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Days




- ▶ Dec 04, 2017 - 46th Indian Navy Day. On this day in 1971, Indian Navy carried out Operation Trident, which was a devastating attack on Pakistan's Naval Headquarters of Karachi.
- ▶ Dec 1 - Formation day of Nagaland (Formed in 1963). It also marks beginning of 10 days Hornbill Premier festival of Nagaland. Dec 1 is also raising day of Paramilitary Force BSF (Border Security Force).
- ▶ Dec 1 - World AIDS Day. 2017 Theme is Right to health.
 - ▶ To increase Reach of Free ART (Antiretroviral Therapy) services provided by Government to People affected by HIV Virus, Government launched National Strategic Plan 2017-24 and Mission *SAMPARK*. It aims at eradicating HIV / AIDS completely by 2030.
- ▶ Dec 10 - Human Rights Day. 2017 Theme is *Let's stand up for equality, justice and human dignity*.
- ▶ Dec 11 - International Mountain Day. 2017 theme is *Mountains under pressure: climate, hunger and migration*.
- ▶ Dec 12 - UN International Day of Neutrality. It was declared in Feb 2017 by UN after being recommended by Turkmenistan.
- ▶ Dec 12 - Universal Health Coverage Day.
 - ▶ On this Occasion, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched *LaQshya* Initiative and mHealth: Safe Delivery Application. Operational Guidelines for Obstetric High Dependency Units and Intensive Care Units were also released.
 - ▶ *Laqshya* - A Labour Room Quality Improvement Initiative. It is safe delivery mobile application for health workers who manage normal and complicated deliveries in the peripheral area.
 - ▶ mHealth - It's a Safe Delivery Application for health workers who manage normal and complicated deliveries in peripheral areas.
- ▶ Dec 14 - National Energy Conservation Day.
 - ▶ On this Occasion, President Ram Nath Kovind unveiled interactive online portal, *ECO-NIWAS* (Energy CONservation – New Indian Way for Affordable & Sustainable homes) for increasing awareness to build sustainable and energy efficient homes in country.
- ▶ Dec 16 is observed as Vijay Diwas, marking India's military victory over Pakistan in 1971 during Indo-Pakistani War of 1971.
- ▶ Dec 18 - International Migrants Day. 2017 theme is *Safe Migration in a World on the Move*. Dec 18 is also observed as National Minority Rights Day in India. On This Occasion, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) released International Migration Report 2017 -
 - ▶ Approx 25 crore people are living in a country other than their country of birth, Increase of 49 % in number of migrants since 2000.
 - ▶ India has largest Diaspora in with over 1.7 crore Indians living overseas. Russia, China, Bangladesh, Syria, Pakistan and Ukraine have large migrant populations living abroad, ranging from 6 to 11 million each.
 - ▶ Largest number of international migrants reside in USA with over 2 crore international migrants in USA. Saudi Arabia, Germany and Russia are at next 4 places respectively.
- ▶ Dec 2 - International Day for Abolition of Slavery. December 2 is also observed as computer literacy day.
- ▶ Dec 20 - International Human Solidarity Day.
- ▶ Dec 22 - National Mathematics Day in India. It marks birth anniversary of Noted Mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan. In 1918, he became a Fellow of Royal Society, becoming youngest person to achieve this feat.
- ▶ Dec 23 - Kisan Diwas (Farmer's Day) in India, observed to mark birth anniversary of 5th prime minister of India - Chaudhary Charan Singh.

