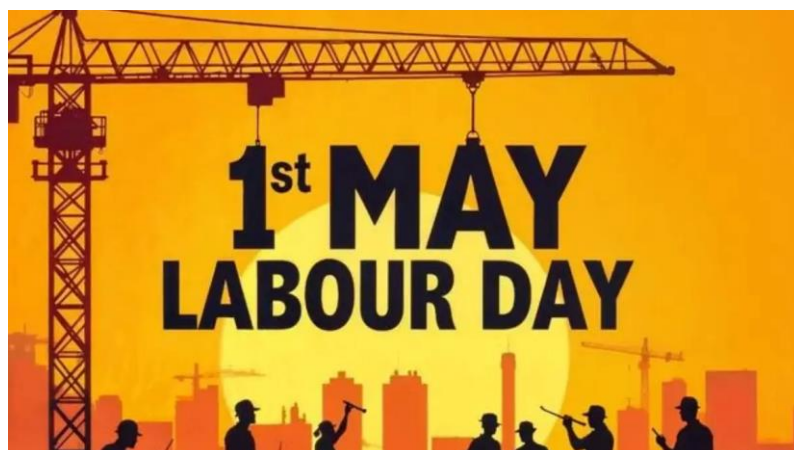


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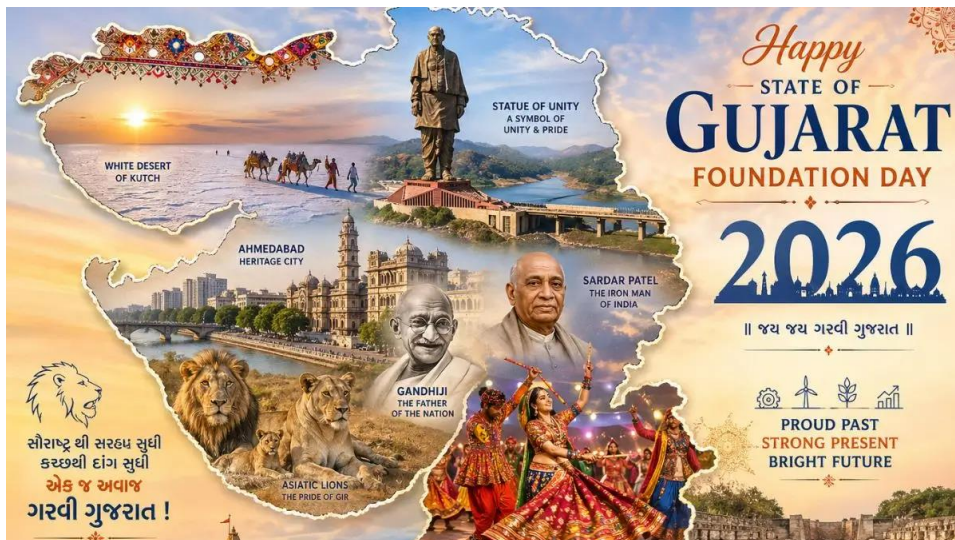
International Labour Day 2026

- The International Labour Day, which is also known as May Day will be observed on May 1, 2026, around the world to honor workers and their contributions to the social and economic development of the world. International Labour Day is the global event observed in the over 80 countries and it is often marked as the public holiday. It is associated with workers' rights movements and the demand for the fair labour standards.
- In India the first Labour Day celebration took place in the 1923 in Chennai and it led by Singaravelu Chettiar and marks the beginning of the organized labour awareness in the country.
- For the year 2026 the International Labour Organization has highlighted the theme of the **"Ensuring a Healthy Psychosocial Working Environment."**
- The Constitution of India also supports the labour rights through provisions like the.
 - Article 23 & 24: Which imposed ban on forced and child labour
 - Article 39: Equality pay for equal work
 - Article 41 & 43: Also, the right to work and living wages



Gujarat Foundation Day 2026

- The Gujarat celebrates its Foundation Day on May 1st every year after the creation of the state in the year 1960 after its separation from the former Bombay State.
- The day is also known as Gujarat Gaurav Diwas and this occasion highlights the state's rich cultural heritage and the remarkable development journey.
- After the India's independence in 1947 the princely states in western India were reorganized into the,
 - Saurashtra
 - Kutch
 - Bombay State
- In the year 1956 these regions were merged into the larger administrative unit called the Greater Bombay State.
- This state has included both the Gujarati-speaking and Marathi-speaking populations.
- On May 1, 1960 Bombay State was officially divided under the Bombay Reorganization Act, 1960 into the,
 - Gujarat (for Gujarati-speaking population)
 - Maharashtra (for Marathi-speaking population)



Maharashtra Day 2026

- Maharashtra Day is celebrated on May 1st every year and it marks the formation of the state of the Maharashtra as the separate state in the year 1960.
- The reason behind the celebrating Maharashtra Day on May 1 lies in the historic political decision. On this day in the year 1960 this bilingual Bombay State was divided into two states.
- Maharashtra (Marathi-speaking regions)
- Gujarat (Gujarati-speaking regions)



Sur Jyotsna National Music Awards 2026

- The Sur Jyotsna National Music Awards was held in the National capital in New Delhi. This award honors the legendary contribution to the Indian classical music.
- This prestigious event has recognized renowned vocalists like the Sumitra Guha and Pandit Laxman Krishnarao Pandit for their lifelong dedication to preserving and it promotes the India's rich musical traditions.
- These awards were instituted in the memory of Jyotsna Darda and aims to,
- Recognize the excellence in Indian music.
- Will encourage the young and emerging artists.
- To preserve the traditional music forms for future generations.



