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#### Days

- ▶ 12th *Earth Hour* observed across world on 24 March 2018 to take a global call on climate change. To mark this, cities worldwide turned their lights off for one hour from 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm local time.
- ▶ 20th of May 2018 is first World Bee day, declared by United Nations General Assembly. First World Bee Day celebrations held in Slovenia.
- ▶ 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 13, 2018 Marks 99th Anniversary of Jallianwallah Bagh Massacre. Troops of British Indian Army under command of Reginald Dyer fired rifles into a crowd of Baishakhi pilgrims gathered There.
- ▶ 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 15 - Statehood Day of Himachal Pradesh. It was formed on Apr 15, 1948.
- ▶ 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*.
- ▶ 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).

14. ▶ Apr 22 - World Earth Day. 2018 Theme is *End Plastic Pollution*.
15. ▶ 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.
16. ▶ Apr 23 - World Book and Copyright Day and World English Language Day. World Book Capital for 2018 is Athens, Greece.
17. ▶ 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.
18. ▶ Apr 28 - World Day for Safety and Health at Work. 2018 theme is *Occupational safety health (OSH) vulnerability of young workers*.
19. ▶ Apr 29 - International Dance Day. It marks birthday of Jean-Georges Noverre, creator of modern ballet.
20. ▶ Apr 30 - International Jazz Day, declared by UNESCO In 2011. Saint Petersburg (Russia) is Global Host City for International Jazz Day 2018.
21. ▶ Apr 4 - International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action. 2018 Theme is *Advancing protection, Peace and Development*.
22. ▶ Apr 5 - Birth Anniversary of Noted Indian politician Babu Jagjivan Ram, observed as Samta Diwas.
23. ▶ Apr 6 - International Day of Sport for Development and Peace.
24. ▶ 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.
25. ▶ April 17 - World Haemophilia Day. 2018 theme is *Sharing Knowledge Makes Us Stronger*.
26. ▶ April 2 - World Autism Awareness Day. 2018 theme is *Empowering Women and Girls with Autism*.
27. ▶ April 2 is Foundation day of SIDBI (Small Industries Development Bank of India). On this occasion, *Samridhi - The Virtual Assistant* and Bankability Kit (in partnership with Bank of Baroda and IDBI Bank).
28. ▶ 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'.
29. ▶ April 8 - International Romani Day. It marks Romani culture and raise awareness of the issues facing Romani people.
30. ▶ 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.
31. ▶ 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).
32. ▶ 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.
33. ▶ Dec 10 - Human Rights Day. 2017 Theme is *Let's stand up for equality, justice and human dignity*.
34. ▶ Dec 11 - International Mountain Day. 2017 theme is *Mountains under pressure: climate, hunger and migration*.
35. ▶ Dec 12 - UN International Day of Neutrality. It was declared in Feb 2017 by UN after being recommended by Turkmenistan.
36. ▶ 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 - Its a Safe Delivery Application for health workers who manage normal and complicated deliveries in peripheral areas.
37. ▶ 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.
38. ▶ Dec 16 is observed as Vijay Diwas, marking India's military victory over Pakistan in 1971 during Indo-Pakistani War of 1971.
39. ▶ 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.
40. ▶ Dec 19 is observed as Liberation Day of Goa. It was liberated on 19th December in 1961 from Portuguese control after almost 450 years of colonial rule.
  41. ▶ Dec 2 - International Day for Abolition of Slavery. December 2 is also observed as computer literacy day.
  42. ▶ Dec 20 - International Human Solidarity Day.
  43. ▶ 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.
  44. ▶ 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).
  45. ▶ 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.
  46. ▶ Dec 3 - Birth Anniversary of first President of India, Dr. Rajendra Prasad.
  47. ▶ 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.
  48. ▶ Dec 5 - International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development.
  49. ▶ Dec 5 - World Soil Day. 2017 theme is *Caring for the Planet starts from the Ground*.
  50. ▶ Dec 6 is Known as Mahiparinirvan Diwas in India, marking Passing away of Dr B R Ambedkar On Dec 6, 1956.
  51. ▶ Dec 7 - Indian Armed Forces Flag Day.
  52. ▶ Dec 7 - International Civil Aviation Day. 2017 theme is *Working Together to Ensure No Country is Left Behind*.
  53. ▶ Dec 9 - International Anti-Corruption Day (IACD). 2017 Theme is *United against corruption for development, peace and security*.
  54. ▶ 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.
  55. ▶ 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.
  56. ▶ Feb 06 - International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation.
  57. ▶ Feb 1 - Foundation day of Indian Coast Guard (ICG).
  58. ▶ Feb 11 - International Day of Women and Girls in Science.
  59. ▶ 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.
60. ▶ Feb 20 - World Day of Social Justice. 2018 theme is *Workers on the Move: the Quest for Social Justice*.
61. ▶ Feb 21 - International Mother Language Day (IMLD). 2018 Theme is *Linguistic diversity and multilingualism count for sustainable development*.
62. ▶ Feb 24 - Central Excise Day.
63. ▶ 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.
64. ▶ Feb 28 - World Rare Disease Day. It is observed annually on Last day of February.
65. ▶ Google launched '#SecurityCheckKiya' campaign in India to create awareness around Internet safety. It was launched on occasion of Safer Internet Day (6 February).
-  On this occasion, Google and National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) signed a pact to integrate a course on 'Digital Citizenship and Safety' in information and communication technology (ICT) curriculum.
66. ▶ Govt. stated that birth anniversary of BR Ambedkar (14th April) will be celebrated as 'Social Justice Day'.
67. ▶ 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.
68. ▶ Jan 04 - World Braille Day. It commemorates contribution of Louis Braille who invented reading and writing system that helped blind people across world.
69. ▶ 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.
70. ▶ 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.
71. ▶ 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.
72. ▶ 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.
73. ▶ 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.
74. ▶ Jan 24 - National Girl Child Day.
-  Delhi Govt held *Girl Child Week programme* to celebrate girl child and spread awareness on gender equality.
75. ▶ Jan 24 - Uttar Pradesh Diwas. On this occasion, UP Government approved *one district, one product* scheme to promote products indigenous to every district. Under this, one product indigenous to every district of Uttar Pradesh would be showcased at 3 day UP Diwas event.
76. ▶ Jan 25 - National Voters' Day. 2018 Theme is *Accessible Elections*.
77. ▶ Jan 25 - Statehood Day of Himachal Pradesh.
78. ▶ Jan 26 - International Customs Day. 2018 theme is *A secure business environment for economic development*.
79. ▶ 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
Nguyen 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.

