

Important Dates & Days in December 2018

Date	Day	Details
December 01	World AIDS Day	World AIDS Day takes place on the 1st December each year. It's an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, to show support for people living with HIV, and to commemorate those who have died from an AIDS-related illness. Founded in 1988, World AIDS Day was the first ever global health day. The theme for the 2018 World AIDS Day is "Know your status".
December 01	Nagaland Statehood Day	55th Nagaland Statehood Anniversary programme was held at the Secretariat Plaza, Kohima on December 1, 2018. On this day, in 1963, Nagaland attains its statehood and was declared as the 16th state of the Indian Union.
December 2	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery	The International Day for the Abolition of Slavery is a yearly event on December 2, organized by the United Nations General Assembly of the United Nations Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others (resolution 317(IV) of 2 December 1949). The Day was first celebrated in 1986. First country to abolish slavery – 1807, Britain passes Abolition of the Slave Trade Act.
December 3	International Day of Persons with Disabilities	International Day of Persons with Disabilities (December 3) is an international observance promoted by the United Nations since 1992. It has been observed with varying degrees of success around the planet. 2018 Theme: Empowering persons with disabilities and ensuring inclusiveness and equality
December 4	Navy Day	Navy Day in India is observed on 4 December every year to celebrate the achievements and role of the naval force to the country. The Indian Navy is the marine branch of the Indian Armed Forces and is led by the President of India as Commander-in-Chief.
December 5	World Soil Day	The International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS), in 2002, adopted a resolution proposing the 5th of December as World Soil Day to celebrate the importance of soil as a critical component of the natural system and as a vital contributor to human wellbeing. 2018 Theme – 'Be the Solution to Soil Pollution'.

December 5	International Volunteer Day	The International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development (5 December), more commonly referred to as International Volunteer Day (IVD), is an international observance mandated by the UN General Assembly in 1985. It is celebrated by many non-governmental organizations, civil society, and the private sector, among others. It is also marked and supported by the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme. Theme “Volunteers build Resilient Communities”
December 6	63rd Mahaparinirvan Diwas of Ambedkar	The President Shri Ram Nath Kovind led the nation in paying homage to Bharat Ratna Baba Saheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on his 63rd Mahaparinirvan Diwas.
December 7	Armed Forces Flag Day	7th December marks the Armed Forces Flag Day. It is a day to express gratitude to the martyrs as well as the men and women in uniform.
December 7	International Civil Aviation Day	In 1996 the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed that 7 December was to be the International Civil Aviation Day. The day has been celebrated by the International Civil Aviation Organization since 7 December 1994, the 50th anniversary of the signing the Convention on International Civil Aviation. Theme – Working Together to Ensure No Country is Left Behind.
December 8	Submarine Day	The Indian Navy is celebrating Submarine Day. The day commemorates the induction of the first submarine, the erstwhile INS Kalvari, into the Navy on this day in 1967.
December 8	34th SAARC Charter Day	Prime Minister of Nepal K.P.Sharma Oli has greeted member states of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) and people of South Asia on the occasion of 34th SAARC Charter Day. SAARC was established with the signing of the SAARC Charter in Dhaka on 8 December 1985. SAARC comprises of eight Member States- Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.
December 9	International Anti-Corruption Day	International Anti-Corruption Day has been observed annually, on 9 December, since the passage of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption on 31 October 2003 to raise public awareness for anti-corruption.
December 10	Human Rights Day	Human Rights Day is observed every year on 10 December, which is the anniversary of the day that the United Nations General Assembly adopted, in 1948, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. In 2018, Human Rights Day will mark the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

December 11	International Mountain Day	International Mountain Day, held each year on 11 December, which was established by the UN General Assembly in 2003 to encourage sustainable development in mountains. 2018 theme: “#MountainsMatter”
December 11	Subramania Bharatiyar Birth Anniversary	Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu pay tributes to Tamil Poet, Subramania Bharatiyar on his Birth Anniversary
December 12	International Universal Health Coverage Day	Universal Health Coverage Day is celebrated annually on December 12 and is promoted by the World Health Organization. December 12 is the anniversary of the first unanimous United Nations resolution calling for all nations to provide for their citizens affordable, quality health care. 2018 theme UHC Day: “Unite for Universal Health Coverage: Now is the Time for Collective Action.”
December 16	International Day of Neutrality	International Day of Neutrality is a United Nations observance held on December 12 each year. It was officially declared by a UN General Assembly resolution adopted in February 2017 and first observed on December 12 of the same year.
December 16	Vijay Diwas	The nation celebrated Vijay Diwas on December 16 to commemorate India’s victory over Pakistan in 1971 war. Rich tributes are being paid to the Martyrs who laid down their lives during the war. This year’s celebration marks the 47th anniversary.
December 18	International Migrants Day	International Migrants Day is observed on 18 December in accordance with Resolution of the United Nations General Assembly, adopted on 4 December 2000. On 18 December 1990, the General Assembly had adopted a resolution on the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (resolution). 2018 theme: Migration with Dignity
December 18	International Day of the Arabic Language	UN Arabic Language Day is observed annually on December 18. The event was established by the UNESCO in 2010. It is “the day in 1973 when the General Assembly approved Arabic as an official UN language “.
December 20	International Human Solidarity Day	The United Nations’ (UN) International Human Solidarity Day is annually held on December 20 to celebrate unity in diversity. It also aims to remind people on the importance of solidarity in working towards eradicating poverty.
December 23	National Farmers’ Day (Kisan Diwas)	Kisan Diwas or National Farmers Day will be observed across the country on 23rd December to celebrate the birthday of Chaudhary Charan Singh, who was the 5th Prime Minister of India. During his

		tenure as the Prime Minister, Singh introduced many policies to improve the life of farmers in India.
December 24	National Consumer Day	Every Year 24th December is observed as National Consumer Day with a specific theme in India. On this day the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 had received the assent of the president. The enactment of this Act is considered as a historic milestone in the consumer movement in the country. Theme: “Timely Disposal of Consumer Complaints”.
December 25	Good Governance Day	In Uttar Pradesh, the 95th birth anniversary of former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee is being observed as Good Governance Day.

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