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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*.
- ▶ 28 September: World Rabies Day. 2018 theme is *Rabies: Share the message. Save a life*. It seeks to raise awareness about impact of rabies on animals and human beings. It is also observed as UNESCO International Day for Universal Access to Information.
- ▶ 2nd Anniversary of Surgical Strike celebrated as Parakram Parv or Surgical Strike Day on September 29 - 30, 2018 by Indian Army to showcase gallant action of brave Army in conduct of Surgical Strikes on September 29, 2016. It also marked to remember sacrifice of soldiers during 'Uri Attacks'. PM Modi inaugurated an Exhibition in Jodhpur (Rajasthan), on this occasion.
 - ✎ UGC also directed all universities / higher educational institutions to observe September 29 as Surgical Strike Day.
- ▶ Assam government decided to observe September 22 as "Rhino Day".
- ▶ Aug 1 - Earth Overshoot Day. It is the day each year when humans have consumed a year's worth of planet's natural resources. It was earlier called Ecological Debt Day. It is calculated illustrative calendar date on which humanity's resource consumption for year exceeds Earth's capacity to regenerate those resources that year. In 2018, it falls on Aug 1.
- ▶ Aug 10 - World Biofuel Day. On this day in 1893, Sir Rudolph Diesel (inventor of diesel engine) successfully ran mechanical engine with Peanut Oil. His research experiment predicted that vegetable oil may replace fossil fuels in next century to fuel different mechanical engines.
 - ✎ On this occasion, PM Narendra Modi launched PARIVESH (Pro-Active and Responsive facilitation by Interactive, Virtuous and Environmental Single-window Hub), as a Single-Window Integrated Environmental Management System.
- ▶ Aug 12 - International Youth Day. 2018 theme is *Safe Spaces for Youth*. It is also observed as World Elephant Day.
- ▶ Aug 15, 2018 - 72nd Independence Day of India.
 - ✎ President Ram Nath Kovind has approved 131 Gallantry Awards to Defence Personnel, including 1 Kirti Chakras, 20 Shaurya Chakras (Army - 14, Navy - 1, MHA - 4), 3 Bar to Sena Medals (Gallantry), 93 Sena Medals (Gallantry), 11 Nao Sena Medals (Gallantry) and 3 Vayu Sena Medals (Gallantry).
 - ✎ Kirti Charka - Sepoy Vrahma Pal Singh of Rajput Regiment. He laid down his life in a fierce counter-insurgency operation in which 3 terrorists were killed at Pulwama in J&K in November 2018.
 - ✎ Shaurya Chakras Include Rifleman Aurangzeb and Major Aditya Kumar of Indian Army.
 - ✎ Vayu Sena Medals - P Prasad, Vernon Desmond Keane, Abhishek Sharma.
 - ✎ Medals for Coast Guard Personnel -
 - ✎ 1 President's Tatrakshak Medal (PTM) (Distinguished Service) - Rakesh Pal
 - ✎ 5 Tatrakshak Medal (TM) (Gallantry)
 - ✎ 2 Tatrakshak Medal (TM) (Meritorious Service)
 - ✎ On this occasion, Railways made 'digital screens' operational at 22 stations, to spread awareness among public about heritage of Indian Railways.
 - ✎ PM Narendra Modi as part of his Independence Day speech announced to put India in space by 2022 under manned space mission on board 'Gajanan'. India will become fourth nation in the world to send astronaut into space after US, Russia and China. Former Indian Air Force (IAF) pilot Rakesh Sharma was first Indian to travel to space, as part of Soviet Union's Soyuz T-11 expedition in April 1984.

- ✎ Government announced launch of Ayushman Bharat (now Jan Aarogya Abhiyan) on September 25, aiming to provide country's poor access to quality and affordable healthcare. Nearly 10 crore families will get health cover worth Rs 5 lakh each year under this.
 - ✎ On this occasion, Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik launched Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BY) which provides annual cashless health coverage of Rs 5 lakh per beneficiary family per annum. Patnaik also handed over 'Uttam Jeevan Raksha Padak' and 'Jeevan Rakshya Padak' to two children – Pankaj Kumar Mahanta and Mamata Dalai, respectively, for their act of bravery.
 - ✎ On this occasion, Telangana Govt launched 2 Schemes -
 - ✎ Rythu Bandhu - Its first-of-its-kind life insurance programme worth Rs 5 lakh for farmers in state, with cost approx 650 Crores. Insurance amount will be given to farmer's family within 10 days, in case of death of Farmer. It will bear the annual premium of **Rs 2,271** per farmer. Some Limitations are -
 - ✎ It is limited to farmers aged 18 - 60 years.
