held in New Delhi, where President Ram Nath Kovind launched Solar Charkha Mission. It will cover 50 clusters and every cluster will employ 400 to 2000 artisans. MSME Ministry will disburse subsidy of 550 crores to artisans.
 - ✎ Also, under Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) budgetary allocation for FY 2018-19 has been increased by 75% to 1800 crores.
 - ✎ A Portal of Ministry of MSME called *Sampark* was also launched by President.
62. ▶ June 29 - International Day of Tropics.
63. ▶ June 29 - National Statistics Day. It marks Birth anniversary of Regarded statistician Prof. Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis, who founded Indian Statistical Institute. 2018 theme is *Quality Assurance in Official Statistics*.
- ✎ 2018 marks 125th Birth Anniversary of Prof. P. C. Mahalanobis and 12th Indian Statistics Day. On this occasion, Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu released commemorative coin of Rs 125 and circulation coin of Rs 5 denomination, at Indian Statistical Institute Kolkata.
64. ▶ June 3 - First UN World Bicycle Day. It aims to encourage a simple, affordable, reliable, clean and environmentally fit sustainable means of transportation.
65. ▶ June 30 - International Day of Parliamentarism. It is also observed as International Asteroid Day.
66. ▶ June 5 - World Environment Day. 2018 Theme is *Beat Plastic Pollution*. On this Occasion -
- ✎ Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) signed MOU to set up a resource efficiency cell, aim to focus on waste management and resource efficiency by enabling coordinated thinking among various ministries. It would focus on system based use of materials, products and processes in India. Effective collection, recycling and use of bio-degradable plastic can reduce emission of Green House Gases (GHG).
 - ✎ A thematic knowledge conference on "Plastic Pollution and Management" was organized at "Vigyan Bhawan" in New Delhi.
 - ✎ Environment Minister (IC) Mahesh Sharma Issued a Pledge Titled *Taj Declaration to Beat Plastic Pollution*, aiming to make 500-meter area around Taj Mahal litter free and phase out single use plastic.
 - ✎ Uttarakhand Government announced to completely prohibit use of polythene or plastic from July 31, 2018.
 - ✎ Tamil Nadu Govt also announced that state would ban use of plastic from 2019.
 - ✎ Telangana government also directed all urban local bodies and civic municipal bodies to ban usage of single-use plastic in offices.
 - ✎ June 5 is also observed as *International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing*.
67. ▶ June 8 - World Oceans Day. 2018 theme is *Peventing plastic pollution and encouraging solutions for a healthy ocean*. June 8 is also observed as World Brain Tumor Day.
68. ▶ Mar 08 - International Women's Day, observed since 1908. 2018 Campaign Theme is *#PressforProgress*. On this occasion -
- ✎ Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) launched a portal for women entrepreneurs of India - ***www.udyamsakhi.org***. It is a network for nurturing entrepreneurship and creating business models for low cost products and services to make them self-reliant. It provides learning tools, incubation facility, training programs for fund raising, investor meets etc.
 - ✎ Minister for Chemicals & Fertilizers and Parliamentary Affairs, Ananth Kumar launched *Swidha*, 100% Oxo-biodegradable Sanitary Napkin, under Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP). It will be available for INR 2.50 per pad at over 3200 Janaushadhi Kendras across India.

