

Important Dates & Days in October 2018

Date	Day	Details
October 1	International Day of Older Persons	The day is observed on 1st October every year to reaffirm the commitment to promoting the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by older persons. 2018 theme – ‘Celebrating Older Human Rights champions’
October 2	International Day of Non-Violence	The International Day of Non-Violence is marked on 2 October, the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the Indian independence movement and pioneer of the philosophy and strategy of non-violence.
October 5	World Teachers’ Day	World Teachers’ Day, also known as International Teachers Day, is held annually on October 5. Established in 1994 aims to focus on “appreciating, assessing and improving the educators of the world”.
October 5	World Smile Day	World Smile Day is celebrated on the first Friday in the month of October every year. The idea of was coined and initiated by Harvey Ball, a commercial artist from Worcester, Massachusetts. The World’s first World Smile Day was held in the year 1999.
October 8	Indian Air Force’s 86th anniversary	The Indian Air Force (IAF) is the air arm of the Indian armed forces. It ranks fourth amongst the airforces of the world. It was officially established on 8 October 1932 as an auxiliary air force of the British Empire.
October 8	Andaman and Nicobar Command 18th Raising Day	The Andaman and Nicobar Command, the only joint tri-services operational Command of the country, is celebrating its 18th Raising Day. The joint tri-services operational Command was created in 2001 to safeguard India’s strategic interests in the region.
October 9	World Post Day	World Post Day is celebrated each year on 9 October, the anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union in 1874 in the Swiss Capital, Bern. It was declared World Post Day by the UPU Congress held in Tokyo, Japan in 1969.
October 4 to October 10	World Space Week	World Space Week is an annual holiday observed from 4–10 October in various parts of the world, including Europe and Asia. World Space Week is officially defined as “an international celebration of science and technology, and their contribution to the betterment of the human condition.
October 10	World Mental Health Day	World Mental Health Day is observed on 10 October every year, with the overall objective of raising awareness of mental health issues around the world and mobilizing efforts in support of mental health.

October 11	International Day of the Girl Child	International Day of Girl Child is an international observance day declared by the United Nations; it is also called the Day of Girls and the International Day of Girls. 2018 Theme – With Her: A Skilled Girl Force.
October 12	World Egg Day	World Egg Day is celebrated around the world and helps to raise awareness of the benefits of eggs and their importance in human nutrition.
October 13	International Day for Disaster Reduction	The International Day for Disaster Reduction was started in 1989, after a call by the United Nations General Assembly for a day to promote a global culture of risk-awareness and disaster reduction. The 2018 theme continues as part of the “Sendai Seven” campaign, centred on the seven targets of the Sendai Framework. This year focuses on Target C of the Sendai Framework, reducing disaster economic losses in relation to global GDP by 2030.
October 15	Mahila Kisan Diwas	Mahila Kisan Diwas is being celebrated to increase the active participation of women in agriculture. Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh will address the function in New Delhi.
October 15	Former President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam birth anniversary	A grateful nation is remembering former President Dr A P J Abdul Kalam on his birth anniversary. Dr Kalam is also known as the Missile Man of India.
October 16	World Food Day	World Food Day is celebrated every year around the world on 16 October in honor of the date of the founding of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in 1945.
October 17	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	The United Nations’ (UN) International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is observed on October 17 each year since 1993. It promotes people’s awareness of the need to eradicate poverty and destitution worldwide, particularly in developing countries.
		2018 theme – “Coming together with those furthest behind to build an inclusive world of universal respect for human rights and dignity”
October 20	World Statistics Day	World Statistics Day on October 20 aims to show that good data and statistics are indispensable for informed decision-making by all actors in society. The United Nations event is celebrated every 5 years. The resolution was adopted by the UN General Assembly on June 3, 2015. This is the second World Statistics Day. Theme: Better Data, Better Lives

October 24	United Nations Day	24 October has been celebrated as United Nations Day since 1948. On this day United Nations was created. The United Nations Day celebrates and honors all the work they have done to promote peace around the world and all the good they have done with their network of specialized agencies.
October 24	World Development Information Day	The United Nations' (UN) World Development Information Day is annually held on October 24 to draw attention of worldwide public opinion to development problems and the need to strengthen international cooperation to solve them.
October 24	World Polio Day 2018	World Polio Day will be celebrated on 24th October 2018 globally, to generate awareness towards eradication of polio as well as to commemorate the efforts of thousands of employees of WHO and other volunteers committed to the eradication of Polio. Theme 2018 – “End Polio Now” .
October 27	World Day for Audiovisual Heritage	The World Day for Audiovisual Heritage takes place every 27 October. This commemorative day was chosen by UNESCO (the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) in 2005 to raise of awareness of the significance of and preservation risks recorded sound and audiovisual documents. Theme “Your Story is Moving”.
October 30	Dr Homi Jehangir Bhabha birth anniversary	Dr Homi Jehangir Bhabha birth anniversary, the Father of India's nuclear programme and a stalwart of scientific research in India, Dr Bhabha, laid the foundation of several iconic institutions.
October 31	World Cities Day	The first World Cities Day was celebrated in Shanghai, China on 31 October 2014. The day is expected to greatly promote the international community's interest in global urbanization enhance cooperation among countries and cities in meeting opportunities and addressing challenges of urbanization, and contribute to sustainable urban development. 2018 Theme: Better City, Better Life
October 31	'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas' (National Unity Day)	Sardar Patel was instrumental in keeping India united. He was the first Home Minister and Deputy Prime Minister of India. He is credited for the integration of over 500 independent princely states in 1947-49 from the British colonial provinces by Independence Act 1947. He is known as the Iron Man of India or Bismarck of India and he is also remembered as the Patron Saint of India's civil servants for establishing modern all-India services.
29th October - 3rd November	Vigilance Awareness Week	The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) observes the Vigilance Awareness Week every year during the week in which the birthday of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (31st October) falls. Theme for this year is ‘Eradicate Corruption-Build a New India’

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