-  He worked distinctively for welfare of farmers, also he never visited Lok Sabha during his term as PM of India (28 July 1979 to 14 January 1980).
15. ▶ Dec 25 - Good Governance Day in India. It marks Birth Anniversary of Former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee. It was announced by Central Govt. in 2014.
-  On this occasion, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions launched electronic-Human Resource Management System (e-HRMS), as a step towards the ease of governance and is in lines with Government's goal of minimum government, maximum governance.
-  On this occasion, South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) launched 'Atal Jan Aahar Yojana' for poor people to provide them meal at Rs 10.
16. ▶ Dec 3 - Birth Anniversary of first President of India, Dr. Rajendra Prasad.
17. ▶ Dec 3 - International Day of Persons With Disabilities. 2017 Theme is *Transformation towards sustainable and resilient society for all*.
-  On this occasion, Telangana Government signed agreement with Vindhya E-Infomedia, to set up world's first Information and Technology (IT) Campus for differently-abled persons (divyangs), in capital Hyderabad.
-  On this occasion, Noted communication expert Sarvesh Kumar Tiwari is appointed as President of Para-Sports Foundation (PSF).
-  On this occasion, Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu launched Deen Dayal Divyangajan Sahajya Scheme in Guwahati, Assam. Under which, every differently abled person in Assam would be entitled to a one-time grant of Rs 5000 for their treatment.
-  On this occasion, Disability Empowerment Awards was presented by President Ram Nath Kovind on this occasion in 14 categories to 52 individuals and institutions. Some important awards -
-  Best State in Promoting Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities - Chhattisgarh
 -  Best District in Providing Rehabilitation Service - Madurai
 -  Best Braille Press Award - Mumbai-based National Association for the Blind.
18. ▶ Dec 5 - International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development.
19. ▶ Dec 5 - World Soil Day. 2017 theme is *Caring for the Planet starts from the Ground*.
20. ▶ Dec 7 - Indian Armed Forces Flag Day.
21. ▶ Dec 7 - International Civil Aviation Day. 2017 theme is *Working Together to Ensure No Country is Left Behind*.
22. ▶ Dec 9 - International Anti-Corruption Day (IACD). 2017 Theme is *United against corruption for development, peace and security*.
23. ▶ Disarmament Week celebrated every year from October 24-30, since United Nations founded it in 1978. Aim is to control usage of weapons of mass destruction.
24. ▶ 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.
25. ▶ 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.
26. ▶ 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.
27. ▶ Feb 20 - World Day of Social Justice. 2018 theme is *Workers on the Move: the Quest for Social Justice*.
28. ▶ Feb 21 - International Mother Language Day (IMLD). 2018 Theme is *Linguistic diversity and multilingualism count for sustainable development*.
29. ▶ 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.
30. ▶ Jan 01, 2018 - 125th Birth Anniversary of Noted Indian Scientist Satyendra Nath Bose.
-  He is best known for his work on quantum mechanics in early 1920s, providing foundation for Bose-Einstein statistics and theory of Bose-Einstein condensate. He was A Fellow of Royal Society (UK) and was awarded India's second highest civilian award, Padma Vibhushan in 1954.

31. ▶ Jan 04 - World Braille Day. It commemorates contribution of Louis Braille who invented reading and writing system that helped blind people across world.
32. ▶ Jan 09 - Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) in India, marking return of M K Gandhi to India from south africa on Jan 9, 1915. It was first celebrated by NDA Government in 2003.
- ✎ This year marks 25th anniversary of India's partnership with ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations) Nations and theme was *Ancient Route, New Journey: Diaspora in Dynamic ASEAN INDIA Partnership*.
 - ✎ On this occasion, first ever Persons of Indian Origin (PIO) Parliamentary Conference held in Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra (PBK) in New Delhi.
33. ▶ Jan 10 - World Hindi Day. It marks holding first *World Hindi Conference* on 10 January, 1975. Jan 10, 2018 also marks 25th Raising Day of Army Air Defence.
34. ▶ Jan 12 - National Youth Day in India. It marks birth anniversary of legendary social reformer Swami Vivekananda.
- ✎ On this occasion, 22nd National Youth Festival (NYF) organised in New Delhi by Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports at Gautam Buddha University (Greater Noida).
 - ✎ On this occasion, Jharkhand Govt organized Skill Summit and Provided Employment to 27852 Youth in Private Sector.
35. ▶ Jan 15, 2018 - 70th Indian Army Day. It commemorates the day when K.M Carriappa took over command of Indian Army from F.R.R Bucher, the last British Commander-in-Chief in 1949.
36. ▶ Jan 21 - Statehood Day for North Eastern States of Tripura, Manipur and Meghalaya.
- ✎ On this occasion, Manipur Government launched *Chief Minister-gi Hakshelgi Tengbang (CMHT)*, a health assurance scheme for the poor and disabled people. It will provide cashless treatment to poor at government hospitals, health centres and other empanelled selected private hospitals.
37. ▶ Jan 24 - National Girl Child Day.
- ✎ Delhi Govt held *Girl Child Week programme* to celebrate girl child and spread awareness on gender equality.
38. ▶ Jan 25 - National Voters' Day. 2018 Theme is *Accessible Elections*.
39. ▶ Jan 26 - International Customs Day. 2018 theme is *A secure business environment for economic development*.
40. ▶ Jan 26, 2018 - 69th Republic Day of India.
- ✎ As part of Republic Day celebrations, 6 days *Bharat Parv* event began at Red Fort (Delhi).
 - ✎ This year, Government heads of 10 ASEAN countries were Chief Guests at Republic Day Parade. Participating Guests are -