80. ▶ Jan 27 - International Holocaust Remembrance Day. Holocaust means *destruction or slaughter on a mass scale, especially caused by fire or nuclear war.*

81. ▶ Jan 28, 2018 - World Leprosy Day 2018. It is observed internationally every year on last Sunday of January.

82. ▶ 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.

83. ▶ Mar 1 - Zero Discrimination Day. It is also observed as World Civil Defence Day.



84. ▶ Mar 12 - Commonwealth Day 2018. It is observed on 2nd Monday of March.

85. ▶ Mar 14 - International Pi ( $\pi$ ) 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  $\pi$ .

86. ▶ 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](http://jagograhakjago.gov.in).
87. ▶ Mar 18 - Global Recycling Day.
88. ▶ Mar 20 - International Day of Happiness. 2018 theme is *Share Happiness - focusing on the importance of relationships, kindness and helping each other*.
89. ▶ Mar 20 - World sparrow day (WSD).
90. ▶ Mar 21 - UN International Day of Forests. 2018 Theme is *Forests and Sustainable Cities*.  
 On this occasion, Chhattisgarh was handed over National Water Dignity Award for Water Conservation - Diversion, and increasing irrigation capacity.
91. ▶ Mar 21 - UNESCO World Poetry Day.
92. ▶ 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.
93. ▶ 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*.
94. ▶ 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.
95. ▶ Mar 23 - World Meteorological Day.
96. ▶ 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.
97. ▶ 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*.
98. ▶ Mar 27 - World Theatre Day.
99. ▶ Mar 3 - World Hearing Day. 2018 Theme is *Hear the future*.
100. ▶ 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*.
101. ▶ Mar 8 - World Kidney Day. It is celebrated annually throughout world on second Thursday of March.
102. ▶ Mar 21 - 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*.
103. ▶ March 26 - Independence day of Neighbouring Nation Bangladesh.
104. ▶ 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.
105. ▶ May 02 - World Tuna Day. 2018 theme is *Smart Tuna – Smart Ocean*.
106. ▶ 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'.
107. ▶ May 1 - World Asthma Day. 2018 theme is *Never too early, never too late. It's always the right time to address airways disease*.
108. ▶ May 1 - International Workers' Day, also known as Labour Day AND May Day. 2018 Theme is *Uniting Workers for Social and Economic Advancement*.
109. ▶ 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*.
110. ▶ 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.

111. ▶ May 12 - World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD). 2018 theme is *Unifying our Voices for Bird Conservation*.
112. ▶ May 15 - International Day of Families. 2018 theme is *Families and inclusive societies*.
113. ▶ May 16 - UNESCO International Day of Light AND International Day of Living Together in Peace.
114. ▶ May 17 - World Hypertension Day. 2018 theme is *Know Your Numbers*.
115. ▶ May 17 - World Telecommunication and Information Society Day. 2018 Theme is *Enabling the positive use of Artificial Intelligence for All*.
116. ▶ 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.
117. ▶ May 20 - World Metrology Day. 2018 Theme is *Constant evolution of the International System of Units*.
118. ▶ 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*.
119. ▶ 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.
120. ▶ May 23 - World Turtle Day.
121. ▶ May 24 - Commonwealth Day.
122. ▶ May 25 - World Thyroid Day.
123. ▶ May 28 - International Day of Action for Women's Health.
124. ▶ May 29 - International Day of UN Peacekeepers. 2018 Theme is *UN Peacekeepers: 70 Years of Service and Sacrifice*.
125. ▶ 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.
126. ▶ May 31 - World No Tobacco Day. 2018 theme is *Tobacco and heart disease*.
127. ▶ May 4 - International Firefighters' Day.
128. ▶ May 5 - World Cartoonist's Day.
129. ▶ May 6, 2018 - World Laughter Day 2018. It is celebrated on First Sunday of May of every year.
130. ▶ May 7, 2018 - 58th Raising day of Border Roads Organisation (BRO). It is also observed as World Athletics Day.
131. ▶ May 8 - World Red Cross Day. Theme of 2018 is *Memorable smiles from around the world*.

132. ▶ 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.
133. ▶ National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) celebrated its 13th Raising Day on Jan 19, 2018.
134. ▶ National Institute of Transforming India (NITI) Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission named Dec 14 as Atal Tinkering Lab's Community Day.
-  It marks Community Drive Initiative in which 25 young Mentors engaged with over 200 students who are not enrolled in formal education.
135. ▶ 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.
136. ▶ UN Chosen India to host World Environment Day to be held on June 5 with theme *Beat Plastic Pollution*.
137. ▶ 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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