

Important Days & Theme in May 2019

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Date	Day	Important Details
May 01	World Labor Day	<p>Labour Day began in Chicago as a protest campaign to support eight-hour workday. On May 1, 1886, workers took to the streets across the United States to reduce the workday to eight-hour shifts. Labour Day Or May Day is called Antarrashtriya Shramik Diwas or Kamgar Din in India. In India, the first Labour day or May Day was celebrated in the year 1923.</p> <p>The theme of International Labour Day 2019 is “Sustainable Pension for all: The Role of Social Partners”.</p>
May 3	World Press Freedom day	<p>World Press Freedom Day was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in December 1993, following the recommendation of UNESCO's General Conference. Since then, 3 May, the anniversary of the Declaration of Windhoek is celebrated worldwide as World Press Freedom Day.</p> <p>2019 Theme "Media for Democracy: Journalism and Elections In Times of Disinformation"</p>
May 4	World International Firefighters' Day (IFFD)Health Day	<p>International Firefighters' Day (IFFD) is observed on May 4. It was instituted after a proposal was emailed out across the world on January 4, 1999 due to the deaths of five firefighters in tragic circumstances in a wildfire at Linton in Victoria, Australia.</p>
May 5	World Hand Hygiene Day	<p>World Hand Hygiene Day 5 May 2019 marks the 11th year of the WHO SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands campaign. 2019 Theme – “why infection prevention and hand hygiene are important for quality care”.</p>
May 7	World Athletics Day	<p>On that first occasion in 1996, World Athletics Day was themed around the Centennial edition of the Olympic Games in Atlanta.</p>
May 08	World Red Cross Day	<p>World Red Cross Day is an international day that is dedicated to alleviating human suffering, upholding human dignity, protecting life, and preventing emergencies and natural disasters such as flood, epidemics, and earthquakes. Every year 8th May is celebrated as World Red Cross Day to honor</p>

		the International Red Cross Crescent Movement founder Henry Dunant, who was born on this day in 1828.
		World Red Cross Day 2019 theme is “#love”.
May 08	World Thalassaemia Day 2019	The International Thalassaemia Day, celebrated on May 8 every year is a commemoration day in honour of all patients with thalassaemia and their wards who never gave up despite all odds. The Theme for ITD2019 is: Universal access to quality thalassaemia healthcare services: Building bridges with and for patients
May 10	World Lupus Day	The World Lupus Federation celebrates 16th annual observance of World Lupus Day. A global health problem, lupus affects people of all nationalities, races, ethnicity, gender and age. Lupus can affect any part of the body in any way at any time, often with unpredictable and life-changing results.
May 11	World Migratory Bird Day 2019	World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) is an annual awareness-raising campaign highlighting the need for the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats. The international celebrations for World Migratory Bird Day will be held on every second Saturday in May and in October. 2019 Theme Protect Birds: Be the Solution to Plastic Pollution
May 12	International Nurses Day	In January 1974, 12 May was chosen to celebrate the day as it is the anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing. As of 1998, 8 May was designated as annual National Student Nurses' Day. 2019 Theme ‘Nurses: A Voice to Lead, Health for All.’
May 15	International Day of Families	In 1993, the General Assembly decided in a resolution that 15 May of every year should be observed as The International Day of Families. 2019 Theme: “Families and Climate Action: Focus on SDG 13
May 16	International Day of Living Together in Peace	The UN General-Assembly, declared 16 May the International Day of Living Together in Peace, as a means of regularly mobilizing the efforts of the international community to promote peace, tolerance, inclusion, understanding and solidarity..
May 16	International Day of Light	The International Day of Light is celebrated on 16 May each year, the anniversary of the first successful operation of the laser in 1960 by physicist and engineer, Theodore Maiman. This day is a call to strengthen scientific cooperation and harness its potential to foster peace and sustainable development.

