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## 1. International Labor Day celebrated globally on 1st May



International Labor Day is celebrated globally on 1 May every year. It is also known as International Workers' Day and May Day. The day is celebrated to spread awareness about the rights of labor and to mark their achievements. The purpose of this day is to pay tribute to the sacrifice of workers in achieving economic and social rights all over the world.

### History of International Labor Day:

This trend began in 1886, when on May 1, people in the United States began a strike to fix the working hours to a maximum of 8 hours per day. Soon, on May 4, a bomb exploded in Chicago's Haymarket Square, killing several people and seriously injuring many others. In connection with the casualties in this incident, the Socialist All-National Organization started celebrating 1 May as International Labor Day. Due to this day labor welfare also got a boost across the world.

### History of labor day in India

In India, the first Labor Day or May Day was celebrated on May 1, 1923 by the Labor Kisan Party of Hindustan in Madras (now known as Chennai). The red flag was used for the first time as a symbol of Labor Day in India. In Hindi, Labor Day is also known as Kamgar Day or International Workers' Day, Kamgar Diwas in Marathi and Uzaiplar Naal in Tamil.

## 2. Mother's Day 2022: Learn History and Ways to Celebrate



Mother's Day 2022: - Mother has different names, such as Mummy, Mom, Mama, Mata; But every mother has the same role in our life. She is the foundation of every family. She is caring and gives unconditional love to all. The definition of a mother may differ from person to person, for some she may be a caregiver, for some she may be the best friend and for some she may be the best cook. We celebrate Mother's Day to give gratitude and appreciation to every mother in this world. A mother is such a great inspiration to all of us that just one day is not enough to appreciate the efforts of a mother.

This year Mother's Day is on May 8, 2022. The first Mother's Day was celebrated in the year 1908 by Anna Jarvis as a memorial to her mother. Every mother deserves a day dedicated to her by her children and family. She works hard to keep everyone together and encourages everyone. Just one day is not enough to celebrate the mother. Mother's Day is celebrated all over the world by expressing your love for your mother.

### History of Mother's Day

The first Mother's Day was celebrated in 1908 by Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia. On May 12, 1908, she placed a memorial for his late mother at Grafton Church in West Virginia. Anna Jarvis wore all white carnations, but as this custom developed, people began to wear red or pink carnations to represent

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the living mother. People started wearing white carnations in memory of their dead mother. After this it was made a ritual in every state.

In 1914, US President Woodrow Wilson declared Mother's Day a national holiday. This went on for years, but after some time people started to include other people like grandmother who played maternal role and other people who played maternal role. Anna Jarvis tries to end the holiday that was started by her cause. She wanted it to be a special day for mothers though people started celebrating it for other people as well.

## Mother's Day in Different Countries

Mother's Day is an important day which is celebrated all over the world. It shows the importance of mother in our life. Each year it is celebrated around the world and at different times of the year. Each country celebrates Mother's Day at different times of the year and the table below gives you a brief idea of which country celebrates Mother's Day in which month of the year.

## 3. Brazil's Landscape Garden Sitio Burle Marx Receives UNESCO World Heritage Site Status



The site 'Sitio Burle Marx', a landscape garden in the Brazilian city of Rio de Janeiro, has been included in the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites. There are over 3,500 plant species in the park that are native to Rio. It is considered a laboratory for vegetation and landscape experimentation.

The site is named after the Brazilian landscape architect 'Burle Marx', whose design of parks and gardens made him world famous. The Sitio Burle Marx site was his home until 1985.

## 4. ICICI Bank Launches 'Open-For-All Digital Ecosystem' for MSMEs



ICICI Bank has launched India's first 'open-for-all' comprehensive digital ecosystem for all Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the country. It can also be used by customers of other banks. Anyone can access the benefits of digital solutions on the InstaBIZ app. MSME customers from other banks can avail a range of services by logging into the app as a 'guest'. It allows instant and paperless overdraft facility up to Rs.25 lakh through 'InstaOD Plus'.

