

Important Days in August 2023

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Important Days in August 2023: The month of August has historical resonance as well as contemporary significance and occupies a unique place in the calendar. It stands as a month where the past converges with the present. As UPSC aspirants gear up for their journey, comprehending the importance of these events in August 2023 is essential.

This compilation illuminates days that have shaped history and continue to mould the present, offering aspirants a holistic perspective that extends beyond textbooks and into the world's intricacies.

List of Important Days in August 2023

Some of the **important days in August 2023** include National Handloom Day, Quit India Movement Day, World Wide Web Day, etc. From celebrating historical events to raising awareness about critical issues, August is a month that offers a diverse range of observances. Let's delve into some of the most noteworthy and impactful days that make August a month to remember by going through the list of important days in August 2023:

Important Dates	Important Days in August 2023
August 1	World Wide Web Day
August 1	National Mountain Climbing Day
August 2	Birth Anniversary of Pingali Venkayya
August 1 to August 7	World Breastfeeding Week
August 6	Hiroshima Day
August 7	National Handloom Day
August 8	Quit India Movement Day (launched by Gandhi)
August 9	Kakori Train Robbery Anniversary
August 9	Nagasaki Day
August 9	International Day of World's Indigenous People
August 10	World Lion Day
August 10	World Biofuel Day
August 12	International Youth Day
August 12	World Elephant Day
August 13	World Organ Donation Day
August 14	Partition Horrors Remembrance Day

August 15	Independence Day in India
August 15	National Mourning Day (Bangladesh)
August 16	Parsi New Year
August 16	Bennington Battle Day
August 17	Indonesian Independence Day
August 17	Radcliff Line was declared between India and Pakistan
August 19	World Humanitarian Day
August 19	First Rupee Coin of East India Company was minted
August 20	World Mosquito Day
August 20	Sadbhavna Diwas
August 20	Indian Akshay Urja Day
August 21	Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 was passed
August 21	World Senior Citizen Day
August 23	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition
August 23	European Day of Remembrance for Victims of Stalinism and Nazism
August 23	National Space Day
August 24	Birth Anniversary of Bina Das
August 26	Women's Equality Day

August 26	Birth Anniversary of Mother Teresa
August 29	National Sports Day
August 30	Small Industry Day
August 31	Malaysia National Day
August 31	Sanskrit Diwas

Details of Important Days in August 2023

Listed below are the Important Days in August 2023, crucial for candidates preparing for the UPSC Civil Services Examination. These days hold importance due to their historical, cultural, and global significance:

August 1 - World Wide Web Day

World Wide Web Day commemorates the date in 1990 when the physicist **Tim Berners-Lee** first introduced the concept of the World Wide Web, which revolutionized the way information is shared and accessed. This day celebrates the transformative impact of the Internet on global communication, commerce, and connectivity.

August 2 - Birth Anniversary of Pingali Venkayya

Pingali Venkayya (1876-1963) was a Telugu freedom fighter and social reformer. He is best known for **designing the Indian flag**. He was born in 1876 in Andhra Pradesh and was a member of the **Arya Samaj**, a Hindu reform movement. In 1921, he designed the first version of the Indian flag, which was a tricolour of red, yellow, and green with a white Ashoka Chakra in the center. The flag was adopted by the Indian National Congress in 1931 and became the official flag of India after independence in 1947.

August 7 - National Handloom Day

National Handloom Day celebrates the rich heritage and craftsmanship of handloom weavers in India. This day was chosen to honour the **Swadeshi Movement**, which aimed to promote indigenous industries and self-reliance.

August 6 - Hiroshima Day

Hiroshima Day marks the anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Japan, on August 6, 1945, during **World War II**. The event is a solemn reminder of the devastating consequences of nuclear warfare and serves as a call for peace and nuclear disarmament.

August 8 - Quit India Movement Day

The day witnessed nationwide campaign of civil disobedience against British rule in India, the Quit India Movement was launched by **Mahatma Gandhi** on this day in 1942. The movement was met with widespread arrests and repression, but it ultimately helped to pave the way for India's Independence in 1947.

August 9 - Nagasaki Day

Similar to Hiroshima Day, Nagasaki Day remembers the victims of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki on August 9, 1945. This event also emphasises the need to eliminate nuclear weapons and promote peace.

August 9 - Kakori Train Robbery Anniversary

On 9 August 1925, the Kakori Train Robbery, a major **turning point** in the Freedom Struggle, was carried out by a group of Indian revolutionaries. The revolutionaries robbed a train carrying British government money in Kakori, Uttar Pradesh, in order to fund their activities. The robbery was a bold act of defiance against British rule, and it helped to inspire other revolutionaries.