May 17	World Telecommunication and Information Society Day	17 May marks the anniversary of the signing of the first International Telegraph Convention and the creation of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). This year, we celebrate the 50th anniversary of World Telecommunication and Information Society Day, which has been celebrated annually since 1969. 2019 Theme: Bridging the standardization gap.
May 17	World Hypertension Day	World Hypertension Day 2019 will be observed on May 17. Hypertension or high blood pressure is a condition in which there is long-term high force of blood against artery walls. The theme of World Hypertension Day 2019 is "Know your numbers."
May 17	International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia	The founders of the International Day Against Homophobia, established the IDAHO Committee to promote the day and to lobby for official recognition on May 17. Louis-Georges Tin, founder of the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia. 2019 Global Focus - Justice and Protection for All
May 18	International Museum Day	Each year since 1977, ICOM has organised International Museum Day, which represents a unique moment for the international museum community. 2019 Theme "Museums as Cultural Hubs: The future of tradition"
May 18	World AIDS Vaccine Day	World AIDS Vaccine Day, also known as HIV Vaccine Awareness Day, is observed annually on May 18. The first World AIDS Vaccine Day was observed on May 18, 1998 to commemorate the anniversary of Clinton's speech, and the tradition continues today.
May 20	World Bee Day	20 May coincides with the birthday of Anton Janša, who in the 18th century pioneered modern beekeeping techniques in his native Slovenia and praised the bees for their ability to work so hard, while needing so little attention. The UN Member States approved Slovenia's proposal to proclaim 20 May as World Bee Day in December 2017, 2018 was the first observance of World Bee Day.
May 21	World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development	In 2001, UNESCO adopted the Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity and in December 2002, the UN General Assembly, in its resolution 57/249, declared May 21 to be the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development.
May 22	International Day for Biological Diversity	The United Nations has proclaimed May 22 The International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues. 2019 Theme - Our Biodiversity, Our Food, Our Health

May 23	International Day to End Obstetric Fistula	May 23 is the United Nations' (UN) International Day to End Obstetric Fistula, which promotes action towards treating and preventing obstetric fistula, a condition that affects many girls and women in developing countries. Since 2013, this day is observed and is meant to raise awareness of this issue and mobilize support around the globe.
May 25	World Thyroid Day	During their AGM prior to the ETA congress in Leipzig, Germany, in September 2007, the members of Thyroid Federation International decided to create a “World Thyroid Day”.
May 25	International Missing Children's Day	US National Missing Children's Day has been commemorated in the United States on May 25, since 1983, when it was first proclaimed by President Ronald Reagan. It falls on the same day as the International Missing Children's Day, which was established in 2001.
May 28	Amnesty International Day	Amnesty International Day is observed on May 28. It has been observed annually on May 28th since 1962. Amnesty International is a non-governmental organization that focuses on the protection of human rights working to prevent abuses to human rights, to fight for justice for those whose rights have been violated, and to expand and enforce human rights protections in international law.
May 28	World Hunger Day	The Hunger Project started an initiative known as World Hunger Day. It is being observed on May 28. It is a global organisation committed to finding a tenable solution to world hunger .Celebrating sustainable solutions to hunger and poverty is the aim of this day.
May 28	V.D Savarkar's birth anniversary	Swatantryaveer Vinayak Damodar Savarkar's birth anniversary is being celebrated on May 28. He was born on this day in 1883 near Nasik in Maharashtra and was popularly called Veer Savarkar. He was a revolutionary who fought against the British Government.
May 29	International Day of UN Peacekeepers	The International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers, 29 May, offers a chance to pay tribute to the uniformed and civilians personnel’s invaluable contribution to the work of the Organization and to honour more than 3,800 peacekeepers who have lost their lives serving under the UN flag since 1948, including 98 last year. 2019 Theme: “Protecting Civilians, Protecting Peace”
May 29	World Digestive Health Day (WDHD)	Every 29th May, the World Gastroenterology Organisation (WGO), in collaboration with the WGO Foundation (WGO Foundation), celebrates World Digestive Health Day (WDHD) and initiates a yearlong, worldwide, public health campaign through more than 110 WGO Member Societies.

		The theme for the World Digestive Health Day 2019 campaign is “Early Diagnosis and Treatment of GI Cancer.
May 30	World Multiple Sclerosis Day	World MS Day is officially marked on 30 May each year. The 2019 campaign will be called ‘My Invisible MS’ (#MyInvisibleMS) and the theme is Visibility. In 2009, the MS International Federation (MSIF) and its members initiated the first World MS Day
May 31	World No Tobacco Day	Every year, on 31 May, the World Health Organization (WHO) and global partners celebrate World No Tobacco Day (WNTD). The annual campaign is an opportunity to raise awareness on the harmful and deadly effects of tobacco use and second-hand smoke exposure, and to discourage the use of tobacco in any form. The focus of World No Tobacco Day 2019 is on "tobacco and lung health."

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