2026 Whitley Award for Conservation Work

- The Indian scientist **Parveen Shaikh** has been awarded the prestigious 2026 Whitley Award by the Whitley Fund for the Nature.
- The Indian Skimmer is the unique and endangered bird species which is easily identified by its bright orange bill and distinctive feeding style and skimming river surfaces to catch fish.



Shreyas Iyer Named Brand Ambassador of

- The Mumbai Falcons Racing Limited (MFRL) have announced that the Shreyas Iyer will be the official brand ambassador for its F1 Programme in India. This announcement comes alongside the launch of the F1 Sim Racing India Open 2026.
- It is the national-level competition which aims at to discover and nurturing digital racing talent.

- The Mumbai Falcons Racing Limited has secured the rights to host the official F1 Sim Racing India Open 2026 and it marks the significant milestone for India's esports industry.
- This initiative aims to
- Create the structured national platform for sim racing.
- It will identify and nurture the emerging esports talent.
- And also bridge the gap between gaming and professional motorsport.



Finland Launches Europe's First Fully Integrated Lithium Project

- Nordic country Finland marks the historic moment as the Europe's first fully integrated into the lithium mining project from extraction to the refining and it have begun the operations.
- This project is located near the Kokkola, and this project will strengthen Europe's push towards energy independence and electric vehicle (EV) production.
- Finland has become the first country in the Europe to establish the complete lithium production chain which is covering the,
- Mining of lithium ore.
- The concentration into the usable material.
- And also, the refining into battery-grade lithium hydroxide.
- Lithium has become one of the most strategic resources in the world as it often compared to oil in the early 1900s because of the central role in the,
- Electric vehicle (EV) batteries
- Smartphones and electronics

- Renewable energy storage systems
- This lithium project is widely known as the Keliber project, and it involves the investment of approximately €783 million (\$920 million).
- Key highlights include the,
- Annual production of the 15,000 tonnes of battery-grade lithium hydroxide.
- Also provide the contribution of around 10% of Europe's lithium demand.
- Will help to employment generation with about 300 people.



PM Narendra Modi Launches Ganga Expressway Project

- PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the ambitious Ganga Expressway in Hardoi Uttar Pradesh on the 29th April, 2026. This expressway spanning around the 594 km and this six-lane (which is expandable to eight in future) expressway is one of the India's longest greenfield corridors.
- This project was built at the cost of ₹36,230 crore and this project is set to revolutionize the connectivity between the western and eastern Uttar Pradesh along with boosting the economic growth, reducing travel time and strengthening the logistics infrastructure across the state.
- The Ganga Expressway is just more than a road, and it is an economic growth engine.
- The economic plans include the,
- Development of the Integrated Manufacturing & Logistics Corridors.
- The coverage of around 2,635 hectares along the route.
- Also the reduction in the logistics costs and the delivery time.

- This Ganga Expressway will act as the backbone of the UP's expanding expressway grid and it is connecting with the,
- Agra-Lucknow Expressway
- Jewar Link Expressway
- Farrukhabad Link Expressway
- Proposed Meerut–Haridwar extension



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REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. International Labour Day is observed on which date?

- A. April 30
- B. May 1
- C. May 2
- D. June 1

Answer: B. May 1

2. Who led the first Labour Day celebration in India in 1923?

- A. B.R. Ambedkar
- B. Mahatma Gandhi
- C. Singaravelu Chettiar
- D. Subhas Chandra Bose

Answer: C. Singaravelu Chettiar

3. What is the theme of International Labour Day 2026?

- A. Decent Work for All
- B. Workers Unity
- C. Ensuring Equal Pay
- D. Ensuring a Healthy Psychosocial Working Environment

Answer: D. Ensuring a Healthy Psychosocial Working Environment

4. Which Articles of the Indian Constitution prohibit forced and child labour?

- A. Article 14 & 15
- B. Article 19 & 21
- C. Article 23 & 24
- D. Article 39 & 41

Answer: C. Article 23 & 24

5. Gujarat and Maharashtra were formed under which Act?

- A. States Reorganisation Act, 1956
- B. Indian Independence Act, 1947
- C. Bombay Reorganisation Act, 1960
- D. Government of India Act, 1935

Answer: C. Bombay Reorganisation Act, 1960

6. Sur Jyotsna National Music Awards are associated with which field?

- A. Sports
- B. Literature
- C. Classical Music
- D. Cinema

Answer: C. Classical Music

7. Who received the 2026 Whitley Award for conservation?

- A. Medha Patkar
- B. Sunita Narain
- C. Parveen Shaikh

D. Vandana Shiva

Answer: C. Parveen Shaikh

8. The Indian Skimmer is classified as which type of species?

A. Mammal

B. Reptile

C. Fish

D. Endangered Bird

Answer: D. Endangered Bird

9. Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador for F1 Sim Racing India Open 2026?

A. Virat Kohli

B. Rohit Sharma

C. Hardik Pandya

D. Shreyas Iyer

Answer: D. Shreyas Iyer

10. What is the approximate length of the Ganga Expressway?

A. 300 km

B. 450 km

C. 594 km

D. 700 km

Answer: C. 594 km