 - ✎ Limited to landowners who received monetary assistance of Rs 4000 from the state government to bear farming costs under the 'Rythu Bandhu' programme earlier this year.
 - ✎ Tenant farmers have been left out of it.
 - ✎ Kanti Velugu - free eye screening for all citizens.
 - ✎ A special film festival on theme *Freedom Struggle and Freedom Fighters* held to mark India's 72nd Independence Day, in Mumbai.
9. ▶ Aug 19 - World Humanitarian Day (WHD). 2018 Campaign theme for 2018 World Humanitarian Day is *#NotATarget*. Aug 19 is also observed as World Photography Day.
 10. ▶ Aug 2, 2018 - 141st birth anniversary of designer (architect) of Indian National Flag Pingali Venkayya.
 11. ▶ Aug 20 - National Sadbhavna Diwas in India. It commemorates Birth Anniversary of Former Prime Minister of India, Rajiv Gandhi. Former West Bengal Governor Gopalkrishna Gandhi was conferred with 2018 Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award.
 12. ▶ Aug 20 - World Mosquito Day. It honors British doctor Sir Ronald Ross's discovery in 1897 that female mosquitoes transmit malaria between humans.
 13. ▶ Aug 21 - UN International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism.
 14. ▶ Aug 21 - World Senior Citizens Day. Note that Similar Sounding *UN International Day of Older Persons* is held annually on October 1.
 15. ▶ Aug 26 - World Sanskrit Day 2018. It is celebrated on Poornima day of Shraavana month in Hindu calendar.
 16. ▶ Aug 29 - National Sports Day. It marks birthday of Major Dhyan Chand Singh, hockey player who won gold medals in Olympics for India in 1928, 1932 and 1936. He scored over 400 goals in his career, from 1926 to 1948. It is also observed as International Day against Nuclear Tests.
 17. ▶ Aug 7, 2018 - 4th National Handloom Day in India.
 18. ▶ Aug 8 - Anniversary of Quit India movement. On this day in 1942, M K Gandhi gave clarion call of Do or Die to all Indians to drive away Britishers from country.
 19. ▶ Aug 9 - International Day of World's Indigenous Peoples. 2018 theme is *Indigenous peoples' migration and movement*. Also, United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) through its Resolution on 'Rights of Indigenous Peoples' proclaimed 2019 as *International Year of Indigenous Languages*.
 20. ▶ August 23 - International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition. It marks anniversary of 1791 insurrection of enslaved men and women in western part of island of Santo Domingo, which is now known as Haiti.
 21. ▶ August 6 - Hiroshima Day. On this day in 1945, US dropped first atomic bomb nicknamed 'Little Boy' ever used in military combat on Hiroshima (Japan).
 22. ▶ Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy (AYUSH) Ministry celebrated first Naturopathy Day on Nov 18, 2018, with aim of promoting drug-less system of medicine to prevent diseases by altering diet and lifestyle.
 23. ▶ Dec 02 - International Day for Abolition of Slavery. It marks adaptation of resolution '*Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Prostitution of Others*' by UN GA on 2 December 1949. It is also observed as Computer Literacy Day.
 24. ▶ Dec 03 - International day of Persons with Disabilities. 2018 theme is *Empowering persons with disabilities and ensuring inclusiveness and equality*. Dec 3 also Birth Anniversary of Dr Rajendra Prasad, first President of India.
 25. ▶ Dec 04 - Indian Navy day.
 - ✎ On this occasion, Navy Chief Admiral Sunil Lanba released a book titled 'Blue Waters Ahoy!' – chronicling the Indian Navy's History from 2001-10. Book has been authored by Vice Admiral Retd. Anup Singh.
 - ✎ The Day marks Navy's offensive actions during 1971 war with Pakistan.
 26. ▶ Dec 07 - Armed Forces Flag Day, observed Since 1949. December 1 - 7 is observed as Armed Forces week.
 27. ▶ Dec 09 - International Anti-Corruption Day (IACD).
 28. ▶ Dec 1 - Nagaland Statehood Day, formed on December 1, 1963.

- ✎ On this occasion, Home Minister Rajnath Singh launched Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) for Nagaland, with single helpline number 112 for all emergency services.
 - ✎ Hornbill Festival was also inaugurated on the occasion.
 - ✎ Nagaland is first North-Eastern State and 2nd State in India to launch Pan-India single emergency number '112' under ERSS, after Himachal Pradesh.
 - ✎ Govt also integrated a special women safety feature in India 112 app, called *SHOUT*, to get immediate assistance from police and volunteers, when need arises.
29. ▶ Dec 1 - World AIDS Day, being observed since 1988.
