## Government of India Ministry of Home Affairs

## Subject: Policy for declaration of National/International/Special Days.

The question of laying down proper procedure for declaration of National/International/Special Days has been engaging the attention of the Government for quite some time. This matter was discussed by the Committee of Secretaries in its meeting held on 8.11.2006 and certain guidelines were issued for adoption of National/International/Special Days. These guidelines have been amended/modified from time to time. The guidelines (as amended upto 23.01.2012) are as follows:

- (i) For formal adoption of a Day as National/International/Special Day, the concerned Ministries/Departments of the Central Government must be consulted. Also, where it is intended to involve State Governments or their agencies with programmes/activities on such Days, State Government/Union Territory Administrations should also be consulted.
- (ii) Where it is proposed to formally adopt a Day as an International Day, consultation with the Ministry of External Affairs should be mandatory regardless of the fact that such Day is proposed to be adopted in pursuance of a declaration/resolution made or adopted by UNO or other international agencies. The level of participation viz formally being associated or with full involvement also needs to be decided.
- (iii) The proposal for formal adoption of Day as National/International/Special Day may be submitted along with the recommendation of the Committee of Secretaries, on file, to the Prime Minister through the Minister-in-charge.
- (iv) Formal adoption of a Day as National/International/Special Day should be made through a Gazette notification.
- (v) The Gazette notification may be issued by the concerned Ministry itself and copies where of must invariably be sent to the Cabinet Secretariat and the Ministry of Home Affairs. Also, an annual statement on adoption/observance of National/International/Special Days may be submitted to the Ministry of Home Affairs in the form to be prescribed by MHA. Based on this, consolidated list will be circulated by Ministry of Home Affairs.
- (vi) Whether it is proposed to undertake activities of local or departmental nature without formally adopting a Day as a National/International/Special Day, an appropriate decision may be taken with the approval of the Minister-in-charge. However, a copy of the decision may be conveyed to MHA for record.

(vii) Where it is proposed to undertake activities of local or departmental nature without formally adopting a day as National/International/Special Day, an appropriate decision may be taken with the approval of the Minister-in-Charge and a copy of the decision may be conveyed to the MHA for record.

(viii) Proliferation of service specific days is not desirable and should be avoided. Possibility of celebrating such events on Civil Services Day, observed every year on April 21, may be explored in consultation with the Deptt. of AR & PG.

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## <u>Details of National/International/Special Days (Weeks/fortnights) adopted or observed by</u> <u>Ministries/Departments of the Central Government</u>

SI.	Name/nomenclatu	Date on	Category	Year	Significance of	Method of	Procedure	followed f	or adoption		Remarks
No	re of the Day (and the concerned Ministry/ Department	which observed		from which observe d	the day and objectives sought to be achieved	observance	Approve d by Minister	Approve d by PM	Other Ministries consulted	Appro ved by Cabine t	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
1.	Pravasi Bhartiya Divas (M/Overseas Indian Affairs)	9 <sup>th</sup> January	National Day	2003	In recognition and appreciation of the constructive economic, political and philanthropic role played by Indian Diaspora (On this day, Mahatma Gandhi returned to India after20 years of struggle against the British in South Africa).	An international conference of Indian diaspora is organized.	No	No	No	No	
2.	National Youth Day (M/Youth Affairs & Sports)	12 <sup>th</sup> January	National Day	1995	To focus on hopes and aspirations of the youth of the country (coinciding with birth anniversary of Swami Vivekanand)	Seminars, symposia, discussions, cultural progarmme s, etc.	Yes	No	No	No	

