

Important Days in 2026: Complete List of National & International Dates

For aspirants preparing for **UPSC, SSC CGL, Banking (IBPS/SBI), and Railway exams**, "Important Days and Dates" is a static General Knowledge (GK) topic that appears every year. Memorizing these dates, along with their historical significance and themes, can provide you with an edge in the General Awareness section.

Below is the comprehensive, month-wise list of **important days in 2026** curated specifically for competitive exam students.

Important Days in January 2026

January is significant for National Youth Day and Republic Day celebrations.

- **Jan 4:** World Braille Day (Birth of Louis Braille)
- **Jan 9:** NRI Day (Pravasi Bharatiya Divas - Marks Gandhi's return from SA)
- **Jan 10:** World Hindi Day
- **Jan 12:** **National Youth Day** (Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda)
- **Jan 15:** Indian Army Day (78th Anniversary in 2026)
- **Jan 23:** Parakram Diwas (Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose)
- **Jan 24:** National Girl Child Day / International Day of Education
- **Jan 25:** National Voters' Day / National Tourism Day
- **Jan 26:** **Republic Day of India** / International Customs Day
- **Jan 30:** Martyrs' Day (Shaheed Diwas) / World Leprosy Eradication Day

Important Days in February 2026

- **Feb 1:** Indian Coast Guard Day
- **Feb 2:** World Wetlands Day (Commemorating Ramsar Convention)
- **Feb 4:** World Cancer Day
- **Feb 10:** World Pulses Day / National Deworming Day
- **Feb 11:** International Day of Women and Girls in Science
- **Feb 13:** World Radio Day / National Women's Day (Sarojini Naidu's Birthday)
- **Feb 21:** International Mother Language Day
- **Feb 24:** Central Excise Day
- **Feb 28:** **National Science Day** (Commemorating the 'Raman Effect')

Important Days in March 2026

- **Mar 3:** World Wildlife Day
- **Mar 4:** National Security Day
- **Mar 8: International Women's Day**
- **Mar 15:** World Consumer Rights Day
- **Mar 16:** National Vaccination Day
- **Mar 21:** World Forestry Day / International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- **Mar 22:** World Water Day
- **Mar 23:** World Meteorological Day / Shaheed Diwas (Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev, Rajguru)
- **Mar 24:** World Tuberculosis (TB) Day

Important Days in April 2026

- **Apr 7:** World Health Day (Founding of WHO)
- **Apr 13:** Jallianwala Bagh Massacre Day (107th Anniversary)
- **Apr 14:** B.R. Ambedkar Remembrance Day
- **Apr 18:** World Heritage Day
- **Apr 21:** National Civil Services Day
- **Apr 22:** Earth Day
- **Apr 24:** National Panchayati Raj Day

Important Days in May 2026

- **May 1:** International Labour Day (May Day) / Maharashtra & Gujarat Day
- **May 3:** World Press Freedom Day
- **May 8:** World Red Cross Day
- **May 11: National Technology Day** (Pokhran-II Anniversary)
- **May 21:** National Anti-Terrorism Day (Death Anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi)
- **May 22:** International Day for Biological Diversity
- **May 31:** World No Tobacco Day

Important Days in June 2026

- **June 5:** World Environment Day
- **June 7:** World Food Safety Day
- **June 8:** World Oceans Day
- **June 14:** World Blood Donor Day
- **June 21: International Yoga Day** / World Music Day
- **June 23:** United Nations Public Service Day / International Olympic Day
- **June 29:** National Statistics Day (Birth Anniversary of P.C. Mahalanobis)

Important Days in July 2026

- **July 1:** National Doctor's Day (Birth/Death of Dr. B.C. Roy) / GST Day
- **July 11:** World Population Day
- **July 18:** Nelson Mandela International Day
- **July 26:** **Kargil Vijay Diwas** (Victory over Pakistan in 1999)
- **July 28:** World Nature Conservation Day / World Hepatitis Day
- **July 29:** International Tiger Day

Important Days in August 2026

- **Aug 7:** National Javelin Day (Commemorating Neeraj Chopra's Olympic Gold)
- **Aug 9:** Quit India Movement Day / Nagasaki Day
- **Aug 12:** International Youth Day / World Elephant Day
- **Aug 15:** **Independence Day of India** (80th Year of Independence)
- **Aug 29:** National Sports Day (Birth Anniversary of Major Dhyan Chand)

Important Days in September 2026

- **Sept 5:** Teachers' Day (Birth Anniversary of Dr. S. Radhakrishnan)
- **Sept 8:** International Literacy Day
- **Sept 14:** **Hindi Diwas**
- **Sept 15:** Engineer's Day (Birth Anniversary of M. Visvesvaraya) / International Day of Democracy
- **Sept 16:** World Ozone Day
- **Sept 27:** World Tourism Day

Important Days in October 2026

- **Oct 2:** **Gandhi Jayanti** / International Day of Non-Violence / Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanti
- **Oct 8:** **Indian Air Force Day**
- **Oct 9:** World Post Office Day
- **Oct 11:** International Day of the Girl Child
- **Oct 16:** World Food Day (Founding of FAO)
- **Oct 24:** United Nations Day / ITBP Raising Day
- **Oct 31:** **National Unity Day** (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas - Birth Anniversary of Sardar Patel)

Important Days in November 2026

- **Nov 11:** National Education Day (Birth Anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad)
- **Nov 14:** Children's Day / World Diabetes Day
- **Nov 15:** Janjatiya Gaurav Divas (Birth Anniversary of Birsa Munda)
- **Nov 19:** World Philosophy Day / International Men's Day
- **Nov 26:** **Constitution Day (Samvidhan Divas)** / National Milk Day

Important Days in December 2026

- **Dec 1:** World AIDS Day
- **Dec 2:** National Pollution Control Day / World Computer Literacy Day
- **Dec 4: Indian Navy Day** (Operation Trident Anniversary)
- **Dec 7:** Armed Forces Flag Day
- **Dec 10:** Human Rights Day
- **Dec 16:** Vijay Diwas (1971 War Victory)
- **Dec 23:** Kisan Diwas (Farmers' Day - Birth Anniversary of Chaudhary Charan Singh)
- **Dec 25:** Good Governance Day (Birth Anniversary of Atal Bihari Vajpayee)