 30. ▶ Dec 10 - Human Rights Day. On this day in 1948, UN General Assembly adopted Universal Declaration of Human Rights. 2018 theme is *Stand Up For Human Rights*.
 31. ▶ Dec 11 - International Mountain Day, established by UN General Assembly in 2003. 2018 theme is *Mountains Matter*. Dec 11 is also formation day of UN Body UNICEF.
 32. ▶ Dec 12 - International Universal Health Coverage Day, proclaimed In 2017 by UN. 2018 theme is *Unite for Universal Health Coverage: Now is the Time for Collective Action*. Dec 12 is also noted as International Day of Neutrality after, adopted by UN General Assembly in 2017.
 33. ▶ Dec 14 - National Energy Conservation Day in India.
 - ✎ On this occasion, Ministry of Power launched ECO Niwas Samhita 2018 , an Energy Conservation Building Code for Residential Buildings launched Implementation of this Code expected to save 125 Billion Units of electricity per year by 2030, which is equivalent to 100 million ton of CO2 emission.
 - ✎ Initially, Part-I of Code is launched that prescribes minimum standards for building envelope designs with purpose of designing energy efficient residential buildings.
 - ✎ It is estimated that energy demand in the building sector will rise from around 350 billion units in 2018 to approximately 1000 billion units by 2030.
 - ✎ On this occasion, 26 industrial units got National Energy Conservation Awards for excellent performance in energy efficiency.
 34. ▶ Dec 15 is observed as International Tea Day. On this occasion, Indian Tea Association (ITA) signed MoU with China Tea Marketing Association (CTMA).
 35. ▶ Dec 16 - Observed as Vijay Diwas in India, marking India's military victory over Pakistan in 1971 during war for independence of Bangladesh. War resulted in unconditional surrender of 93000 Pakistan Army Soldiers and subsequent secession of East Pakistan into Bangladesh.
 36. ▶ Dec 18 - International Migrants Day. 2018 theme is *Migration with Dignity*. It is also noted as UN World Arabic Language Day.
 37. ▶ Dec 18 - Minorities Rights Day in India.
 38. ▶ Dec 19 is Liberation Day of Goa. It marks state's getting independence from 450-years of Portuguese rule on this day in 1961. Operation Vijay was completed by Indian Forces liberating Territories of Goa, Daman and Diu and the Anjadiv Island and from Portuguese rule.
 39. ▶ Dec 20 - International Human Solidarity Day.
 40. ▶ Dec 22 - National Mathematics Day in India, marking birth anniversary of Noted Indian Mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan. It is observed Since 2011.
 - ✎ Sh. Ramanujan was born in 1887. He compiled nearly 3,900 results, mostly identities and equations, on his own without any assistance.
 - ✎ Number 1729 is famously known as the Hardy-Ramanujan number.
 41. ▶ Dec 23 - National Farmers' Day (Kisan Diwas) in India. It honours former Prime Minister Chaudhary Charan Singh, who did substantial work for upliftment of farmers.
 - ✎ On This Occasion, Jharkhand Govt. announced INR 2250 crores scheme called *Mukhya Mantri Krishi Yojana*, to help around 22.76 lakh medium and marginal farmers to double their income by 2022.
 42. ▶ Dec 24 - National Consumer Day in India, with 2018 theme *Timely Disposal of Consumer Complaints*.
 - ✎ On this day in 1986, Consumer Protection Act 1986 received assent of the president.
 43. ▶ Dec 25 - Birth Anniversary of Former PM and Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee. It is observed as Good Governance Day in India, since 2014.
 - ✎ Sadaiv Atal, Samadhi of Former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee was dedicated to Nation in New Delhi.
 - ✎ PM Narendra Modi released a commemorative coin worth Rs 100 in honour of former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The years 1924 and 2018 are inscribed below Vajpayee's portrait to mark year of his birth and death respectively.
 44. ▶ Dec 5 - World Soil Day. 2018 theme is *Be the Solution to Soil Pollution*.

-  On this Occasion, Rattan Lal (*Indian Origin American Professor at Ohio State University*) won Glinka World Soil Prize 2018 in Rome headquarters of UN's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), for his contribution to sustainable soil management. Glinka World Soil Prize is named after Russian scientist Konstantin D. Glinka, considered as highest honour in soil science profession.
45. ▶ Dec 7 - International Civil Aviation Day.
46. ▶ December 5 - International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development. It is also called International Volunteer Day.
47. ▶ Disarmament Week observed across Globe from Oct 24 - 30, 2018.
48. ▶ Government observed 75th anniversary of formation of Azad Hind Government, led by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. Founded on 21st October, 1943 was inspired by Neta ji Subhash Chandra Bose who was leader of Azad Hind Government and also Head of State of this Provisional Indian Government-in-exile.