The new digital ecosystem can be availed by downloading the latest version of Instabiz app. The app is available on Google Play Store, Apple App Store and the Bank's Corporate Internet Banking (CIB) platform. The ecosystem facilitates digital and instant current account opening through video KYC.

## 5. Maharashtra Cabinet approves 'Maharashtra Gene Bank Project'



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The Maharashtra Cabinet has approved the 'Maharashtra Zine Bank Project'. This is the first such project in India. It aims to provide conservation of genetic resources within the state, including the diversity of marine fauna, seed types of local crops, and animal diversity. According to the cabinet, an amount of Rs 172.39 crore will be spent over the next five years on seven focus areas (following).

**What are the seven focus areas?**

**The 'Maharashtra Gene Bank Project' will work on seven areas/themes:**

1. Marine biodiversity
2. Local crop/seed varieties
3. Indigenous cattle breeds
4. Freshwater biodiversity
5. Grassland, scrubland, and animal grazing land biodiversity
6. Conservation and management plans for areas under forest right
7. Rejuvenation of forest areas

The project will be implemented by the Maharashtra State Biodiversity Board (MSBB) and will be overseen by committees under the Chief Secretary and Principal Secretary (Forests). The Maharashtra State Biodiversity Board will coordinate with institutions such as the National Institute of Oceanography (NIO), Goa, for documentation and conservation of rare and endangered marine species.

**What are the major activities under the project?**

- Indigenous knowledge resource will be used.
- Knowledge of species and local communities will be well documented/documentated.
- Genetic and molecular specimens will be preserved and their breeders will be supported.
- To conserve crop biodiversity, the government will encourage genome carriers who preserve seeds of local crop varieties and create seed banks.

## 6. Union Bank becomes first public sector bank to go live on Account Aggregator Framework



Union Bank of India has become the first public sector bank to go live on the Account Aggregator (AA) ecosystem. This framework facilitates the sharing of financial information between regulated entities on a real time basis. Account aggregators are licensed by the Reserve Bank of India to enable the flow of data between Financial Information Providers (FIPs) and Financial Information Users (FIUs).

The account aggregator ecosystem helps lenders leverage digital data obtained with consent of customers to provide them with a seamless arrangement and eliminate the need for physical documentation. Financial Information Users (FIUs) may request data from Financial Information Users (FIUs) based on a simple consent given by the Customer on their account aggregator handle.

## 7. World Tuna Day 2022: Significance and History

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Every year on May 2, 'World Tuna Day' is celebrated globally. This day is established by the United Nations (UN) to raise awareness about the importance of tuna fish. Tuna is an important source of food for humans as tuna fish has many rich properties such as omega 3, vitamin B12, protein and other minerals.

## **Significance of World Tuna Day:**

Tuna is mainly obtained for two things traditionally known as canned tuna and sashimi/sushi. The World Wildlife Fund (WWF), environmental groups have now warned fishers and tuna is now listed as an endangered species. The day aims to spread awareness about the problem of tuna overfishing and the importance of maintaining the ecosystem and food chain.

## **History of World Tuna Day:**

In the year 2016, the United Nations General Assembly declared 2 May as World Tuna Day to spread awareness among people about the importance of conservation of tuna fish. Over the past few years, overfishing and illegal fishing have led to a decline in tuna fish populations by more than 97 percent. Therefore, to save the tuna from extinction, the United Nations declared a special day and appealed to the people to conserve tuna.

**8. Know when World Laughter Day 2022 was celebrated, history and background**



World Laughter Day is celebrated every year on the first Sunday of May to remind people to laugh and make those around them laugh. This year this day was celebrated on 1st May. It has been scientifically observed that laughter lowers the level of cortisol in the brain and has a positive effect on the body. Laughter is of utmost importance in uplifting the mood or moving the thought in the right direction.