3.	National Sports Day (M/Youth Affairs & Sports)	29 <sup>th</sup> August	National Day 1995	1992	To promote the spirit of sports in the country coinciding with the birthday of Late major Dhyan Chand, the hockey wizard	Conduct of sports activities throughout the country	Yes	No	No	No	
4.	National Tourism Day (M/Tourism)	25 <sup>th</sup> January	Special Day	NA	To commemorate establishment of the Ministry/Departm ent.	Through organization of events/awar d function to recognize eminent work in the field of tourism	NA	NA	NA	NA	
5.	World Tourism Day (M/Tourism)	27 <sup>th</sup> Septemb er	Internati onal Day	NA	To promote tourism	World Tourism Day is celebrated by organizing events appropriate to the theme selected by the World Tourism Organisati on, a specialized body of	NA	NA	NA	NA	

						UNO					
6.	International Customs Day (M/Finance)	26 <sup>th</sup> January	Internatio nal Day	N.A.		Functions are organized in all Custom Houses and field formations all over India	NA	NA	NA	NA	
7.	Central Excise Day (M/Finance)	24 <sup>th</sup> February	Special Day	N.A.	To commemorate the assent given by Governor General to the Central Excise and Salt Act, 1944	Efforts and achievemen ts of Central Excise Deptt and the staff is rganizati on this day at functions organized in all Commission erates and other field formations.	NA	NA	NA	NA	
8.	Anti Leprosy Day (D/Health & FW)	30 <sup>th</sup> January	National Day	1960	To help leprosy patients and to remove ostracism which they have been subjected to.	By organizing camps, exhibitions rallies and publicity campaigns.	NA	NA	NA	NA	
9.	World TB Day (D/Health & FW)	24 <sup>th</sup> March	Internatio nal Day	1982	Awareness generation about TB, its curability and availability of services.	Through media advertiseme nts, rganizatio n of events,	NA	NA	NA	NA	Observe d internati onally

10	Model Deputation	dath lists	Internation	4007	To avoide	rallies, runs, seminars etc.	. Vaa	Vac	Vas	No	
10.	World Population Day (D/Health & FW)	11 <sup>th</sup> July	Internatio nal Day	1987	To create awareness on global demographic scenario among people all over the World.	Mass awareness functions are organized.	Yes	Yes	Yes (MEA)	No	
11.	National Fortnight on Eye Donation (D/Health & FW)	25 <sup>th</sup> Septembe r-8 <sup>th</sup> October	National Day ( <b>Fortnig</b> <b>ht</b> )	1986	To intensify educational and motivational efforts amongst public to pledge their eyes for donation to meet the gap between the demand and supply of corners	By organizing publicity through newspapers , TV, Radio, public meetings. Etc.	NA	NA	NA	NA	
12.	World Sight Day (D/Health & FW)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of October	Internatio nal Day	2000	To enhance public awareness about eye deceases and controlling curable blindness.	By organizing publicity through newspapers , TV, Radio, public meetings, etc.	No	Yes	No	No	
13.	National Cancer Awareness Day (D/Health & FW)	7 <sup>th</sup> November	National Day	2001	To coincide with the birthday of Madan Curie and to create awareness about early detection	Media advertiseme nts, posters, hoardings etc.	Yes				Approva I of Cabinet Sectt. Obtaine d.
14.	International Wetland Day (M/Environment &	2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Internatio nal Day	1997	To sensitise people about the value and role of	Through exhibitions, training	No	No	No	No	

	Forests)				wetlands and management of wetlands through conservation activities.	progammes, competition s, etc at various levels. At national level, progarmme s are organized in collaboratio n with WWF and Wetland International.					
15.	World Forestry Day (M/Environment & Forests)	21 <sup>st</sup> March	Internatio nal Day	1971	To promote conservation of forests and generate awareness regarding importance of forests	The Ministry is not presently undertaking any activity to observe this day	NA	NA	NA	NA	
16.	Wildlife Week (M/Environment & Forests	1 <sup>st</sup> Week of October	Special Day ( <b>Week</b> )	1955	To generate awareness about the need to conserve rich wildlife of the country and its significance for human survival.	Programme s are organized at various centres and institutions involving State wildlife and Forest rganizatio ns in collaboratio n	NA	NA	NA	NA	