49. ▶ July 06 - World Zoonoses Day. Zoonoses are diseases transmitted to Humans from Animals.
50. ▶ 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.
51. ▶ 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 %.
52. ▶ 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.
53. ▶ 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.
54. ▶ July 15 - World Youth Skills Day. It aims to raise awareness on importance of investing in youth skills development.
55. ▶ July 17 - International Justice Day, marks 1998 Rome Statute that created International Criminal Court (ICC).
56. ▶ July 18 - UN Nelson Mandela International Day 2018. This year marks 100th birth anniversary of Great South African Social Reformer Nelson Mandela.
57. ▶ July 2 - World Sports Journalists Day.
58. ▶ July 2 is observed as World UFO (Unidentified Flying Objects) day and World Sports Journalists Day.
59. ▶ 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.
60. ▶ 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.
61. ▶ July 29 - International Tiger Day. The annual day is celebrated with slogan *Their survival is in our hands*.
62. ▶ 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.
63. ▶ July 31 - World Ranger Day.
64. ▶ July 4 - American Independence Day. USA Attained independence from UK in 1776.
65. ▶ National Nutrition Week observed from 1st to 7th September, to spread awareness regarding importance of nutrition.
66. ▶ National Wildlife Week observed October 2 to 8, since 1952
67. ▶ Nov 01 - Foundation day of seven Indian states - Karnataka, Kerala, Chhattisgarh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Haryana and Madhya Pradesh. UTs of Lakshwadeep, Puducherry, Andaman & Nicobar also celebrate their formation day on November 1.
68. ▶ Nov 02 - International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists.
69. ▶ Nov 07 - National Cancer Awareness Day.
 On this occasion, Book written by Murali Mohan Chunthar, 'Arivu' has been released. It explains about Mouth Cancer and its prevention.
70. ▶ Nov 09 - National Legal Services Day (NLSD). It was started by Supreme Court of India in 1995 to support weaker sections of society.
71. ▶ Nov 10 - World Science Day for Peace and Development. 2018 theme is *Science, a Human Right*.
72. ▶ Nov 11 - National Education Day in India. It commemorates birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, freedom fighter and first Education Minister of independent India.

73. ▶ Nov 12 - Public Service Broadcasting Day in India. It commemorates first and last visit of M K Gandhi to All India Radio Studio (AIR), New Delhi in 1947. Nov 12 is also observed as World Pneumonia Day.
74. ▶ Nov 12 to 18 - World Antibiotic Awareness Week. Nov 18 is also observed as World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims.
75. ▶ Nov 14 - Children's Day in India. It marks birth anniversary of first Prime Minister of India, Jawahar Lal Nehru.
- ✎ NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) and UNICEF India announced UNICEF – Atal Tinkering Labs Young Champions Awards, presented to top six most innovative solutions from across country, shortlisted through Atal Tinkering Marathon.
76. ▶ Nov 14 - World Diabetes Day. 2018 theme is *The Family and Diabetes*.
77. ▶ Nov 15 - Jharkhand Statehood day. It was formed on this day in 2000. It is also observed as World Philosophy Day.
78. ▶ Nov 16 - International Day for Tolerance. Declared by UNESCO in 1995 to generate public awareness of dangers of intolerance.
- ✎ On This Day, World Tolerance Summit (WTS) 2018 held in Dubai (UAE) with theme *Prospering from Pluralism: Embracing Diversity through Innovation and Collaboration*.
79. ▶ Nov 16 - National Press Day (NPD). This was the day on which Press Council of India (PCI) started functioning.
80. ▶ Nov 17 - International Students' Day.
- ✎ Originally commemorates Nazi storming of Czech universities in 1939 and subsequent killing and sending of students to concentration camps.
 - ✎ Note that *World Students' Day* is observed annually on Oct 15, marking birth anniversary of Former Indian President and Noted Missile Scientist A. P. J. Abdul Kalam. In 2015, United Nations declared 15 October as *World Students' Day*.
 - ✎ *World Teachers' Day* is held annually on October 5. Established in 1994, it commemorates signing of the 1966 UNESCO/ILO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers.
 - ✎ National Teachers' Day in India is observed annually on September 05, on Birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, first Vice President of India (1952–1962) and 2nd President of India (1962-1967).
81. ▶ Nov 19 - International Men's Day.
82. ▶ Nov 19 - National Integration Day in India, marking Birth Anniversary of Former PM Indira Gandhi.
