

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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LIST OF ALL NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL/ SPECIAL DAYS/EVENTS

Sl. No.	Name of the Day	Date on which observed	Sponsoring Ministry / Deptt.	Year from which observed	Brief details of Day	Remarks
Department of Atomic Energy						
1.	National Mathematics Day	22 nd Decem ber	D/o Atomic Energy	2011	Observing the birth anniversary of noted mathematician Srinivas Ramanujan	As per the MHA list, approval was at the level of the Cabinet. Recommended by CoS(Two CoS meetings were held on 01.12.2011 and 08.12.2011.)
Ministry of Ayush						
2.	International Yoga Day	21 st June	M/o Ayush	2015	To promote benefits of practicing Yoga. Celebrated on 21 st June every year. International Yoga Day was declared by the United Nations. The CoS meeting was to deliberate on mechanism and detailed programme to celebrate Yoga Day.	United Nations General Assembly on 11 th December 2014 declared 21st June as the International Day of Yoga. Was recommended by the CoS meeting held on 26.02.2015.
Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare						
3.	Co-operative Day	1 st Saturday of July	D/o Agriculture and Farmers Welfare	1995	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.	No approval was taken at the level of Cabinet/ PM/ Minister. As the day is celebrated under the aegis of ICA, no approval was obtained.
4.	World Coconut Day	2 nd September	D/o Agriculture and Farmers welfare	2000	So designated by the Asian & Pacific Coconut Community, the objective is to promote, co-ordinate and harmonies 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 crop to alleviate poverty.	No approval was taken at the level of Cabinet/ PM/ Minister. Being observed at the initiative of an International Organisation.
5.	World Food Day	16 th October	D/o Agriculture & Farmers Welfare	1981	To Create awareness about the vital importance of food for all.	Approval was taken at the level of Minister.

						Being observed in pursuance of a UNO resolution.
Department of Consumer Affairs						
6.	National Consumer Day	24 th December	Consumer Affairs	2000	To commemorate the theme of consumer rights.	Approved by the Cabinet on 20.12.2000.
7.	World Consumer Rights Day	15 th March	D/o Consumer Affairs	1987	To commemorate the theme of consumer rights.	Approval was taken at the level of Minister.
8.	World Standards Day	14 th October	D/o Consumer Affairs	1970	To commemorate the birth of International Organization for Standardisation (ISO), raise awareness about the 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.	Approval was taken at the level of Minister.
Ministry of Culture						
9.	Parak ram Diwas	23 rd January	M/o Culture	2021	Observing the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.	Recommended by CoS on 12.01.2021
10.	World Puppetry Day	21 st March	M/o Culture	2004	To celebrate the art form and revel in its universality; to cross all political cultural and ethnic barriers and bring people together	No approval was taken at the level of Cabinet/ PM/ Minister. Being celebrated as per decision taken by the Executive Board of Sangeet Natak Academy.
11.	World Theatre Day	27 th March	M/o Culture	2004	To celebrate the art form and revel in its universality; to cross all political cultural and ethnic barriers and bring people together	No approval was taken at the level of Cabinet/ PM/ Minister. Being celebrated as per decision taken by the Executive Board of Sangeet Natak Academy.
12.	World Heritage Day	18 th April	M/o Culture	1988	To create public awareness about world heritage sites and art heritage and highlight universal value of cultural property and heritage	No approval was taken at the level of Cabinet/ PM/ Minister. India is an active member of UNESCO world heritage from 1977 onwards.
13.	World Dance Day	29 th April	M/o Culture	1982	To celebrate the art form and revel in its universality; to cross all political cultural and ethnic barriers and bring people together	No approval was taken at the level of Cabinet/ PM/ Minister. Being celebrated as per decision taken by the Executive Board of Sangeet Natak Academy.