- ✎ President Ram Nath Kovind presented Nari Shakti Puraskars 2017 to 30 eminent individuals and 9 distinguished institutions. It includes Acting Chief Justice of Delhi High Court, Justice Gita Mittal.
 - ✎ South District Police in Delhi launched an all women patrolling squad named *Knighthingale*, formed to ensure safety and security of women at public places.
 - ✎ Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has launched #YesIBleed menstrual hygiene campaign.
 - ✎ Madhya Pradesh Govt. announced 'Mukhyamantri Mahila Kosh' scheme. Under this, unmarried women of over 50 years age will be given pension.
 - ✎ Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation and Uttar Pradesh Government organized Swachh Shakti 2018 Women's Convention in Lucknow. In this, 8000 women sarpanches, 3000 women Swachhagrahis and women champions from across country were recognised for their outstanding contribution towards making Swachh Bharat.
 - ✎ NITI Aayog launched Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) along with WEP's theme song *Naari Shakti* composed by Kailash Kher. It is aimed at building a vibrant ecosystem for women across India to help realise their entrepreneurial aspirations, scale-up innovative initiatives and chalk-out sustainable, long-term strategies for their businesses. Pillars on which WEP is built are Ichha Shakti, Gyaan Shakti and Karma Shakti.
 - ✎ PM Narendra Modi launched Pan India Expansion of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (BBBP) covering all 640 districts. 10 districts were also awarded - Effective community engagement(6 districts), Enforcement of PC&PNDT Act (2 districts) and Enabling education of Girl Child (2 Districts).
 - ✎ PM Modi also launched National Nutrition Mission, as a comprehensive approach towards raising nutrition level in the country on a war footing. It will comprise mapping of various schemes contributing towards addressing malnutrition, incentivizing states/UTs for meeting targets, incentivizing Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) for using IT based tools, eliminating registers used by AWWs and introducing measurement of height of children at the Anganwadi Centres (AWCs). It has been set up with 3 year budget of Rs 9046.17 crore commencing from 2017-18.
69. ▶ Mar 14 - International Pi (π) Day. It is observed on 14 March (3/14 in American month/day date format) since 3, 1, and 4 are first 3 significant digits of π .
 70. ▶ Mar 15 - World Consumer Rights Day. 2018 theme is *Making Digital Marketplaces Fairer*. On this occasion, Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Ram Vilas Paswan launched integrated portal for consumer services at URL jagograhakjago.gov.in.
 71. ▶ Mar 18 - Global Recycling Day.
 72. ▶ Mar 20 - International Day of Happiness. 2018 theme is *Share Happiness - focusing on the importance of relationships, kindness and helping each other*.
 73. ▶ Mar 20 - World sparrow day (WSD).
 74. ▶ Mar 21 - UN International Day of Forests. 2018 Theme is *Forests and Sustainable Cities*.
 - ✎ On this occasion, Chhattisgarh was handed over National Water Digest Award for Water Conservation - Diversion, and increasing irrigation capacity.
 75. ▶ Mar 21 - UNESCO World Poetry Day.
 76. ▶ Mar 21 - World Down syndrome Day. Down syndrome is a naturally occurring chromosomal arrangement that generally results in various effects on learning styles, physical characteristics or health.
 77. ▶ Mar 22 - World Water Day. It puts emphasis on importance of freshwater and need for sustainable management of freshwater resources. 2018 theme is *Nature for Water*. The first World Water Day was celebrated by UN on 22 March, 1993. Mar 22, 2018 is also observed as Bihar's 106 Foundation day with Theme *Centenary of Champaran Satyagraha and Elimination of Dowry and Child Marriage*.
 78. ▶ Mar 23 - Observed as *Shahed Diwas* in India. It marks martyrdom of Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev, that were executed on this day in 1931.
 79. ▶ Mar 23 - World Meteorological Day.
 80. ▶ Mar 24 - World Tuberculosis (TB) Day. 2018 theme is *Wanted: Leaders for a TB-free world*. TB INDIA 2018 Report and National Drug Resistance Survey Report was released on this occasion, along with *NikshayAushadi Portal*. Global target to end TB is 2030, with India aiming to end it by 2025.
 81. ▶ Mar 25 - International Day of Remembrance of Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade. 2018 theme is *Remember Slavery: Triumphs and Struggles for Freedom and Equality*.
 82. ▶ Mar 27 - World Theatre Day.
 83. ▶ Mar 3 - World Hearing Day. 2018 Theme is *Hear the future*.
 84. ▶ Mar 3 - World Wildlife Day. It marks signing of Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) on this day in 1973. 2018 Theme is *Big Cats: Predators under Threat*.