- ✎ On this occasion, Govt announced that Delhi-based environment think-tank Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) will be awarded Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development 2018, for its steadfast advocacy of measures to combat environmental deterioration and for its success in influencing public policies and programmes.
83. ▶ Nov 19 - World Toilet Day.
- ✎ On Occasion of World Toilet Day, Sulabh International introduced India's first sewer cleaning machine to end unsafe manual scavenging.
84. ▶ Nov 20 - Africa Industrialization Day (AID). 2018 theme is 'Promoting Regional Value Chains in Africa'.
85. ▶ Nov 20 - Universal Children's Day. It was established in 1954 by UN. Note that India's National Children's Day is observed on Nov 14, marking birth anniversary of first Prime Minister of India, Jawahar Lal Nehru.
86. ▶ Nov 21 - World Fisheries day.
87. ▶ Nov 21 - World Television Day.
88. ▶ Nov 25 - International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. 2018 theme is *Orange the World: #HearMeToo*. It marks launch of 16 days of activism that will conclude on 10 December 2018, International Human Rights Day.
89. ▶ Nov 26 - Indian Constitution Day. On this day in 1949, constitution was adopted which came into force on January 26, 1950. On 19th November 2015, Government of India declared November 26th as Constitution Day.
90. ▶ Nov 26 - National Milk Day. It marks birth anniversary of Varghese Kurien, founder of dairy firm Amul. He is also known as Milk Man of India.
91. ▶ Nov 29 - UN International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.
92. ▶ Nov 5 - World Tsunami Awareness Day.
93. ▶ Nov 5, 2018 - Ministry of AYUSH observes Ayurveda Day every year on Dhanawantari Jayanti (Dhanteras). On this occasion, Ministry organized a "National Seminar on Entrepreneurship and Business Development in Ayurveda" in New Delhi.
94. ▶ Nov 8 - International Day of Radiology.
95. ▶ 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. Nov 9 is also known as Uttarakhand Statehood Day. State was formed on Nov 09, 2000.
96. ▶ Oct 01 - International Coffee Day. 2018 theme is *Women in Coffee*. Oct 1 is also observed as World Vegetarian Day.
97. ▶ Oct 01 - International Day of Older Persons. 2018 theme is *Celebrating Older Human Rights Champions*. On this occasion, Vice President Venkaiah Naidu conferred *Vayoshreshtha Samman-2018* on eminent senior citizens and institutions.
98. ▶ Oct 01 - World Habitat Day. 2018 theme is *Municipal Solid Waste Management*.

99. ▶ Oct 02, 2018. 150th Birth Anniversary of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi. Its also observed as UN International Non Violence Day, since 2007.
- ▶ Mahatma Gandhi International Sanitation Convention (MGISC) held in New Delhi.
 - ▶ Earlier, On Sep 15 of 2018, PM Modi launched mega countrywide campaign- Swachhata hi Seva Campaign 2018.
 - ▶ PM Narendra Modi inaugurated Mahatma Gandhi Museum in Rajkot (Gujarat). He also launched Mujkva Solar Energy Cooperative Group in Gujarat, created with assistance of National Dairy development Board.
 - ▶ On this occasion, Odisha government launched its own State Food Security Scheme (SFSS). Under this, 18.32 lakh poor and eligible people will receive 5 kg of rice at rate of Rupee 1 per kg. This is in response to the failure of the central government's approval against the state's request to include 25 lakh people under NFSA.
 - ▶ 6 US lawmakers (Including 6 Indian Americans) moved a resolution in US House of Representatives to posthumously award the Congressional Gold Medal to Mahatma Gandhi for his contribution towards promotion of peace and non-violence.
 - ▶ On this occasion, SIDBI launched a National Level Entrepreneurship Awareness Campaign, Udyam Abhilasha in 115 Aspirational Districts identified by NITI Aayog. Campaign would run from Oct 3 - 8, 2018 across India. Objectives include -
 - ▶ Inspire rural youth in aspirational districts to be entrepreneurs by assisting them to set up their own enterprise
 - ▶ Impart trainings through digital medium, to create business opportunities for CSC VLEs (Village level entrepreneurs).
 - ▶ On this occasion, world's largest dome inaugurated at Maharashtra Institute of Technology (MIT)'s World Peace University (MIT-WPU) campus in Pune (Maharashtra). It has diameter of 160 feet, overtaking earlier record holding Vatican Dome having diameter of 139.6 feet . It stands 263 feet tall with bell hanging from centre and has prayer hall with area of around 30,000 sq ft.
 - ▶ On this occasion, National Khadi Festival 2018 began in Mumbai, organised by Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) to promote Khadi products.
 - ▶ Ministry of Railways was named the best department for its contribution to "Swachhta Pakhwada" under the "Swachhta Hi Seva" category of awards.