17.	World Environment Day (M/Environment & Forests)	5 <sup>th</sup> June	Internatio nal Day	1972	To focus worldwide attention onto the importance of the environment and stimulate political attention and action	The theme for the World Environmen t Day is decided by UN Environmen t Programme which is communicat ed to State/UT Government machineries for conducting specific programme s.	Yes	No	No	No	
18.	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought (M/Environment & Forests)	17 <sup>th</sup> June	Internatio nal Day	1996	To raise awareness about draught and desertification processes effecting livelihood and productivity of the land	Publicity campaigns	Yes	No	No	No	India is a signator y to UNCCD
19.	International Day for Preservation of Ozone Layer (M/Environment & Forests)	16 <sup>th</sup> Septembe r	Internatio nal Day	1995	For the preservation of the Ozone layer, commemorating the date in 1987 on which Montreal Protocol on substances	TV programme s on the subject, printing and distribution of resource material,	NA	NA	NA	NA	India is a signator y to Montreal Protocol since 19.06.19

					that deplete ozone layer was signed.	competition s at schools on awareness of ozone depletion problems, release of stamps et.					92
20.	National Science Day (M/Science & Technology)	28 <sup>th</sup> February	National	1987	To commemorate discovery of "Raman Effect" on this day in 1928 by Sir C.V. Raman. Intended to reiterate nation's reliance on science and technology as a tool of development with focus on self reliance and to promote scientific attitude.	Through various programme s built around the focus theme, radio talks TV programme s, meetings and functions, public exhibitions, public exhibitions, lectures,, debates etc. All State S&T Councils are associated with the activities on this day.	Yes	Yes	NA	No	
21.	Technology Day (M/Science & Technology)	11 <sup>th</sup> May	National Day	1998	To promote successful commercialization of indigenous	Through award giving ceremony,	NA	Yes	No	No	

					technology. For this purpose, a National Award has been instituted to be shared by the industrial concern that has successfully commercialized indigenous technology and the developer/provide r of the technology. Another award for SSI units introduced in 2001.	talks/lecture rs by eminent scientists and experts, public exhibitions etc.					
22.	International Women's Day (D/Women & Child Development)	8 <sup>th</sup> March	Internatio nal Day	1997	International Women's Day is observed with a view to promoting Women's rights and participation in economic and political processes.	By holding meetings, conferences, workshops, exhibitions, awareness programme s, etc.	No	No	No	No	
23.	National Nutrition Week (D/Women & Child Development)	1 <sup>st</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> November	Special Day ( <b>Week</b> )	1982	To intensify efforts for creation of nutritional awareness among people with a view to combating	Different programme s are organized at various levels in coordination with State	NA	NA	NA	NA	

24.	Children's Day (D/Women & Child Development)	14 <sup>th</sup> November	National Day	NA	malnutrition.  To focus on well being of children (coinciding with the birth day of the 1st Prime Minister of India, Shri Jawahar Lal Nehru)	Government s and NGOs on themes particular to nutrition. Through a variety of functions and programme s	NA	NA	NA	NA	
25.	World Water Day (M/Water Resources)	22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Internatio nal Day	1993	The UN General Assembly adopted a resolution in December 1992 declaring March 22 <sup>nd</sup> as World Day for Water.	World Water Day being observed at Delhi in association with various Ministries, NGOs, etc. Lectures, demonstrati ons, presentation s etc. are organized throughout the country.	No	No	No	No	As per UN resolutio n.
26.	Water Resources Day (M/Water Resources)	In the month of April/May	Special Day	1987	To highlight the activities related to water resources and make people aware about value of water, water scarcity, conservation	Through seminars, workshops, dialogues, competitio ns, publicity campaigns through	No	No	No	No	To be delete d as per reque st of MoWR.