14.	International Museum Day	18 th May	M/o Culture	1988	To raise awareness about the fact that, "Museums are an important means of cultural exchange, enrichment of cultures and development of mutual understanding, cooperation and peace among peoples."	No approval was taken at the level of Cabinet/ PM/ Minister. Being celebrated in accordance with the resolution passed by the International Committee of Museum. Brief details of the Day are as per the information available in public domain.
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Ministry of Civil Aviation

15.	International Civil Aviation Day	7 th December	Ministry of Civil Aviation	1994		International Civil Aviation Day is being celebrated by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to help generate and reinforce worldwide awareness of the importance of international civil aviation to the social and economic development of States, and of the unique role of ICAO in helping States to cooperate and realize a truly global rapid transit network at the service of all mankind.
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Ministry of Defence

16.	Armed Forces Flag Day	7 th December	Defence	1948	To remember the service rendered by the armed forces personnel	Approved at the level of the Cabinet.
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Ministry of Education

17.	Teachers Day	5 th September	Education	1962	To commemorate the birthday of Dr. S. Radhakrishnan	No information about approval process available in MHA list.
18.	International Literacy Day	8 th September	Education	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 against illiteracy, and to give member States of the UN and other Non-Governmental Organizations to rededicate themselves to the cause. It also focuses on the need to make available national and international resources to combat illiteracy.	No information about approval process available in MHA list.

Ministry of Environment, Forests & CC

19.	International Wetland Day	2 nd February	Environment & Forests	1997	To sensitise people about the value and role of wetlands and management of wetlands through conservation activities.	No approval was taken at the level of Cabinet/ PM/ Minister.
20.	World Forestry Day	21 st March	Environment, Forests & CC	1971	To promote conservation of forests and generate awareness regarding importance of forests	No information about approval process available in MHA list.
21.	Earth Day	22 nd April	Environment, Forests & CC	1970	Earth Day is an annual event celebrated on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection. The first Earth Day was celebrated in 1970, when a United States senator from Wisconsin organized a national demonstration to raise awareness about environmental issues. Rallies took place across the country and, by the end of the year, the U.S. government had created the Environmental Protection Agency. By 1990, Earth Day was an event celebrated by more than 140 countries around the globe.	MHA list does not contain any information other than the day of celebration.
22.	International Day for Biological Diversity	22 nd May	Environment, Forests & CC	1993	To promote biodiversity issues	MHA list does not contain any information other than the day of celebration.
23.	World Environment Day	5 th June	Environment, Forests & CC	1972	To focus worldwide attention onto the importance of the environment and stimulate political attention and action.	Approval was taken at the level of Minister.
24.	World Day to Combat desertification and Drought	17 th June	Environment, Forests & CC	1996	To raise awareness about draught and desertification processes effecting livelihood and productivity of the land.	Approval was taken at the level of Minister. India is a signatory to UNCCD.
25.	International Day for Preservation of Ozone Layer	16 th September	Environment, Forests & CC	1995	For the preservation of the Ozone layer, commemorating the date in 1987 on which Montreal Protocol on substances the deplete ozone layer was signed.	No information about approval process available in MHA list. India is a signatory to Montreal Protocol since 19.06.1992.
26.	Wildlife Week	1 st Week of October	Environment, Forests & CC	1955	To generate awareness about the need to conserve rich wildlife of the country and its significance for human survival.	No information about approval process available in MHA list.