 - ▶ Assam Govt.launched Universal Pension scheme in the state. Under it, pension will be given to all BPL and APL ration card holders over 60 years of age.
 - ▶ 50 lakh rupees has sanctioned to filmmaker Rima Das whose movie Village Rockstar has been nominated for Oscars.
 - ▶ Small tea growers exempted from levy of cess amounting to 10 paise per kilogram.
 - ▶ Approved amendment in Assam GST Act by which GST registration has been relaxed from 10 lakh rupees annual turnover to 20 lakh rupees annual turnover.
 - ▶ Sports University Bill introduced to set up a sports university at Chabua named after Aniruddha Dev.
100. ▶ Oct 04 - World Animal Day.It marks *feast day* of Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals.
101. ▶ Oct 09 - World Post Day. It marks anniversary of establishment of the Universal Postal Union in 1874 in Swiss Capital, Bern. 2018 theme is *Imagine you are a letter travelling through time. What message do you wish to convey to your readers?.* Oct 9 - 15 is also observed as Postal Week in India.
102. ▶ Oct 1 - World Vegetarian Day.
103. ▶ Oct 10 - World Mental Health Day. 2018 Theme is 'Young People and Mental Health in a Changing World'. On this Occasion, Britain Govt appointed Jackie Doyle-Price as Nation's First suicide-prevention minister, as part of a national effort to reduce number of people who take their own lives.
104. ▶ Oct 11 - International Day of the Girl Child. 2018 theme was *With Her: A Skilled Girl Force.*
105. ▶ Oct 11 - World Obesity Day. 2018 theme is *It's time to End Weight Stigma.* It is also named as World Sight Day.
106. ▶ Oct 12 - World Egg Day. It is also named as World Arthritis Day.
107. ▶ Oct 13 - International Day for Disaster Reduction (IDDR). 2018 theme is *Reducing Disaster Economic Losses.*
 - ▶ On This occasion, United Nations report titled 'Economic Losses, Poverty and Disasters 1998-2017' was released. As per the report -
 - ▶ India suffered \$79.5 billion economic loss due to climate-related disasters in last 20 years.
 - ▶ Greatest economic losses was experienced by United Stats at \$944.8 billion followed by China (\$492.2 billion), Japan (\$376.3 billion), India (\$79.5 billion), Puerto Rico (\$71.7 billion), France (\$48.3 billion).
 - ▶ Floods (43.4%) followed by storms (28.2%) are the two most frequently occurring disasters.
108. ▶ Oct 13 - World Migratory Bird Day. 2018 theme is *Unifying our Voices for Bird Conservation.*
109. ▶ Oct 14 - World Standards day.
110. ▶ Oct 15 - International Day of Rural Women. 2018 theme is *Sustainable infrastructure, services and social protection for gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls.* It is observed as Rashtriya Mahila Kisan Diwas in India.

111. ▶ Oct 15 - World Students' Day. In 2010, UN declared 15 October as World Students' Day, commemorating birth anniversary of Late APJ Abdul Kalam, scientist and former President of India.
112. ▶ Oct 16 - World Food Day. 2018 Theme is Our actions are our future – A zero hunger world by 2030 is possible.
- ▶ On this occasion, Government launched national campaign 'Swasth Bharat Yatra', to sensitise people about eating safe food and be healthy. Under it, pan-India cycle rally is being organized to create consumer awareness about eating safe and nutritious food for becoming healthy and combating food adulteration.
 - ▶ On this occasion, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Radha Mohan Singh inaugurated a two-day Agri-startup and Entrepreneurship event in New Delhi.
 - ▶ On This Occasion, West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee launched 'Khadya Sathi' Food security scheme.
113. ▶ Oct 17 - UN International Day for Eradication of Poverty. 2018 theme is *Coming together with those furthest behind to build an inclusive world of universal respect for human rights and dignity*.
114. ▶ Oct 20 - National Solidarity day. On October 20, 1962, China started the attacks on India and the Sino-Indian War started.
115. ▶ Oct 20 - World Osteoporosis Day. Osteoporosis is a disease in which bones become weak and brittle and increases the risk of a broken bone.
116. ▶ Oct 21 - Police Commemoration Day, observed in memory of policemen killed at Hot Springs in Ladakh by Chinese troops on this date in 1959. On this occasion, National Police Memorial was dedicated to nation by PM Narendra Modi, in Chanakyapuri (New Delhi).
- ▶ On this Occasion, PM also announced an annual award in name of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose for police and paramilitary forces for commendable contributions in disaster relief operations.
117. ▶ Oct 22 - International Stuttering Awareness Day.