					and efficient use of water.	print & electronic media, etc.					
27.	World Theatre Day (M/Culture)	27 <sup>th</sup> March	Internatio nal Day	2004	To celebrate the art form and revel in its universality; to cross all political cultural and ethnic barriers and bring people together	On this day, artistes, professional , schools, amateurs etc. are encouraged to organize activities for audience.	No	No	No	No	Being celebrat ed as per decision taken by the Executiv e Board of Sangeet Natak Academ y.
28.	World Dance Day (M/Culture)	29 <sup>th</sup> April	Internatio nal Day	1982	To celebrate the art form and revel in its universality; to cross all political cultural and ethnic barriers and bring people together	On this day, artistes, professional , schools, amateurs etc. are encouraged to organize activities for audience.	No	No	No	No	Being celebrat ed as per decision taken by the Executiv e Board of Sangeet Natak Academ y.
29.	Museum Day (M/Culture)	18 <sup>th</sup> May	Internatio nal Day	1988	Self explanatory	Visit to heritage sites, exhibitions, seminars, discussions, publication	No	No	No	No	Museum Day is being celebrat ed in accorda nce with

						of books, postcards, stamps, posters, etc.					the resolutio n passed by the Internati onal Committ ee of Museum /COM
30.	World Puppetry Day (M/Culture)	21 <sup>st</sup> March	Internatio nal Day	2004	To celebrate the art form and revel in its universality; to cross all political cultural and ethnic barriers and bring people together	On this day, artistes, professional , schools, amateurs etc. are encouraged to organize activities for audience.	No	No	No	No	Being celebrat ed as per decision taken by the Executiv e Board of Sangeet Natak Academ y.
31.	World Heritage Day (M/ Culture)	18 <sup>th</sup> April	Internatio nal Day	1988	To create public awareness about world heritage sites and art heritage and highlight universal value of cultural property and heritage	Visit to heritage sites, exhibitions, seminars, discussions, publication of books, postcards, stamps, posters, etc.	No	No	No	No	India is an active member of UNESC O World Heritage from 1977 onwards
32.	National Maritime	5 <sup>th</sup> April	National	1963	To highlight the	Celebration	NA	NA	NA	NA	

	Day (M/Shipping)	a th	Day		role of shipping industry by diffusion of knowledge, rganizat the services of seafarers, finalise welfare and training projects for seafarers etc.	s are organized at all ports; publicity campaigns are launched; workshops, exhibitions etc. are held					
33.	Sant Ravidas Jayanti (M/SJ&E)	24 <sup>th</sup> February	Special Day	2003	Self explanatory	Release of press advertiseme nts, etc	NA	NA	NA	NA	
34.	Ambedkar Jayanti (M/Social Justice and Empowernment)	14 <sup>th</sup> April	National Day	1993	In recognition of the contribution made by Late Dr. B.R. Ambedkar to the nation.	Every year, a function is held at the Parliament House Lawns. Awareness campaigns launched on various schemes/ progammee s for weaker sections.	Yes	No	No	No	No formal declarati on of the Day as such. The Ministry undertak es certain activities on this day.
35.	UN International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking (M/SJ&E)	26 <sup>th</sup> June	Internatio nal Day	1993	Self explanatory	Information campaigns	NA	NA	NA	NA	Certain activities are undertak en by the Ministry on this Day.

											Ministry has not formally adopted the Day as such.
36.	UN International Day on Older Persons (M/SJ&E)	1 <sup>st</sup> October	Internatio nal Day	1999	Self explanatory	Information campaigns	NA	NA	NA	NA	Certain activities are undertak en by the Ministry on this Day. The Ministry has not formally adopted the Day as such.
37.	UN International Day for Disabled Persons (M/SJ&E)	3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Internatio nal Day	1995		Information campaigns	NA	NA	NA	NA	Certain activities are undertak en by the Ministry on this Day. The Ministry has not formally adopted the Day as such.

