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International Tea Day 2026

- On May 21st International Tea Day, 2026, is observed all around the world and it celebrates the world's one of the most loved beverages. This year's observance highlights sustainable tea cultivation, inclusive economic growth and the cultural legacy of tea across nations.
- The official themes for the International Tea Day 2026 are the '**Fostering Growth and Inclusion**' and '**Sustaining Tea, Supporting Communities.**'
- These themes focus on strengthening the tea-growing communities, improving livelihoods, promoting fair labor practices and encourage environmentally responsible tea production.



World Metrology Day

- On 20th May, World Metrology Day was observed worldwide.
- It commemorates the signing of the Metre Convention in Paris in 1875, which laid the foundation for a globally uniform measurement system.
- The official theme for the World Metrology Day 2026 is the '**Metrology: Building Trust in Policy Making**'.

- The Department of Consumer Affairs has announced several major reforms.
- India has issued the 40 Government Approved Test Centre (GATC) certificates to eligible private entities.
- This expands the country's testing and verification infrastructure for measuring instruments.
- The government has also introduced reforms under the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2026.



International Day for Biological Diversity 2026

- On May 22nd the International Day for Biological Diversity 2026 will be observed all around the world. This day will bring the global attention to one of the planet's most urgent environmental challenges like biodiversity loss.
- The International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) is observed every year on May 22.
- This day aims to increase awareness about the importance of biodiversity and its urgent need to protect it.
- The official theme for the Biodiversity Day 2026 is '**Acting locally for global impact.**'
- This theme highlights the simple but powerful idea.



INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIODIVERSITY 2026

Acting locally for global impact

Anti-Terrorism Day 2026

- On 21st May 2026 every year Anti-Terrorism Day is observed across India. This day raise awareness about the dangers of terrorism, violence and extremism.
- The primary objective is to create awareness among citizens, especially young people, about the destructive consequences of terrorism and violent extremism.
- The day is observed in memory of the Honorable former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.
- On the May 21, 1991, Rajiv Gandhi was assassinated in a suicide bombing during an election campaign in the Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu.



International Booker Prize 2026

- **Taiwan Travelogue** wins the prize of the **International Booker Prize 2026**, put the Taiwan's storytelling, history and literary culture firmly on the world map. It was written by the **Yang Shuang-zi** and **translated by Lin King** and this novel has made the first work translated from Mandarin Chinese to win the prestigious award.
- The novel presents the inventive and layered storytelling structure.
- It is written as a fictional memoir of a supposed Japanese writer named Aoyama Chizuko, set in the year 1938 during that period when Taiwan was under Japanese colonial rule.



India-Italy Special Strategic Partnership

- PM Narendra Modi and Italian PM Giorgia Meloni announced the Special Strategic Partnership. This announcement came as PM Modi's visit to Italy. This move marks the one of the biggest diplomatic upgradation to the India's ties with the major European nation in the recent years.
- **Trade Target Set at €20 Billion by 2029**
- India and Italy have set an ambitious goal to expand bilateral trade to around €20 billion by 2029. Both countries have identified priority sectors for stronger investment and industrial cooperation, including the,

- Semiconductors, Clean technologies, Automotive manufacturing, Pharmaceuticals, Digital technologies, Tourism, Medical technology, Steel, Infrastructure, Critical raw materials, Ports
- **Critical Minerals and Supply Chain Cooperation**
- A major outcome was the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding on Critical Minerals.
- This is strategically important as the global competition for lithium, rare earths, cobalt and other critical minerals continues to intensify.



India Launches Arunachal Kiwi Mission

- Central government has launched the Mission on 'Arunachal Kiwi: The USP of Arunachal Pradesh' with the financial outlay of ₹167 crore. This initiative aims to transform Arunachal Pradesh from a kiwi producing state into a premium organic kiwi powerhouse with strong domestic and global market presence.
- Union Minister Shri. Jyotiraditya M. Scindia has officially launched the mission.
- The initiative is designed as the cluster-based kiwi cultivation and value chain development program.
- It is being anchored by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region.
- Arunachal Pradesh is the India's largest kiwi-producing state.
- The state contributes more than 50% of the India's total kiwi production.
- Also the annual production is estimated at over around the 7,050 metric tonnes.
- Kiwi cultivation has emerged as the **major cash crop** in the high-altitude belts of the state.