## **World Laughter Day 2022: History (WORLD LAUGHTER DAY 2022: HISTORY)**

World Laughter Day was first celebrated in 1998 in Mumbai. The credit for this goes to Dr. Madan Kataria, the founder of the Laughter Yoga movement. Through this movement, he threw light on the principle of humor. His hypothesis was that facial movements could reflect a person's mental state. So, gradually in the morning the roar of laughter began to be heard in the park and the grounds. Thus, with the advent of laughter yoga, World Laughter Day was born.

## **9. Vinay Mohan Kwatra Takes Over As New Foreign Secretary Of India**



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Vinay Mohan Kwatra took charge as the new Foreign Secretary of India. Shri Kwatra is a 1988 batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer. He will replace retired Harshvardhan Shringla. Mr. Kwatra served as India's envoy to Nepal before taking over as Foreign Secretary.

## Experience of Vinay Mohan Kwatra:

- Mr. Kwatra has served as a diplomat for more than 32 years. He has also held the position of a Joint Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) for two years between October 2015 and August 2017.
- Mr. Kwatra is known for his extensive expertise in dealing with India's neighbourhood, as well as the US, China and Europe. He took over as Foreign Secretary at a time when India is dealing with various geopolitical developments including the Ukraine conflict, the severe economic crisis in Sri Lanka and the situation in Afghanistan and developments in the Indo-Pacific.

## 10. Foundation Day of Maharashtra and Gujarat 2022



Maharashtra and Gujarat celebrated their statehood day on 1 May 2022. On May 1, 1960, the bilingual state of Bombay was bifurcated into two separate states by the Bombay Reorganization Act, 1960. In which the state of Maharashtra was obtained for Marathi speaking people and Gujarat state for Gujarati speaking people. Gujarat was established as the 15th state of the Indian Union.

## Maharashtra

- Capital: Mumbai
- Sex Ratio: 929 Females per 1000 Males (National: 943)
- Literacy: 82.34% (National: 74.04%)
- The Arabian Sea protects the western border of Maharashtra. It is situated towards the north of Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh. It extends to the eastern border of the state of Chhattisgarh. Karnataka and Telangana are in its southern part.
- The state has been recognized as the powerhouse of the country and its capital city, Mumbai, has been identified as the focal point of India's financial and commercial markets.
- Maharashtra has two major ports, Mumbai Port and Jawaharlal Nehru Port (JNP), both located in Mumbai Harbour.
- According to the India State of Forest Report (ISFR)-2019, the forest area of Maharashtra is 16.50% of the state's geographical area.

## Gujarat

- Capital: Gandhinagar
- Sex Ratio: 919 Females per 1000 Males (National: 943)
- Literacy: 78.03% (National: 74.04%)
- The state is bounded by the Arabian Sea in the west, Pakistan and Rajasthan in the north and north-east respectively, Madhya Pradesh in the south-east and Maharashtra in the south.
- Gujarat is the first state in the country to start a separate department of 'Climate Change' to tackle the issue of global warming.
- Kandla port is the major port of Gujarat with 41 minor ports.
- Gamit, Bhil, Dhodia, Bavcha and Kunbi are the major tribes of the state.
- According to the India State of Forest Report (ISFR)-2019, Gujarat has the largest area of

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wetlands within the Recorded Forest Area/Green Wash (RFA/GW) in the country, followed by West Bengal.

## ONE LINER

- President: **Jair Bolsonaro;**
- Capital: **Brasilia;**
- Currency: **Brazilian real.**
- ICICI Bank Headquarters: **Vadodara;**
- MD & CEO of ICICI Bank: **Sandeep Bakshi;**
- Chairman of ICICI Bank: **Girish Chandra Chaturvedi;**
- ICICI Bank Tagline: **Hum Hai Na, Khayal Aapka (Hum Hai Na, Khayal Apka).**
- Maharashtra Capital: **Mumbai;**
- Governor of Maharashtra: **Bhagat Singh Koshiyari;**
- Chief Minister of Maharashtra: **Uddhav Thackeray.**
- Union Bank of India Headquarters: **Mumbai;**
- CEO of Union Bank of India: **Rajkiran Rai G.;**
- Establishment of Union Bank of India: **November 11, 1919, Mumbai.**