

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL DAYS (APRIL 2026)

Date	Day	Significance / Exam Context
April 1	Odisha Day (Utkala Dibasa)	Marks the formation of Odisha as a separate state in 1936.
April 5	National Maritime Day	Commemorates the maiden voyage of the Indian ship <i>S.S. Loyalty</i> in 1919.
April 7	World Health Day	Anniversary of the founding of the WHO (1948).
April 9	CRPF Valour Day	Commemorates the bravery of CRPF in the 1965 battle at Sardar Post.
April 11	National Safe Motherhood Day	Birth anniversary of Kasturba Gandhi.
April 13	Jallianwala Massacre Day	Remembrance of the 1919 tragedy in Amritsar (Historical/UPSC focus).
April 14	Ambedkar Jayanti	Birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Father of the Indian Constitution.
April 18	World Heritage Day	Focuses on preserving human heritage and diversity.

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April 21	National Civil Services Day	Celebrated to rededicate civil servants to the cause of citizens.
April 22	World Earth Day	Global focus on environmental protection.
April 24	National Panchayati Raj Day	Marks the 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992 .
April 25	World Malaria Day	Awareness for malaria prevention and control.
April 26	World Intellectual Property Day	Focus on the role of IP rights in encouraging innovation.

SPECIFIC REGIONAL FESTIVALS

- **April 14/15:** Many Indian states celebrate their traditional New Years during this window.
 - Vishu: Kerala
 - **Puthandu:** Tamil Nadu
 - **Bohag Bihu:** Assam
 - **Poila Baisakh:** West Bengal

IMPORTANT DAYS OF APRIL 2026: SIGNIFICANCE & EXAM INSIGHTS

APRIL 5: NATIONAL MARITIME DAY

- **Significance:** This day commemorates the maiden voyage of the first Indian commercial ship, 'S.S. Loyalty,' which sailed from Mumbai to London in 1919.
- **Exam Point:** It highlights India's progress in the shipping sector and the strategic importance of the **Blue Economy** and maritime security.

APRIL 7: WORLD HEALTH DAY

- **Significance:** Observed to mark the anniversary of the founding of the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1948.
- **Exam Point:** Each year focuses on a specific global health theme. For competitive exams, focus on **Public Health Policy**, WHO initiatives, and global health insurance coverage.

APRIL 13: JALLIANWALA BAGH MASSACRE DAY

- **Significance:** A solemn day to pay tribute to the innocent lives lost during the brutal massacre led by General Dyer in 1919.
- **Exam Point:** This is a pivotal topic in **Modern Indian History**. Aspirants should study the aftermath, including the **Hunter Commission** and the withdrawal of the Rowlatt Act.

APRIL 14: AMBEDKAR JAYANTI

- **Significance:** The birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the Chief Architect of the Indian Constitution. It is also celebrated as 'Equality Day.'
- **Exam Point:** Essential for **Indian Polity** and Social Justice sections. Focus on his contributions to the drafting of the Constitution and his role in the Dalit movement.

APRIL 21: NATIONAL CIVIL SERVICES DAY

- **Significance:** Marks the day in 1947 when Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel addressed the first batch of civil servants as the "**Steel Frame of India.**"
- **Exam Point:** Relevant for **Good Governance** and Ethics. The government confers the 'PM's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration' on this day.

APRIL 22: WORLD EARTH DAY

- **Significance:** A global event dedicated to environmental protection and raising awareness about the climate crisis and global warming.
- **Exam Point:** Highly relevant for **Environment & Ecology**. Questions often relate to the Paris Agreement, Climate Action, and sustainable development goals.

APRIL 24: NATIONAL PANCHAYATI RAJ DAY

- **Significance:** Commemorates the coming into force of the **73rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992**, which institutionalized local self-government.
- **Exam Point:** A core topic for **Indian Polity**. Aspirants must study the three-tier system of Panchayats, financial devolution, and rural development schemes.

Date	Day	Exam Significance	Official Theme (2026)
April 5	National Maritime Day	63rd celebration; marks the voyage of SS Loyalty (1919).	Maritime India - Empowering Progress
April 7	World Health Day	Founding of WHO (1948).	Together for health. Stand with science.
April 21	National Civil Services Day	Sardar Patel's "Steel Frame of India" speech (1947).	Innovation in Administration & Improving Public Service Delivery
April 22	World Earth Day	Focus on environmental protection.	Our Power, Our Planet
April 24	National Panchayati Raj Day	73rd Constitutional Amendment Act.	Sustainable Development through Panchayats
April 25	World Malaria Day	Global malaria awareness.	Driven to End Malaria: Now We Can. Now We Must.
April 26	World Intellectual Property Day	Role of IP rights in innovation.	IP and Sports: Ready, Set, Innovate