85. ▶ Mar 8 - World Kidney Day. It is celebrated annually throughout world on second Thursday of March.
86. ▶ Mar21 - International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination. 2018 theme is *Promoting tolerance, inclusion, unity and respect for diversity in the context of combating racial discrimination.*
87. ▶ March 26 - Independence day of Neighbouring Nation Bangladesh.
88. ▶ May 01 - Statehood Day of Maharashtra and Gujarat. It commemorates formation of Maharashtra and Gujarat from division of the Bombay State on 1 May 1960.
89. ▶ May 02 - World Tuna Day. 2018 theme is *Smart Tuna – Smart Ocean.*
90. ▶ May 03 - World Press Freedom Day. was observed across the world on May 3, 2018 with an aim to celebrate the fundamental principles of press freedom, defend the media from attacks and pay tribute to journalists who have lost their lives while being on duty. The Theme for 2018 is 'Keeping Power in Check: Media, Justice and The Rule of Law'.
91. ▶ May 1 - World Asthma Day. 2018 theme is *Never too early, never too late. It's always the right time to address airways disease.*
92. ▶ May 1 - International Workers' Day, also known as Labour Day AND May Day. 2018 Theme is *Uniting Workers for Social and Economic Advancement.*
93. ▶ May 11 - National Technology Day. 2018 theme is *Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future.*
- ✎ On 11th May 1998, India carried out series of nuclear tests at Pokhran. Also first indigenous aircraft "Hansa-3" was test flown on this day and India also performed successful test firing of Trishul missile on same day.
 - ✎ Considering these technological advancements, then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee declared 11th May as National Technology Day.
 - ✎ On this occasion, Atal Tinkering Marathon's Top 30 Innovations to be supported through industry partnerships were showcased. Atal Tinkering Labs of Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) of NITI Aayog organized an Atal Tinkering Marathon in an effort to identify India's best student innovators. It was six month long nationwide challenge across 6 thematic areas - *clean energy, water resources, waste management, healthcare, smart mobility and agriculture-tech.*
94. ▶ May 12 - International Nurses Day (IND). It marks birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale, founder of modern nursing. 2018 theme is *Nurses: A Voice to Lead – Health is a Human Right.* On this occasion, President conferred National Florence Nightingale Awards to nursing personnel from across country.
95. ▶ May 12 - World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD). 2018 theme is *Unifying our Voices for Bird Conservation.*
96. ▶ May 15 - International Day of Families. 2018 theme is *Families and inclusive societies.*
97. ▶ May 16 - UNESCO International Day of Light AND International Day of Living Together in Peace.
98. ▶ May 17 - World Hypertension Day. 2018 thee is *Know Your Numbers.*
99. ▶ May 17 - World Telecommunication and Information Society Day. 2018 Theme is *Enabling the positive use of Artificial Intelligence for All.*
100. ▶ May 18 - International Museum Day. 2018 theme is *Museums and Hyper Communication – New Approaches and New Public.* It is also observed as AIDS Vaccination day.
101. ▶ May 20 - World Metrology Day. 2018 Theme is *Constant evolution of the International System of Units.*
102. ▶ May 21 - Anti Terrorism Day. It marks assassination of Former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in 1991. It is also observed as *World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development.*
103. ▶ May 22 - International Day for Biological Diversity. 2018 theme is *Celebrating 25 Years of Action for Biodiversity.*
- ✎ On this occasion, National Mission for Clean Ganga and World Wildlife Federation (WWF) - India jointly organised workshop *Ganga and its Bio-diversity: Developing a Road Map for Habitat and Species Conservation* in New Delhi. Also, national-level celebrations were held at Prof. Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University (PJTSAU) in Hyderabad.
 - ✎ On this occasion, India Biodiversity Awards 2018 were announced in 4 categories -
 - ✎ Conservation of Wild and Domesticated Species -
 - ✎ Singchung Bugun Village Community Reserve Management Committee (Arunachal Pradesh) - For Conservation of Bugun Liocichla, a critically endangered bird.
 - ✎ Lemsachenlok Organization (Nagaland)
 - ✎ Kutch Unt Uchherak Maldhari Sangathan (Gujarat) - Conservation of Kharai camel. which is unique for its ability to adapt well to both terrestrial and marine ecosystems.
 - ✎ Kalden Singhi Bhutia (Sikkim) - For conservation of Tibetan sheep.
 - ✎ Sustainable Use of Biological Resources -
 - ✎ Sangham Women Farmers Group (Medak district of Telangana) - Working towards conservation of agro-biodiversity for 15 years.


 Parvathi Nagarajan - (Tamil Nadu) - Works for environment protection, wellness and women's empowerment.


 Raipassa Biodiversity Management Committee (Tripura) - Community depends on cultivation, collection and sale of broom grass for its livelihood. Villagers collect about 50 tonnes of broom grass per season, and sell it at Rs. 22/Kg.

 Replicable Mechanisms for Access and Benefit Sharing



 Best Biodiversity Management Committees -

 Eraviperoor Grama Panchayat (Kerala) - is an excellent model of a multi-stakeholder partnership in local biodiversity conservation. BMC has rejuvenated a tributary of river Pampa, successfully recovered 13.5 acres of river bank and shown exemplary work in plastic waste management.

 Pithorabad Grama Panchayat (Madhya Pradesh) - Sustained efforts towards the conservation and sustainable utilization of bio-resources. It conserves around 115 traditional types of paddies, 32 varieties of vegetables, and medicinal plants.

104. ▶ May 24 - Commonwealth Day.

105. ▶ May 28 - International Day of Action for Women's Health.

106. ▶ May 29 - International Day of UN Peacekeepers. 2018 Theme is *UN Peacekeepers: 70 Years of Service and Sacrifice*.

107. ▶ May 30 - Goa Statehood Day. It attained full statehood on 30th May 1987 becoming India's 25th state. Daman and Diu were separated from Goa and continue to be administered as a UT.

108. ▶ May 31 - World No Tobacco Day. 2018 theme is *Tobacco and heart disease*.

109. ▶ May 8 - World Red Cross Day. Theme of 2018 is *Memorable smiles from around the world*.

110. ▶ Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) launched National Deworming Initiative on National Deworming Day (10 February). It aims to reach over 32 crore children aged between 1 to 19 years to combat parasitic worm infections.

 National Deworming Day was launched in 2015 and is a single fixed-day approach to treating intestinal worm infections in all children aged 1- 19 years. It is held on 10 February and 10 August each year.

111. ▶ UN Chosen India to host World Environment Day to be held on June 5 with theme *Beat Plastic Pollution*.

112. ▶ Utkal Diwas - April 1. It is Formation of state of Odisha as a separate province on this day in 1936. On this occasion, Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated World-Class tourist amenities at Konark Sun Temple in Odisha.

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