Name	Nation
Hassanal Bolkiah	Brunei
Hun Sen	Cambodia
Joko Widodo	Indonesia
Thongloun Sisoulith	Laos
Najib Razak	Malaysia
Daw Aung San Suu Kyi	Myanmar
Rodrigo Roa Duterte	Philippines
Lee Hsien Loong	Singapore
Prayuth Chan-ocha	Thailand
Nguyn Xuan Phuc	Vietnam

- ✎ Government advised not to use a national flag made of plastic and asked all states and UTs to ensure strict compliance of Flag Code in view of Republic Day celebrations.
41. ▶ 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.
42. ▶ National Nutrition Week observed throughout country from Sep 1 - 7, 2017 with theme *Optimal Infant & Young Child Feeding Practices: Better Child Health*.
43. ▶ Nov 01 - World Vegan Day.
44. ▶ Nov 10 - World Science Day for Peace and Development. 2017 theme is *Science for Global Understanding*.
45. ▶ Nov 11 - National Education Day in India. It marks birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, first education minister of independent India.
46. ▶ Nov 12 - Public Service Broadcasting Day. It marks first and last visit of MK Gandhi to studio of All India Radio, Delhi in 1947. It is also observed as *World Pneumonia Day*.

47. ▶ Nov 16 - International Day of Tolerance.
48. ▶ Nov 16 - National Press Day in India.
49. ▶ Nov 16, 2017 - World Philosophy (Observed Every Year on 3rd Thursday of November).
50. ▶ Nov 17 - International Students Day.
51. ▶ Nov 19 - 100th Birth Anniversary of Former Indian PM Indira Gandhi. It is observed as National Integration Day. It is also observed as World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims.
52. ▶ Nov 19 - International Men's Day. 2017 theme is *Celebrate Men and Boys*.
53. ▶ Nov 19 - World Toilet Day. 2017 Theme is *Wastewater*.
 On this occasion, world's biggest toilet pot model unveiled at Marora, popularly known as *Trump village* in Haryana.
54. ▶ Nov 20 - UN Africa Industrialization Day.
55. ▶ Nov 20 - Universal Child Rights Day with 2017 theme *It's a #KidsTakeOver*.
 Ministry of Women and Child Development celebrated Child Rights Week (Hausla 2017) from 16th - 20th November, 2017.
56. ▶ Nov 21 - World Fisheries Day AND World Television Day.
57. ▶ Nov 25 - International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (IDEVAW). 2017 theme is *Leave no one behind: end violence against women and girls*.
58. ▶ Nov 26 - Constitution Day in India.
 It commemorates 26 November 1949, when the Constituent Assembly adopted Constitution of India, and it came into effect on 26 January 1950.
59. ▶ Nov 26 - National Law Day in India. a 2 day conference on National Law Day held in New Delhi.
60. ▶ Nov 29 - UN International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.
61. ▶ Nov 5 - World Tsunami Awareness Day. 2017 theme is *Reduce the Number of Affected People*. First WTAD was observed across the world in 2016.
62. ▶ Nov 8 - International Day of Radiology (IDoR). 2017 theme is *Emergency Radiology*.
63. ▶ Nov 9 - Legal Service Day in India, started by Supreme Court in 1995 to offer help and support to weaker and poor group of sections of people.
64. ▶ Nov 9, 2017 - Government Observed this day as National Entrepreneurship Day.
 On this occasion, 2 MoUs signed between Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), Atal Innovation Mission – Niti Ayog and Haryana Vishwakarma Skill University. Haryana Government also signed MoU with Vyakti Vikas Kendra (Art of Living Foundation) for helping jail inmates to improve their health and reduce physical and mental stress.
65. ▶ Oct 08, 2017 - 85th Indian Air Force Day.
 IAF on this occasion launched mobile health App named *MedWatch*. It has features that will provide authentic health information to all IAF personnel.
66. ▶ Oct 1 - UN International Day of Older Persons. 2017 Theme is *Stepping into the Future: Tapping the Talents, Contributions and Participation of Older Persons in Society*.
67. ▶ Oct 1 - World Vegetarian Day. It initiates month of October as Vegetarian Awareness Month that ends on November 1 as World Vegan Day.
68. ▶ Oct 10 - World Mental Health Day. 2017 theme is *Mental health in the workplace*. Oct 10 is also observed as World Day against the Death Penalty.
69. ▶ Oct 11 - International Day of Girl Child. 2017 theme is *The Power of the Adolescent Girl: Vision for 2030*.
70. ▶ Oct 13 - International Day for Disaster Reduction. 2017 theme is *Home Safe Home: Reducing Exposure, Reducing Displacement*.
71. ▶ Oct 14 - World Standards day. 2017 theme is *Standards make cities smarter*.
72. ▶ Oct 15 - UN International Day of Rural Women.
73. ▶ Oct 15 - UN World Students Day. It Commemorates Birth Anniversary of Noted Indian Scientist and Former President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. He was known as Missile Man of India and honored with highest Indian Honor *Bharat Ratna* in 1997. UN declared this day in 2010.
74. ▶ Oct 16 - World Food Day. 2017 Theme is *Change the future of migration. Invest in food security and rural development*
75. ▶ Oct 17 - International Day for Eradication of Poverty (IDEP). 2017 theme is *Answering the Call of October 17 to end poverty: A path toward peaceful and inclusive societies*.
76. ▶ Oct 17 - World Sawfish Day. Scientists announced that sawfish, sighted off Indian coast less than 10 times in over a decade appears to be more threatened than tigers and elephants.