Ministry of Finance

27.	Central Excise Day	24 th February	Finance		To commemorate the assent given by Governor General to the Central Excise and Salt Act, 1944	No information about approval process available in MHA list.
28.	International Customs Day	26 th January	Finance	1953	To recognize the role of custom officials and agencies in maintaining border security. It focuses on the working conditions and challenges that customs officers face in their jobs.	No information about approval process available in MHA list. MHA list also does not indicate the 'Year from which observed'.
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare Department of Health & FW						
29.	Anti-Leprosy Day	30 th January	D/o Health & FW	1960	To help leprosy patients and to remove ostracism which they have been subjected to.	No information about approval process available in MHA list.
30.	National Voluntary Blood Donation Day	1 st October	Health and FW		To raise awareness about Blood donation and promote voluntary Blood donation in the country. (This is also the birth anniversary of Dr Jai Gopal Jolly, who is regarded as the "Father of Transfusion Medicine in India".)	MHA list does not contain any information other than the day of observance. Brief details of the day are based on publicly available information. However, the year from which this day is observed could not be ascertained.
31.	National Cancer Awareness Day	7 th November	D/o Health & FW	2001	To coincide with the birthday of Madam Curie and to create awareness about early detection	Approved at the level of Minister. (Approval of Cabinet Secretariat obtained)
32.	World TB Day	24 th March	Health & Family Welfare	1982	Awareness generation about TB, its curability and availability of services.	No information about approval process available in MHA list. Observed internationally.
33.	World Population Day	11 th July	Health & Family Welfare	1987	To create awareness on global demographic scenario among people all over the World.	
34.	World Sight Day	2 nd Thursday of October	Health & Family Welfare	2000	To enhance public awareness about eye diseases and controlling curable blindness.	
35.	World AIDS day	1 st December	Health & FW	1988	An international day dedicated to raising awareness about the AIDS pandemic and mourning those who have died from the disease. It is one of the eleven official global public health campaigns marked by the World Health Organization.	Approved by World Summit of Health Ministries and adopted by GOI. Brief details of the Day are as per the information available in public domain.

36.	National Fortnight on Eye Donation	25 th September-8 th October	D/o Health & FW	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 corneas.	No information about approval process available in MHA list.
Ministry of Home Affairs						
37.	Anti-Terrorism Day	21 st May	Home Affairs	1992	To generate an awareness in the country among all sections of society about the danger of terrorism and violence	Approved by the CCPA on 08.05.1992.
38.	Sadbhavana Diwas	20 th August	Home Affairs	1992	To promote national integration and communal harmony.	Approved at the level of the Minister.
39.	Partition Horrors Remembrance Day	14 th August	M/o Home Affairs	2021	To commemorate the sacrifice of those who lost their lives due to partition of the nation and were displaced from their roots.	Recommended by CoS on 14.08.2021
40.	Hindi Day	14 th September	Home Affairs	1988	To commemorate adoption of Hindi as Official Language of the Union by the Constituent Assembly on 14.09.1949.	Approved at the level of Minister.
41.	Rashtriya Sankalp Diwas	31 st October	Home Affairs	1986	To promote the patriotism among youths	
42.	Quami Ekta Week	19-25 November	Home Affairs	1980	To foster the spirit of patriotism and National Integration.	
43.	Rashtriya Ekta Diwas	31 st October	Home Affairs (New)	28.12.2023	Government of India has decided to declare and commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel every year, i.e.31 st October, as "Rashtriya Ekta Diwas" to reaffirm our commitment towards preserving and enhancing the security, unity and integrity of the country.	CG-DL-E-29122023-250981 No. 322 File No.I-19034/04/2023-NI-II Dated 28.12.2023
Department of Higher Education						
44.	National Education Day	11 th November	D/o Higher Education	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.	Approved by the Cabinet. (Recommended by CoS on 16.05.2008)
Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs						
45.	World Habitat Day	First Monday of October	Housing & Urban Affairs	1986	The day has been designated as such by the General Assembly, UNO, in 1985 to reflect on the State of human settlement and the basic right to adequate shelter and to remind the world of	No approval was taken at the level of Cabinet/ PM/ Minister.