118. ▶ Oct 24 - 2nd World Diplomats Day. It began in 2017.
119. ▶ Oct 24 - United Nations Day. It marks enactment of UN Charter on this day in 1945. 2018 theme is *Traditions of Peace and Non-violence*. It is also observed as World Development Information Day, established in 1972.
- ▶ 2018 UN Day Concert held at UN Headquarters in New York (US). Theme of this year's concert, which is sponsored by Permanent Mission of India to UN, is *Traditions of Peace and Non-violence*.
 - ▶ Oct 24 is also observed as World Polio Day.
120. ▶ Oct 27- World Day for Audiovisual Heritage. 2018 theme is "Your Story is Moving".
121. ▶ Oct 28 - International Animation Day.
122. ▶ Oct 31 - Rashtriya Ekta Diwas.
- ▶ It was introduced by Government of India in 2014, marking Birth Anniversary of Legendary Leader and 1st Deputy PM of India, Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel.
 - ▶ On this occasion, PM Narendra Modi inaugurated Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's memorial in Gujarat's Narmada district. Called the Statue of Unity, the bronze sculpture is the world's tallest statue measuring 600 feet (182m). It has overtook China's Spring Temple Buddha (153m) and USA's Statue of Liberty (93m). It was constructed in 33 months at 2,989 crores.
 - ▶ On this occasion, Home Minister Rajnath Singh flagged off 'Run for Unity' from Major Dhyan Chand Stadium (New Delhi). PM Narendra Modi also unveiled the 'Wall of Unity', a wall created with the earth samples collected from various states across country.
123. ▶ Oct 31 - World Cities Day. 2018 Sub-theme is *Building Sustainable and Resilient Cities*.
124. ▶ Oct 5 - World Teachers' Day. 2018 marks 70th anniversary of Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948) that recognizes education as a key fundamental right. 2018 theme is *The right to education means the right to a qualified teacher*.
- ▶ Note that In India, National Teachers Day is held on Sep 5. It marks Birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan (2nd President of India).
125. ▶ Oct 8, 2018 - 86th Indian Air Force Day. It was officially established on October 8, 1932 as an auxiliary air force of the British Empire and the prefix Royal was added in 1945 in recognition of its services during World War II.
- ▶ On this occasion, IAF launched 'MedWatch' mobile health app to provide health information to users, including first-aid and other health and nutritional topics. It is first of its kind mobile health app built by any of the three armed forces.
126. ▶ On 26 November 2018, India marked 10th anniversary of 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks by Pakistani Terrorists. US Announced a reward of \$5 million for those who will help to find the people involved in Attacks.
127. ▶ Qaumi Ekta Week (National Integration Week) observed during November 19 - 25, 2018 -
- ▶ November 19 - National Integration Day.
 - ▶ November 20 - Welfare of Minorities Day.
 - ▶ November 21 - Linguistic Harmony Day.
 - ▶ November 22 - Weaker Sections Day.

- ✎ November 23 - Cultural Unity Day.
 - ✎ November 24 - Women's Day.
 - ✎ November 25 - Conservation Day.
128. ▶ Sep 05 - International Day of Charity.
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130. ▶ Sep 05 - National Teachers' Day in India.
- ✎ On this occasion, Vice President Venkaih Naidu presented National Awards for Teachers 2017 to 45 teachers from across country.
 - ✎ It marks birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, first Vice-President, and second President of independent India. Celebration of National Teacher's Day started in 1962.
 - ✎ As a gift on occasion of Teachers' Day, Uttar Pradesh government has decided to give 7th pay commission pay scale to teachers and professors of state colleges and universities.
 - ✎ On this occasion, A book named 'Experiential Learning – Gandhi's Nai Talim' (basic education) was released.
131. ▶ Sep 08 - International Literacy Day. 2018 theme is *Literacy and skills development*.
132. ▶ Sep 10 - World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD).
133. ▶ Sep 12 - International Day for South-South Cooperation.
134. ▶ Sep 14 - National Hindi Divas. marking adaptation of Hindi language as official language of India by Constituent Assembly of India on 14 September 1949. Under Article 343 of Constitution, Hindi written in Devanagiri script was adopted as official language.
- ✎ On this occasion, President Ram Nath Kovind presented Rajbhasha awards for Year 2016-17 at Rashtrapati Bhawan. PNB bagged *Rajbhasha Kirti* award for outstanding performance in implementing Official Language Policy during 2017-18.
135. ▶ Sep 15 - Engineers' Day in India. IOT marks birth anniversary of Sh. Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya, a world-renowned civil engineer who was a master of irrigation design.
