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Hindi Diwas

Hindi Diwas is celebrated on September 14 every year in India. It commemorates the adoption of Hindi as the official language of India by the Constituent Assembly of India on September 14, 1949.

The history of Hindi Diwas dates back to the early days of the Indian independence movement. In 1918, a group of Hindi scholars and activists formed the Hindi Sahitya Sammelan (Hindi Literary Conference) to promote the use of Hindi as a national language. The Sammelan played a key role in the adoption of Hindi as the official language of India.

Engineers' Day

In India, Engineers' Day is celebrated on September 15 to honour the legacy of Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya. In addition to India, Engineer's Day is also observed in Sri Lanka and Tanzania on September 15.

In 1968, the Government of India declared Sir M Visvesvaraya's birth anniversary as Engineers' Day.

Sir M Visvesvaraya was born in 1861 in a Telugu family at Chikkaballapur located at a distance of around 60 km from Bengaluru, Karnataka. His significant contributions to various engineering fields, including irrigation, hydroelectric power, and public health, have had a profound impact on the nation's development.

International Day of Democracy

Every year on September 15, people around the world come together to celebrate the International Day of Democracy. This special day was established by the UN General Assembly in 2007 to promote and strengthen democratic values.

This year's theme for the International Day of Democracy is 'Artificial Intelligence as a tool for good governance'.

SpaceX Polaris Dawn mission's 4-person crew returns to Earth:

The cosmic adventures of SpaceX's history-making Polaris Dawn mission's four-member crew culminated with their return to Earth on Sunday.

SpaceX's history-making Polaris Dawn crew completed its homecoming journey to Earth on Sunday at 3:37 am ET. The five-day mission completed the world's first commercial spacewalk and also changed the course of history by becoming a ground-breaking flight, mapping out the farthest journey undertaken by any human since NASA's Apollo Program's culmination in 1972. The Crew Dragon carrying four astronauts – tech billionaire and mission commander Jared Isaacman, former US Air Force pilot Scott “Kidd” Poteet and SpaceX engineers Anna Menon and Sarah Gillis – returned to the home planet, splashing down the coast of Dry Tortugas in Florida on September 15. The feat achieved also celebrated the specific Crew Dragon capsule's third trip to space.

Yogasana to be included as demonstration sport in 2026 Asian Games: OCA

India's ancient sport, yogasana was on Sunday included as a demonstration event at the 2026 Asian Games to be held in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.

Yogasana's inclusion in the Asian Games calendar as a demonstration sport was unanimously passed at the 44th General Assembly of Olympic Council of Asia, where India's Randhir Singh was elected unopposed as the OCA president for a term of four years from 2024 till 2028.

Dr. Swati Vijay Kulkarni appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria

Swati Vijay Kulkarni has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to Algeria.

Swati Vijay Kulkarni is an Indian foreign service officer of the 1995 batch. She is presently serving as additional secretary in the ministry.

In a statement, MEA (The Ministry of External Affairs) stated, "Dr Swati Vijay Kulkarni (IFS: 1995), presently additional secretary in the ministry, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria."



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