38.	Nirvan Diwas of Shri B.R. Ambedkar (M/SJ&E)	6 <sup>th</sup> December	National Day	1993	Self explanatory	Release of Press advertiseme nts, etc.	NA	NA	NA	NA	
39.	Co-operative Day (D/Agr. & Co-operation)	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of July	Internati onal Day	NA	On this day, the International Co-op Alliance (ICA) appeals to its members at the gross root level to promote co-op movement, solidarity, economic efficiency, peace, equality and to support their local and national co-op. initiative by organizing events. Also, the UNO and other international organizations like ILO, FAO etc. release message to create awareness on co-operatives.	The National Co-op Union of India (NCUI) circulates the messages of ICA, ILO, FAO etc. to all member organizatio ns with request to further disseminat e the message to their member organizatio ns at grass root level	No	No	No	No	As the day is celebrat ed under the aegis of ICA, no approv als have been obtaine d.
40.	World Food Day	16 <sup>th</sup>	Internati	1981	To create	Through	Yes	No	Yes	No	Being

	(D/Agr. Co- Operation)	October	onal Day		awareness about the vital importance of food for all.	sports/cult ural events, agricultural fairs, exhibitions, workshops, seminars, release of commemor ative stamps, award to farmers etc.					observe d in pursua nce of a UNO resoluti on.
41.	World Coconut Day (D/Agr. & Co- operation)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Septemb er	Internati onal Day	2000	So designated by the Asian & Pacific Coconut Community, the objective is to promote, coordinate and harmonise all activities of the coconut industry, create general awareness on the importance of coconut and help focus national and international attention the potential of the	Through seminars, awareness and promotiona I campaigns / programm es, exhibitions etc. undertaken by the Coconut Developme nt Board	No	No	No	No	Being observe d at the initiativ e of an internati onal organiz ation.

					crop to alleviate poverty.						
42.	Rajiv Gandhi Akshay Urja Diwas (M/Non- Conventional Energy Resources)	20 <sup>th</sup> August	Special Day	2004	To create mass awareness amongst people about the use of renewable energy.	Through rallies, essay competitio ns, quiz competitio ns, etc. organized by State nodal agencies in all districts of the country.	Yes	No	No	No	
43.	Sadbhavana Diwas (M/ Home Affairs)	20 <sup>th</sup> August	National Day	1992	To promote national integration and communal harmony.	Appropriate cultural progarmme s are organized with a view to spreading the message of Sadbhavan a and communal harmony. Sadbhavan a pledge is administere d during the progarmme.	Yes	No	No	No	
44.	Hindi Day (M/ Home Affairs) D/o Official	14 <sup>th</sup> Septembe r	Special Day	1988	To commemorate adoption of Hindi as Official	Promotional activities / competition	Yes	No	No	No	

	Language.				Language of the Union by the Constituent Assembly on 14.09.1949	s by all Ministries/ Department s and offices of the Central Government					
45.	SSI Day (D/Small Scale Industries)	30 <sup>th</sup> August	National Day	2000	To award outstanding SSI entrepreneurs with national award for their outstanding contribution to quality/R&D/ entrepreneurship	To award outstandin g SSI entreprene urs with national award for their outstandin g contributio n to quality/R&D/entreprene urship	No	No	No	No	
46.	Teachers Day (M/o HRD)[Department of Secondary and Higher Education]	5 <sup>th</sup> Septembe r	Special Day	1962	To commemorate the birthday of Dr. S. Radhakrishnan	National Awards are given to teachers on this day	NA	NA	NA	NA	
47.	International Literacy Day (Department of School Education and Literacy, M/o HRD)	8 <sup>th</sup> Septembe r	Internatio nal Day	1967	The day was declared as International Literacy Day by UNESCO as part of the effort to mobilize public opinion in favour of the struggle	Presentatio n of Awards to best performing districts (Satyen Maitra Memorial Award),	NA	NA	NA	NA	