77. ▶ Oct 2 - Birth Anniversary of Noted Leader Lal Bahadur Shastri (2nd Prime Minister of India). He gave famous slogan *Jai Jawaan Jai Kisaan*.
78. ▶ Oct 2 - International Day of Non-Violence, on occasion of Birth Anniversary of M K Gandhi (also referred as Gandhi Jayanti). UN approved this day in 2007.
- ▶ Andhra Pradesh Government launched Swachh Andhra Mission on this occasion, with Badminton Player PV Sindhu as brand ambassador.
 - ▶ On this occasion, Nepali version of MK Gandhi's autobiography *The Story of My Experiments with Truth* released in Kathmandu, translated by Shekhar Giri.
 - ▶ On This occasion, Bihar government launched drive against child marriage and dowry.
 - ▶ On This occasion, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (MoPNG) was conferred with Swachh Bharat Inter-Ministerial Award.
79. ▶ Oct 2, 2017 - UN World Habitat day (First Monday of October every year). 2017 theme was *Housing Policies: Affordable Homes*.
80. ▶ Oct 20 - UN World Statistics Day. Theme for 2017 is *Better Data, Better Lives*.
81. ▶ Oct 21 - National Police Commemoration Day.
- ▶ On This Occasion, Uttar Pradesh Government announced to double ex-gratia amount for police officials martyred on duty. Now this amount becomes INR 40 lakh, compared to INR 20 lakh earlier.
82. ▶ Oct 22 - International Stuttering Awareness Day. 2017 Theme is *A World That Understands Stuttering*.
83. ▶ Oct 24 - First International Day of Diplomats celebrated in Brasilia (Brazil). Diplomats of Bangladesh, Brazil, France, Ghana, India, Israel, Italy, Mexico, South Africa and Turkey participated in Event, to recognise hard work and sacrifices of diplomats and their families.
84. ▶ Oct 24 - United Nations Day, started in 1948. Oct 24 is Raising Day of Indian Paramilitary Force ITBP (Indo Tibetan Border Police).
85. ▶ Oct 24 - World Development Information Day (WDID).
86. ▶ Oct 24 - World Polio day.
87. ▶ Oct 27 - Infantry Day. It commemorate sacrifices made by infantry who fought against Pakistan in Jammu and Kashmir in 1947. This was first infantry action by Indian Army after independence.
88. ▶ Oct 27- World Day for Audiovisual Heritage. 2017 Theme is *Discover, remember and share*.
89. ▶ Oct 28 - International Animation Day.
90. ▶ Oct 31 - World Cities Day. 2017 theme is *Innovative Governance, Open Cities*. General theme of World Cities Day is *Better City, Better Life*.
91. ▶ Oct 31 - Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day). Observed to commemorate birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhai Patel who played important role in unifying India pre-independence.
92. ▶ Oct 4 - World Animal Day.
93. ▶ Oct 5 - World Teachers' Day. It commemorates signing of 1966 UNESCO/ILO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers. 2017 theme is *Teaching in Freedom, Empowering Teachers*.
94. ▶ Oct 9 - World Post Day.
95. ▶ On 16th January, Goa celebrated Opinion Poll Day as Asmitai Dis (Identity Day). It marks historic poll in 1967, when people of Goa voted not to merge with Maharashtra.
96. ▶ Sep 02 - World Coconut Day.
97. ▶ Sep 12 - UN International Day for South-South Cooperation.
98. ▶ Sep 14 - Hindi Day. On this day in 1949, Hindi written in Devanagari script was accepted as official language of India.
99. ▶ Sep 15 - Engineer's Day in India. It marks birth anniversary of Noted Indian Engineer Mokshagundam Visvesvarayya.
100. ▶ Sep 15 - International Day of Democracy. 2017 theme is *democracy and conflict prevention*.
101. ▶ Sep 16 - International Day for Preservation of Ozone Layer (World Ozone Day). 2017 theme is *Caring for all life under the sun*. Sep 16 is also known as International Coastal Cleanup day.
102. ▶ Sep 21 - International Day of Peace. 2017 theme is *Together for Peace: Respect, Safety and Dignity for All*.
103. ▶ Sep 26 - International Day for Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons. So far, 50 Nations have signed a recent UN Treaty putting complete ban on nuclear weapons.
104. ▶ Sep 27 - World Tourism Day with 2017 Theme is *sustainable tourism – a tool for development*.
- ▶ Cab aggregator Ola started a tourism promotion campaign in Karnataka State. with theme *GhoomoResponsibly*.
 - ▶ Madhya Pradesh won *Best Tourism State* national award for 3rd consecutive year at National Tourism Awards. The state bagged total 10 awards, including national award as Best Film Promotion Friendly State/Union Territory.
 - ▶ Event also saw launch of 'Incredible India 2.0 campaign' and 'Adopt a Heritage' project and new Incredible India website.