					collective responsibility towards the future of human habitat.	
Ministry of Information & Broadcasting						
46.	National Press Day	16 th November	M/o Information & Broadcasting	1997	The National Press Day aims to promote free and responsible press of India	No information about approval process available in MHA list.
47.	National Broadcasting Day	23 rd July	M/o Information & Broadcasting		On this day in 1927, the first -ever radio broadcast in the country went on air from the Bombay station.	Relevant web page of News Services Division of All India Radio under this Ministry is available https://newsonair.gov.in/news?title=Today-is-National-Broadcasting-Day&id=422496 . However, no notification is traceable in this Ministry.
48.	Public Service Broadcasting Day	12 th November	M/o Information & Broadcasting	2001	To commemorate 50 years of the historic visit of the Father of the Nation to All India Radio, a function was organized at AIR premises on 12 th November, 1997 at 3.00 PM. Later on, in the years 2001, the day was officially declared as Public Service Broadcasting Day.	Relevant web page of Prasar Bharati under this Ministry is available on https://prasarbharati.gov.in/public-service-broadcasting-day/ . However, no notification/document is traceable in this Ministry.
49.	World Radio Day	13 th February	M/o Information & Broadcasting	2021	Proclaimed in 2011 by the member States of UNESCO, and adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2021 as an International Day, February 13 became World Radio Day. It may be noted that India is member State in UNESCO and has been re-elected to the UNESCO Executive Board for the 2021-25 term.	Relevant web page of UNESCO is available on https://en.unesco.org/comemorations/world-radioday . However, official document on observing February 13 as 'World Radio Day' is not traceable in this Ministry.
Ministry of Jal Shakti						
50.	Rashtriya Swahsta Diwas	2 nd October	Ministry of Jal Shakti	2016		Announced by Hon'ble PM
51.	World toilet Day	19 th November	Ministry of Jal Shakti	2013		Resolution adopted by the UN General Assembly on 24 July 2013 to designate 19 November as World Toilet Day.
Ministry of Law & Justice-Legislative Department						

52.	National Voters' Day	25 th January	Law & Justice-Legislative Department	2011	To spread awareness among all sections of voters regarding effective participation in the electoral process.	Approved by the Cabinet on 20.01.2011.
Ministry of External Affairs						
53.	Pravasi Bhartiya Divas	9 th January	MEA	2003	In recognition of appreciation of the constructive economic, political and philanthropic role played by Indian Diaspora (On this day, Mahatma Gandhi returned to India after 20 years of struggle against the British in South Africa).	As per MHA list, no approval at the level of Cabinet/ PM/ Minister.
Ministry of Statistics & Programme Institute						
54.	Statistical Day	29 th June	MoSPI	2007	29 th June coincides with the birth anniversary of the late Professor Prasanto Chandra Mahalanobis, the doyen of Indian Statistics and the founder Director of the Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata.	
Ministry of New Renewable Energy						
55.	Rajiv Gandhi Akshay Urja Diwas	20 th August	MNRE	2004	To create mass awareness amongst people about the use of renewable energy.	Approved at the level of Minister.
Ministry of Micro Small and Medium Enterprises						
56.	SSI Day	30 th August	MSME	2000	To award outstanding SSI entrepreneurs with national award for their outstanding contribution to quality/R&D/entrepreneurship	No approval was taken at the level of Cabinet/ PM/ Minister.
Ministry of Power						
57.	National Energy Conservation Day	14 th December	Power	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'	Approved at the level of the Minister.
Department of Military Affairs						
58.	Veterans Day	14 January	D/o Military Affairs		Army Forces Veterans Day is observed each year on 14 th Jan as a mark of respect and recognition of the services rendered by Field Marshal KM Cariappa-the first Indian Commander-in Chief of the Indian Armed Forces who retired on 14 Jan 1953. This day is dedicated to numerous soldiers who wholeheartedly devoted their lives in the selfless service to the nation and continue to pay	

					a significant role in nation building even after superannuation	
59.	Army day	15 January	D/o Military Affairs	1949	15 Jan is observed every years as Army Day in Indian, when Field marshal KM Cariappa took over as the first Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army from General Sir Francis Bucher, the last British Commander-in Chief on this day in 1949. It is also dedicated to the soldiers who continue to safeguard the Nation's territorial Integrity and sovereignty amongst complex security challenges. On this day, the soldiers, especially the brave fighters and war heroes who sacrificed everything to protect the motherland are remembered and honoured.	
60.	Kargil Vijay Diwas	26 July	D/o Military Affairs	2000	Kargil Vijay Diwas is celebrated on 26 July every year in honour of Kargil Heroes who gave the supreme sacrifice during the conflict.	
61.	NCC Day	4 th November	D/o Military Affairs	1947	NCC Day is celebrated on 4 th Nov every year because in 1947, the first NCC unit was raised in Delhi.	
62.	Vijay Diwas	16 th December	D/o Military Affairs	1972	India declared victory on Pakistan on 16 Dec 1971, after which Pakistan Army surrendered to the Indian Forces. The day is celebrated to commemorate sacrifices of the defence forces which resulted in creation of the new country Bangladesh.	
63.	Navy Day	4 th December	D/o Military Affairs	1972	Till 1972, Navy Day used to be celebrated and the week in which 15 December fell, was observed as the Navy week. At the Senior Naval Officers Conference in May 72, it was decided that Navy Day would be celebrated on 04 December 21 to commemorate the successful naval actions in the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal during the Indo Pakistan War of December 1971.	
64.	Air Force Day	8 th October	D/o Military Affairs	1932	08 Oct 1932 & The Gazette of India (No.-41, 564 & 565) wherein it is stated that the Governor General	