10		<b></b> th			against illiteracy, and to give member States of the UN and other Non-Governmental Organisations to rededicate themselves to the cause. It also focuses on the need to make available national and international resources to combat illiteracy.	best performing institution in the field of Literacy (NLM- UNESCO Award). The 2006 awards were presented by Hon'ble Vice President.					
48.	National Education Day (Department of Higher Education, M/o HRD)	11 <sup>th</sup> November	National Day	2008	To celebrate the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, First Union Minister of Education by recalling his contribution to the cause of Education in India.	Educational Institutions at all level would be involved in rganizati seminars, symposium, essay writing, elocution competition s workshops and rallies with banners cards and slogans on the	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
49.	World Space Week	4-10	Special	NA	To commemorate	importance of literacy. Through	NA	NA	NA	NA	

	(D/Space)	October	Day (week)		the beginning of space age with the launch of Sputnik-I	programme s like space quiz, special lectures, video shows, media workshop, debate, panel discussion etc.					
50.	World Post Day (Deptt. of Post)	9 <sup>th</sup> October	Internati onal Day	1874	Universal Postal Union was founded on 9 <sup>th</sup> October, 1874. The objective of celebrating the day is to constitute a single postal territory and the biggest physical distribution network in the world.	Special awareness programm es about postal services are arranged in all circles.	No	No	No	No	India is a Membe r of UPU. It is, therefor e, obligato ry on its part to celebrat e this World Day.
51.	World Standards Day (Bureau of Indian Statistics)	14 <sup>th</sup> October	Internati onal Day	1970	To commemorate the birth of International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO), raise awareness about the	Through seminars, exhibitions, lectures, meetings, open house discussion s at Hqrs.	Yes	No	No	No	

52.	Statistical Day	29 <sup>th</sup> June	Special	2007	importance of international standardization to world economy and to promote its role in contributing to meet the needs of business, industry, governments and consumers world-wide.  29 <sup>th</sup> June	And field officers of BIS	Yes	The PM	Yes	Not .	То
	(Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation)		Day		coincides with the birth anniversary of the late Professor Prasanto Chandra Mahalanobis, the doyen of Indian Statistics and the founder	e of the proposed National Statistical Day will be characteriz ed by events all over the country for statistical		while inaugur ating the Platinu m Jubilee Celebra tions of the ISI, Kolkata		requir ed as per the Cab. Sectt.' s guidel ines dt.29. 11.20	appreci ate the contribu tion made by Prof. Mahala nobis in the fields of econom
					Director of the Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata. Prof.Mahalanobi s (DOB: 29 <sup>th</sup> June, 1893) was responsible for setting up of the Central	knowledge enhancem ent through essay/ debate competitio ns and memorial lectures at the		on 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec., 2006 endors ed the suggest ion made by the Minister		06.	ic plannin g & statistic al develop ment in the initial years of

53.	Armed Forces Flag	<b>7</b> <sup>th</sup>	National	1948	Statistical Organisation (CSO) and the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO), the two limbs of this Ministry. He was also appointed as the Chairman of the United Nations Statistical Commission. The objective of the proposal was to create public awareness among the people more especially the younger generation about the role of statistical analysis in policy formulation. To remember the	Statistics could also be instituted.	Yes	of Externa I Affairs in his capacit y as the Chairm an of the Council of ISI to declare 29 <sup>th</sup> June as Statistic s Day.  Yes	Yes	Yes	indepen dent India, this Ministry propos ed to declare 29th June everyye ar as Statistic s Day.
	Day (M/Defence)	December	Day		service rendered by the armed forces personnel	volunteer rganizatio ns collect					

						donations in exchange of token flags and car stickers throughout the country.					
54.	National Energy Conservation Day (Ministry of Power)	14 <sup>th</sup> December	National Day	1991	To encourage and motivate, and give recognition to, industrial units that have made extra efforts to reduce energy intensities while maintaining production level through 'National Energy Conservation Awards'	Awards/ certificates given to industrial units.	Yes	No	Yes	No	
55.	National Consumer Day (Deptt. of Consumer Affairs	24 <sup>th</sup> Decembe r	National Day	2000	To commemorate the theme of consumer rights.	Appeals to States and Uts, Central Ministries, trade and industry and awareness campaigns	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
56.	World Consumer Rights Day (Deptt of Consumer Affairs)	15 <sup>th</sup> March	Internatio nal Day	1987	To commemorate the theme of consumer rights.	Appeals to States and Uts, Central Ministries, trade and	Yes	No	No	No	