105. ▶ Sep 28 - International Day for Universal Access to Information (IDUAI). UNESCO hosted Conference under theme *Overcoming Divides and Achieving the SDGs in Africa* in Balaclava (Mauritius).
106. ▶ Sep 28 - World Maritime Day. 2017 theme is *Connecting Ships, Ports and People*.
107. ▶ Sep 28 - World Rabies Day. 2017 theme is *Rabies: Zero by 30*.
108. ▶ Sep 30 - International Translation Day. 2017 theme is *Translation and Diversity*.
109. ▶ Sep 5 - International Charity Day.
110. ▶ Sep 5 - National Teachers Day in India. It marks Birth Anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, first Vice President of India (1952 - 1962) and 2nd President of India (1962 - 1967).
- ✎ Vice President Venkaiah Naidu gave away National awards for teachers on Teachers day Function, honoring total 219 teachers.
 - ✎ He also launched DIKSHA, a national digital infrastructure for teachers. Web - diksha.gov.in.
 - ✎ Environment Ministry launched environment awareness initiative, under which an online environmental quiz competition named *Prakriti Khoj* will be conducted at national level. It aims to generate interest among school children about the science related to environment.
111. ▶ Sep 8 - International Literacy Day. 2017 theme announced by UNESCO is *Literacy in a digital world*.
- ✎ On this occasion, Government announced that *School Chalo Abhiyan* will be implemented in 2018, aimed at enrolling 80 lakh students.
112. ▶ UN Chosen India to host World Environment Day to be held on June 5 with theme *Beat Plastic Pollution*.

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