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World Red Cross Day 2026

- Every year on **8th of May** world celebrates the World Red Cross Day. This day marks the birth anniversary of Henry Dunant who had founded the **International Red Cross Movement** after witnessing the suffering which caused during war.
- Every year this day recognizes the efforts of millions of volunteers, healthcare workers and humanitarian staff who have provided emergency support during disasters, wars, medical crises and humanitarian emergencies.
- The official World Red Cross Day 2026 theme is **‘Keeping Humanity Alive’**.
- The theme highlights the importance of compassion and humanitarian service in today’s conflict-affected and disaster prone world.
- World Red Cross Day is observed every year on the May 8 because it is the birth anniversary of the Henry Dunant who was born in 1828 in Switzerland. The first official World Red Cross Day celebration took place in the year 1948.



World Ovarian Cancer Day 2026

- World Ovarian Cancer Day 2026 is being observed across the world on May 8 to spread awareness about ovarian cancer, its symptoms, early diagnosis, and the importance of timely treatment.
- The official theme for World Ovarian Cancer Day 2026 is: **“No Woman Left Behind”**
- World Ovarian Cancer Day was first launched in 2013 by Target Ovarian Cancer.
- The organisation works to:
 - Fund ovarian cancer research
 - Support women undergoing treatment
 - Spread awareness globally



World Thalassemia Day 2026

- World observes World Thalassemia Day every year on 8th May to spread the awareness about thalassemia. It is a serious inherited blood disorder which affects millions of people worldwide.
- The official theme for World Thalassemia Day 2026 is **‘Hidden No More: Finding the Undiagnosed. Supporting the Unseen.’**

- Thalassemia is a genetically inherited blood disorder which affects the body's ability to produce healthy haemoglobin, as the protein in red blood cells responsible for carrying oxygen throughout the human body.
- World Thalassemia Day was first established in the year 1994 by Panos Englezos who was founder and president of the Thalassemia International Federation.



Mother's Day 2026

- Mother's Day is a special day celebrated around the world to honour mothers and their love, care, and sacrifices. It is a time when people thank their mothers through gifts, kind words, and spending time together.
- The theme for Mother's Day 2026 is **"The Great Unburdening."**



Pulitzer Prize for Digital Crime Story

- Two Indian journalists have won the prestigious Pulitzer Prize for their reporting on cyber fraud and digital surveillance. This award recognizes their impactful storytelling which sheds light on the growing threat of the digital scams in the modern world.
- Indian journalists R K Anand and Suparna Sharma have been awarded the Pulitzer Prize 2026 in the category of Illustrated Reporting and Commentary.
- They shared the award with Natalie Obiko Pearson for their collaborative work which was published in Bloomberg.
- The award was announced on May 4th 2026 and recognized their exceptional storytelling form and investigative depth.
- The Pulitzer Prize is one of the most respected honors in the fields of journalism, literature and music. This award is administered by Columbia University and recognizes the excellence in,
 - Investigative reporting
 - Public service journalism
 - Storytelling and commentary



India-EU Launch ₹169 Crore Project

- India and the European Union have launched the ₹169 crore joint initiative to boost EV battery recycling capacity. This project will address the biggest challenges in the electric vehicle ecosystem.

- As the India's EV market expands rapidly to build a strong recycling system is crucial for securing the raw materials, reducing the environmental risks and supporting the long term clean energy goals.
- As the Electric vehicles rely heavily on the lithium-ion batteries which contain the valuable and limited resources like lithium, cobalt and nickel. The initiative will be funded by the EU's Horizon Europe and India's Ministry of Heavy Industries.



JANANI Digital Platform

- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has launched the JANANI (Journey of Antenatal, Natal and Neonatal Integrated Care) platform. This platform aims to strengthen the maternal and child healthcare services across India.
- The new platform has been introduced to create the comprehensive digital monitoring system for women during their reproductive years to improve the delivery of healthcare services.
- JANANI stands for the Journey of Antenatal, Natal and Neonatal Integrated Care.
- It is the digital healthcare platform which is developed to maintain and monitor the health records of women and children through different stages of the maternal and child healthcare.
- The launch of the JANANI platform signals the India's broader focus to expanding the digital healthcare infrastructure under initiatives such as,
 - Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission
 - Digital Health IDs
 - e-Health records systems
 - Technology-driven public healthcare delivery



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. World Red Cross Day is observed every year on:

- A) 1 May
- B) 5 June
- C) 8 May
- D) 10 December

Answer: C) 8 May

Explanation: World Red Cross Day is observed on 8 May to mark the birth anniversary of Henry Dunant.

2. The theme of World Red Cross Day 2026 is:

- A) Humanity for Peace
- B) Keeping Humanity Alive
- C) Care for All
- D) Serving the World

Answer: B) Keeping Humanity Alive

Explanation: The official theme highlights compassion and humanitarian service in conflict-affected and disaster-prone regions.

3. World Ovarian Cancer Day 2026 was observed with which theme?

- A) Women for Health
- B) Cancer Free Future
- C) No Woman Left Behind
- D) Together Against Cancer

Answer: C) No Woman Left Behind

Explanation: World Ovarian Cancer Day focused on equal awareness, healthcare access, and support for women worldwide.

4. World Thalassemia Day is observed every year on:

- A) 7 April
- B) 8 May
- C) 14 June
- D) 1 December

Answer: B) 8 May

Explanation: World Thalassemia Day spreads awareness about thalassemia and the importance of diagnosis and treatment.

5. The JANANI platform is related to:

- A) Agricultural reforms
- B) Digital banking
- C) Maternal and child healthcare
- D) Space technology

Answer: C) Maternal and child healthcare

Explanation: JANANI stands for Journey of Antenatal, Natal and Neonatal Integrated Care and aims to strengthen healthcare services for women and children.

6. Which ministry launched the JANANI digital platform?

- A) Ministry of Education
- B) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- C) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- D) Ministry of Rural Development

Answer: C) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Explanation: The platform was launched to improve monitoring and delivery of maternal and neonatal healthcare services.

7. India and which organization launched the ₹169 crore EV battery recycling initiative?

- A) ASEAN
- B) European Union
- C) United Nations
- D) BRICS

Answer: B) European Union

Explanation: European Union partnered with India to improve EV battery recycling capacity.

8. Which valuable metals are commonly found in lithium-ion batteries?

- A) Iron and Zinc
- B) Copper and Aluminium
- C) Lithium, Cobalt and Nickel
- D) Gold and Silver

Answer: C) Lithium, Cobalt and Nickel

Explanation: These minerals are essential for electric vehicle batteries and recycling helps recover these limited resources.

9. Which prestigious award was won by Indian journalists R K Anand and Suparna Sharma in 2026?

- A) Booker Prize
- B) Bharat Ratna
- C) Pulitzer Prize
- D) Ramon Magsaysay Award

Answer: C) Pulitzer Prize

Explanation: Pulitzer Prize 2026 recognized their reporting on cyber fraud and digital surveillance.

10. Mother's Day 2026 was celebrated with which theme?

- A) Care Beyond Limits
- B) Mothers Build Nations
- C) The Great Unburdening
- D) Women of Strength

Answer: C) The Great Unburdening

Explanation: Mother's Day focused on recognizing and reducing the emotional and social burdens carried by mothers.