						industry and					
						awareness					
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57.	World Habitat Day	First	Internatio	1986	The day has been	Various	No	No	No	No	
	(Ministry of Urban	Monday of	nal Day		designated as	activities/fun					
	Employment and	October			such by the	ctions like					
	Poverty				General	tree					
	Alleviation.)				Assembly, UNO,	plantations,					
					in 1985 to reflect	inauguration					
					on the State of	of					
					human settlement	institutions					
					and the basic	dedicated to					
					right to adequate	improving					
					shelter and to	human					
					remind the world	habitat,					
					of collective	habitat run					
					responsibility	for school					
					towards the future	children,					
					of human habitat.	etc.					
58.	World	17 <sup>th</sup> May	Internatio	1969	To increase	Functions	NA	NA	NA	NA	
56.		17 Iviay		1909			INA	INA	INA	INA	
	Communication		nal Day		awareness on the	are					
	Day				vital role of	organized					
	(D/Telecommunicat				telecommunicatio	by PSUs					
	ions)				ns in the welfare	under the					
					of humanity,	administrati					
					foster interest in	ve control of					
					telecommunicatio	D/Telecom					
					ns in educational	munications					
					institutions, etc.	and their					
						sub-ordinate					
						units.					
						Cultural					
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						organized on this day.					
59.	World AIDS day (M/o Health & Family Welfare)	1 <sup>st</sup> December	Internatio nal Day	1988	Approved by World Summit of Health Ministers and adopted by GOI.						
60.	National Voluntary Blood Donation Day (M/o Health & Family Welfare)	1 <sup>st</sup> October	National Day								
61.	Earth Day (M/o Env. & Forest)	22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Internatio nal Day								
62.	International Day for Biological Diversity (M/o Env. & Forest)	22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Internatio nal Day								
63.	National Voters' Day (M/o Law & Justice- Legislative Department)	25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	National Day	2011	To spread awareness among all sections of voters regarding effective participation in the electoral process.	Handing over Elector Photo Identity cards to all new voters	Yes		Yes	Yes	
64.	National Mathematics Day (D/o Atomic Energy)	22 <sup>nd</sup> December	National Day	2011	The day is dedicated to Shri Srinivasa Ramanujan, one of the pioneers in the field of mathematics, whose 125 <sup>th</sup> birth anniversary celebrations commence this	The day seeks to focus the attention of people to mathematic s education and its applications not only in Science &	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

					year. Celebration of National Mathematics Day would connect his life and work to the people of India and thereby inspire a large section of our young generation.	Technology but also in other areas of life.				
65.	Rashtriya Sankalp Diwas (M/o Home Affairs/ HR Division)	31 <sup>st</sup> October	National Day	1986	To promote the patriotism among youths	Instructions are issued to the State Govts/UTs to organize youth rallies etc.	Yes	Yes	Necessary instruction s for celebratio ns are issued with the approval of HM	NA
66.	Quami Ekta Week (M/o Home Affairs/ HR Division)	19-25 November	National Day/wee k	1980	To foster the spirit of patriotism and National Integration.	A copy of Programme enclosed	Yes	Yes	Necessary instruction s for celebratio ns are issued with the approval of HM	NA
67.	National Press Day (M/o Information & Broadcasting)	16 <sup>th</sup> November	National Day	1997	The National Press Day aims to promote free and responsible press of India	Seminars, Symposia and Discussions throughout the Country	NA	NA	NA	NA
68.	Anti Terrorism Day (M/o Home Affairs/ HR Division)	21 <sup>st</sup> May	National Day	1992	To generate an awareness in the country among all sections of	Holding of Pledge taking ceremony,	Yes	-	-	Yes (CCPA )

		society about the	seminars,			
		danger of	symposia,			
		terrorism and	discussions			
		violence				