					in Council was pleased with effect from 8 th October 1932 to establish the Indian Air Force.	
Department of Posts						
65.	World Post Day	9 th October	D/o Posts	1969	Universal Postal Union was founded on 9 th October, 1874. The objective of celebration the day is to constitute a single postal territory and the biggest physical distribution network in the world.	MHA list mentions that this day is celebrated since 1874. But as per publicly available information, while the Universal Postal Union started in 1874, observance of World Post Day started in 1969. No approval was taken at the level of Cabinet/ PM/ Minister. But it is mentioned in the MHA list that as a member of UPU, it is obligatory for India to celebrate this world day.
Ministry of Panchayati Raj						
66.	National Panchayati Raj Day	24 th April	Ministry of Panchayati Raj	2010		PMO ID Note No. 495/31/C/7/09-ES-II dated 22/7/2009#
Ministry of Ports Shipping & Waterways						
67.	National Maritime Day	5 th April	M/o Ports Shipping & Waterways	1963	To highlight the role of shipping industry by diffusion of knowledge, recognize the service of seafarers, finalise welfare and training projects for seafarers etc.	No information about approval process available in MHA list.
Ministry of Rural Development						
68.	Awaas Diwas	20 th November	Ministry of Rural Development	2017	Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on 20 th November, 2016 launch PMAY-G and to commemorate the launch it was decided to celebrate 20 th November every year as Awaas Diwas, thereafter, Secretary (RD) vide DO letter dated 06.11.2017 (enclosed) requested all the State to celebrate Awaas Diwas on 20 th November.	
Ministry Social Justice & Empowerment						
69.	Sant Ravi das Jayanti	24 th February	Social Justice & Empowerment	2003	To mark birth anniversary of Sant Ravi das	No information about approval process available in MHA list.

70.	Ambedkar Jayanti	14 th April	Social Justice and Empowerment	1993	In recognition of the contribution made by Late Dr. B.R Ambedkar to the nation.	Approval was taken at the level of Minister. No formal declaration of the Day as such. The Ministry undertakes certain activities on this day.
71.	Constitution Day	26 th November	D/o Social Justice & Empowerment	2015	On this day in 1949 our country adopted and enacted the Constitution to ensure access of citizens to Justice, Liberty, Equality and Fraternity, as enshrined in the preamble of the Constitution.	Recommended by CoS on 20.10.2015 To increase awareness about the Constitution among Citizens, it was decided at the 1 st meeting of the National Committee (chaired by PM) held on 23.07.2015 to celebrate the 26 th November as Constitution Day.
72.	Nirvan Diwas of Shri B.R. Ambedkar	6 th December	Social Justice and Empowerment	1993	To mark the death anniversary of Dr Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar.	No information about approval process available in MHA list.
73.	UN International Day on Older Persons	1 st October	Social Justice and Empowerment	1999	Raising awareness about issues affecting the elderly, such as senescence and elder abuse. It is also a day to appreciate the contributions that older people make to society.	As per the information contained in MHA list, Ministry has not formally adopted the Day as such, although certain activities are undertaken by the Ministry on this Day.
74.	UN International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	26 th June	Social Justice & Empowerment	1993	This is a United Nations International Day against drug abuse and the illegal drug trade. The date June 26 is to commemorate Lin Zexu's dismantling of the opium trade in Humen, Guangdong, ending on June 25, 1839, just before the First Opium War in China. The observance was instituted by General Assembly Resolution 42/112 of 7 December 1987.	As per the information contained in MHA list, Ministry has not formally adopted the Day as such, although certain activities are undertaken by the Ministry on this Day.
75.	UN International Day for Disabled Persons	3 rd December	Social Justice and Empowerment	1995	To promote understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities. It also seeks to increase awareness of gains to be derived from the integration of persons with disabilities in every	As per the information contained in MHA list, Ministry has not formally adopted the Day as such, although certain activities are undertaken by the Ministry on this Day.

					aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life. It was called "International Day of Disabled Persons" until 2007.	
Ministry of Science & Technology						
76.	National Science Day	28 th February	Science & Technology	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.	
77.	Technology Day	11 th May	Science & Technology	1998	To promote successful commercialization of indigenous 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/provider of the technology. Another award for SSI units introduced in 2001.	
Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship						
78.	National Entrepreneurship Day	9 th November	M/o Skill Development & Entrepreneurship	2017	To mark the creation of Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship. The aim is to inspire youth to take entrepreneurship as a preferred career option.	Recommended by CoS on 5.10.2017
Ministry of Space						
79.	World Space Week	4-10 October	Space	1999	To commemorate the beginning of space age with the launch of Sputnik-I	No information about approval process available in MHA list.
Ministry of Tourism						
80.	National Tourism Day	25 th January	Tourism		To commemorate establishment of the Ministry/ Department	No information about approval process available in MHA list.
81.	World Tourism Day	27 th September	Tourism	1980	The purpose of this day is to raise awareness on the role of tourism within the international community and to demonstrate how it affects social, cultural, political and economic values worldwide.	No information about approval process available in MHA list.
Ministry of Textiles						
82.	National Handloom Day	07 th August	M/o Textiles	2015	The Swadeshi Movement which was launched on 7 th August, 1905 had encouraged indigenous industries and in particular handloom weavers. To	Recommended by CoS on 26.06.2015

					mark this day, 7th August every year, has been designated as the National Handloom Day.	
Ministry of Tribal Affairs						
83.	Janjatiya Gaurav Divas	15 th November	M/o Tribal Affairs	2021	Observed on 15th November , the birth anniversary of Birsa Munda, an iconic freedom fighter and tribal leader of the country. Celebrated to remember and recognise the contribution of tribals to the freedom struggle, cultural heritage, and re-energizing the efforts for socio-economic development of tribal regions.	Recommended by CoS on 08.11.2021 and approved by the Cabinet on 10.11.2021.
Department of Telecommunications						
84.	World Communication Day	17 th May	D/o Telecommunications	1969	To increase awareness on the vital role of telecommunications in the welfare of humanity, foster interest in telecommunications in educational institutions, etc.	No information about approval process available in MHA list.
Ministry of Woman & Child Development						
85.	Children's Day	14 th November	Woman & Child Development	1957	To focus on well-being of children (coinciding with the birth day of the 1 st Prime Minister of India, Shri Jawahar Lal Nehru)	No information about approval process available in MHA list. MHA list also does not indicate the year from which observance of the day commenced. As per publicly available information (Wikipedia), 14 th November was officially declared as Children's Day in India in 1957.
86.	International Women's Day	8 th March	Women & Child Development	1997	International Women's Day is observed with a view to promoting Women's rights and participation in economic and political processes.	No approval was taken at the level of Cabinet/ PM/ Minister.
87.	National Nutrition Week	1 st -7 th November	Women & Child Development	1982	To intensify efforts for creation of nutritional awareness among people with a view to combating malnutrition.	No information about approval process available in MHA list.
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports						
88.	National Youth Day	12 th January	Youth Affairs & Sports	1995	To focus on hopes and aspirations of the youth of the country (coinciding with birth anniversary of Swami Vivekanand)	Approved at the level of Minister.

89.	National Sports Day	29 th August	Youth Affairs and Sports	1992	To promote the spirit of sports in the country coinciding with the birthday of Late Major Dhyan Chand, the Hockey Wizard	Approved at the level of the Minister.
90.	National Sabdhavana Diwas	20 th August	Youth Affairs and Sports			
91.	National NNS Day	24 th September	Youth Affairs and Sports	1969		