- ✎ He was awarded India's highest honour, Bharat Ratna, in 1955 for his work in engineering and education. He was also awarded British knighthood King also awarded to by George V, giving him the honorific "sir".
136. ▶ Sep 15 - International Coastal Cleanup Day.
137. ▶ Sep 15 - International Day of Democracy. 2018 theme is *Democracy under Strain: Solutions for a Changing World*. Day was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in 2007 to strengthen national programmes devoted to promotion and consolidation of democracy.
138. ▶ Sep 16 - UN International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer.
- ✎ This designation was made on December 19 2000, in commemoration of the date, in 1987, on which nations signed the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.
 - ✎ On this occasion, Ministry of Power launched Chiller Star Labelling Program to encourage deployment of energy efficient chiller systems in India. Based on test certificate from designated agencies and after verification from Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), star label on the scale of 1 (less efficient) to 5 (most efficient) will be assigned.
 - ✎ It will help in saving over 500 million units of electricity in 2019 along with Green House Gases reduction of 0.5 million-ton equivalent of CO₂. It will also save more than 4 billion units of electricity by 2030 with CO₂ emission reduction of 3.5 million ton.
 - ✎ On this occasion, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC) released draft India Cooling Action Plan (ICAP), making India first country in world to develop such document. It aims to provide sustainable cooling, while protecting ozone layer.
 - ✎ It provides a 20-year perspective, with projections for cooling needs in 2037-38.
 - ✎ Goals suggested in ICAP are -
 - ✎ Reduce refrigerant demand by 25% to 30% by year 2037-38.
 - ✎ Reduce cooling demand across sectors by 20% to 25 % by 2037-38.
 - ✎ Reduce cooling energy requirements by 25% to 40% by 2037-38.
 - ✎ Train and certify 100,000 servicing sector technicians by 2022-23, in synergy with Skill India Mission.
139. ▶ Sep 21 - International Day of Peace. 2018 Theme is *The Right to Peace – The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 70*. Sep 21 is also observed as World Alzheimer's Day.
140. ▶ Sep 23 - International Day of Sign Languages. 2018 theme is *With Sign Language, Everyone is Included*. Sep 23, 2018 Also marks Centenary of the Battle of Haifa, when on 23 Sep 1918, Indian soldiers from Jodhpur, Mysore and Hyderabad Lancers liberated city of Haifa (Israel).
141. ▶ Sep 26 - International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons, proclaimed by United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) by adopting resolution 68/32 in December 2013.

142. ▶ Sep 27 - World Tourism Day. 2018 theme is *Tourism and the Digital Transformation*. Hungary is the host country for 2018's WTD, While India will be official Host country for WTD 2019. This year, 77 awardees were honored under National Tourism Awards 2016-17. Notable Awardees are -
- ✎ Best State/ UT (Comprehensive Development of Tourism) - Andhra Pradesh (1), Kerala (2), Goa & Rajasthan (Joint 3rd). Sikkim in category of Jammu & Kashmir & North East of India including Sikkim.
 - ✎ Madhya Pradesh won Hall of Fame National Award, given to a state for being best for tourism three years consecutively. MP also won 10 other awards.
 - ✎ Best Tourist Friendly Railway Station - Secunderabad Railway Station
 - ✎ Best Tourist Friendly Airport - Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport Ahmedabad (Class X cities), Devi Ahilyabai Holkar Airport Indore (Rest of India)
 - ✎ Best Film Promotion Friendly State/ UT - Rajasthan
 - ✎ Best Tourism Film - Department of Tourism, Govt. of Kerala for 'Live Inspired'.
 - ✎ Best Heritage City - Ahmedabad (Gujarat) and Mandu (Madhya Pradesh) as Joint Winners.
 - ✎ Tourism Minister also launched 'Incredible India Mobile App' and the 'Incredible India Tourist Facilitators Certification' programme.
143. ▶ Sep 27, 2018 - World Maritime Day (WMD) 2018. It is observed every year on last Thursday of September. 2018 theme is *IMO 70: Our Heritage – Better Shipping for a Better Future*. The day was first observed in 1978.
144. ▶ Sep 29 - World Heart Day.
145. ▶ Sep 30 - International Translation Day. 2018 Theme is *Translation: promoting cultural heritage in changing times*.
146. ▶ Sep 9 is observed as Himalaya Day in Uttarakhand , since 2014 onwards.
147. ▶ September 2 - World coconut day.
148. ▶ Winter solstice 2018 took place on December 21, as time of the year when one of the Earth's poles has its maximum tilt away from the Sun. Winter Solstice happens twice yearly, once in each hemisphere. It marks shortest day of the year in the northern hemisphere.

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