India Overtakes US to Become Bangladesh's 2nd-Largest Trading Partner

- India has surpassed the United States to become Bangladesh's second-largest trading partner as per the latest trade data. This development highlights the economic influence of the region, but the China still remains the Bangladesh's biggest trading partner.
- According to the latest trade data from the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS), India has just narrowly surpassed the United States in Bangladesh's overall trade rankings by February 2026.
- India had accounted for the 8.47% of Bangladesh's total external trade and it is equivalent to approximately Tk 123.28 billion.
- The United States has followed very closely with 8.46%, which is roughly Tk 123.17 billion.
- The margin is extremely narrow, but the symbolic significance of this number is important.
- China accounted for the nearly 21.21% of Bangladesh's total trade, which is worth around Tk 308.79 billion in February.
- China's dominance is largely driven by the Bangladesh's dependence on Chinese industrial imports.
- Also, Bangladesh imports the several critical items from India, including the,
 - Rice, Onions, Sugar
 - Food commodities, Cotton
 - Yarn, Industrial intermediate goods



India Takes Over Chairmanship of Regional Cooperative Agreement

- India has officially assumed the chairmanship of the Regional Cooperative Agreement (RCA) for the year 2026 under the **International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)**.
- This announcement came at the 48th Meeting of National Representatives (NRM) in Navi Mumbai and it brings together the delegates from Asia-Pacific and Africa.
- India has formally taken over as the Chair of the Regional Cooperative Agreement (RCA) for the year 2026.
- This marks an important step in the India's longstanding engagement with peaceful nuclear science cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region.
- The 48th Meeting of National Representatives (NRM) under RCA is being hosted in Navi Mumbai from May 19 to May 22, 2026.
- The event is organized by the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), Government of India.
- There are total of 29 delegates from 17 Asia-Pacific nations participating.



Government To Launch JEEVAN App for Senior Citizens and SHATAYU Dashboard

- Union Minister Shri. Virendra Kumar will launch the JEEVAN mobile app for the senior citizens and the SHATAYU dashboard for geriatric caregivers on the 22nd May 2026. This initiative aims to improve the care services through technology, policy support and community participation.
- The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is set to introduce the two major digital platforms focused on eldercare.
- These are the,
 - JEEVAN mobile application for senior citizens
 - SHATAYU dashboard for geriatric caregiver information
- The launch will take place during a virtual program centred on the theme of **‘Creating a Well-Functioning Care Economy.’**
- The initiative reflects the government’s growing focus on senior citizen welfare and care infrastructure.
- The JEEVAN app is set to be launched specifically for senior citizens.
- It is also expected to improve access to support systems, services and information relevant to elderly care.
- The SHATAYU dashboard is designed for geriatric caregivers.
- It will serve as an information platform which focuses on elderly care services, caregiving support and related ecosystem data.



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Ministry of Social Justice
and Empowerment

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. **International Tea Day is observed every year on which date?**

- A. May 18
- B. May 20
- C. May 21
- D. May 22

Answer: C. May 21

2. **What is one of the official themes of International Tea Day 2026?**

- A. Green Economy for All
- B. Sustaining Tea, Supporting Communities
- C. One Earth One Future
- D. Healthy Planet Healthy Life

Answer: B. Sustaining Tea, Supporting Communities

3. **World Metrology Day commemorates the signing of which convention in 1875?**

- A. Geneva Convention
- B. Paris Agreement
- C. Metre Convention
- D. Vienna Convention

Answer: C. Metre Convention

4. **What is the official theme of World Metrology Day 2026?**

- A. Measurements for Innovation
- B. Science for Humanity
- C. Metrology: Building Trust in Policy Making
- D. Precision for Progress

Answer: C. Metrology: Building Trust in Policy Making

5. **The theme of International Day for Biological Diversity 2026 is:**

- A. Protect Nature for Future
- B. Acting Locally for Global Impact
- C. Biodiversity and Climate Action
- D. Restore the Earth

Answer: B. Acting Locally for Global Impact

6. **Anti-Terrorism Day in India is observed in memory of which former Prime Minister?**

- A. Jawaharlal Nehru
- B. Lal Bahadur Shastri
- C. Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- D. Rajiv Gandhi

Answer: D. Rajiv Gandhi

7. **Which novel won the International Booker Prize 2026?**

- A. The Silent Forest
- B. Taiwan Travelogue
- C. Island of Memories
- D. The Eastern Wind

Answer: B. Taiwan Travelogue

8. **India and Italy have set a bilateral trade target of approximately how much by 2029?**

- A. €10 billion

- B. €15 billion
- C. €20 billion
- D. €25 billion

Answer: C. €20 billion

9. Which state is India's largest kiwi-producing state?

- A. Himachal Pradesh
- B. Sikkim
- C. Meghalaya
- D. Arunachal Pradesh

Answer: D. Arunachal Pradesh

10. India assumed the chairmanship of the Regional Cooperative Agreement (RCA) under which organization?

- A. UNESCO
- B. World Bank
- C. International Atomic Energy Agency
- D. United Nations Development Programme

Answer: C. International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)