August 10 - World Lion Day

World Lion Day is celebrated to raise awareness about the plight of lions and to promote conservation efforts. Lions are **endangered** animals, with only around 20,000 left in the wild. The day was first celebrated in **2013** by the **World Wildlife Fund (WWF)** and the Global Coalition for the Protection of African Lions.

August 10 - World Biofuel Day

The World Biofuel Day was first celebrated in 2008 by the International Bioenergy Association. It is celebrated to raise awareness about the benefits of biofuels, which are renewable fuels made from biomass. Biofuels can help to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels and combat **climate change**.

August 12 - World Elephant Day

World Elephant Day is dedicated to raising awareness about the conservation and well-being of elephants around the world. The day aims to highlight the threats elephants face from habitat loss, poaching, and illegal trade.

August 13 - World Organ Donation Day

World Organ Donation Day seeks to promote organ and tissue donation for transplantation. It emphasises the importance of **altruism** and saving lives through organ donation.

August 15 - Independence Day in India

Independence Day is a momentous occasion in India, celebrated with great pride and enthusiasm. It marks the day in 1947 when India gained freedom from British rule after decades of struggle and sacrifice. During this day, the [Prime Minister](#) raises the national flag at the Red Fort in Delhi and delivers an address to the nation.

The day signifies the culmination of the efforts of countless freedom fighters who fought for **India's self-determination**. It is a reminder of India's **sovereignty** and a tribute to those who gave their lives for the nation's independence.

August 15 - National Mourning Day (Bangladesh)

National Mourning Day is observed in Bangladesh to remember and honour **Sheikh Mujibur Rahman**, the country's founding leader, and his family members who were assassinated on August 15, 1975.

August 16 - Bennington Battle Day

Bennington Battle Day commemorates the Battle of Bennington during the **American Revolutionary War**. The battle was a pivotal moment in the struggle for independence and is celebrated in the United States.

August 17 - Radcliff Line was declared between India and Pakistan

The Radcliffe Line, declared on 17 August 1947, was a boundary demarcation line between India and Pakistan, which were two newly independent countries that emerged from the partition of British India. The line was drawn hastily and without much regard for the wishes of the people who lived in the region, and it led to widespread violence and displacement.

August 19 - First Rupee Coin of East India Company was minted

The East India Company minted its first rupee coin on 19 August 1760, at Calcutta (Kolkata). The coin was made of silver and bore the image of the company's founder, **Robert Clive**. The coin was a symbol of the company's growing power and influence in India.

August 20 - Sadbhavna Diwas

On August 20, the birth anniversary of India's sixth Prime Minister, **Rajiv Gandhi**, is observed as Sadbhavana Diwas or **Harmony Day**. Rajiv Gandhi held the distinction of being India's youngest Prime Minister. In English, the term "Sadbhavana" translates to "goodwill." The day aims to promote communal harmony, national integration, and peace among all communities.

Rajiv Gandhi's vision for a united and inclusive India is honoured through various events and initiatives that encourage dialogue, understanding, and cooperation among people from diverse backgrounds.

August 20 - World Mosquito Day

World Mosquito Day commemorates the discovery by **Sir Ronald Ross** in 1897 that female mosquitoes transmit [malaria](#). The day raises awareness about the dangers of mosquito-borne diseases and efforts to control them.

August 20 - Indian Akshay Urja Day

Indian Akshay Urja Day, also known as **Renewable Energy Day**, highlights India's commitment to sustainable energy sources. It marks the anniversary of the **establishment of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) in 1992**. The day underscores India's strides in harnessing renewable energy, such as solar, wind, and hydropower, to reduce dependence on fossil fuels and mitigate environmental concerns.

It serves as a reminder of India's goal to transition towards cleaner and more sustainable energy alternatives.

August 21 - World Senior Citizen Day

The World Senior Citizen Day is celebrated to honor and appreciate senior citizens. They have made significant contributions to society, and they deserve our respect and care. The day was first celebrated in India in 1999 by the **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**.

August 23 - International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition

This day acknowledges the transatlantic slave trade's historical impact and the importance of abolishing **slavery**. It serves as a reminder of the need to combat racism, discrimination, and prejudice.

August 23 - European Day of Remembrance for Victims of Nazism and Stalinism

This day honours the victims of totalitarian regimes led by **Stalin** and **Hitler** in Europe. It aims to promote understanding, remembrance, and lessons learned from these dark periods of history.

August 23 - National Space Day

Prime Minister designated August 23 as 'National Space Day', coinciding with [Chandrayaan-3](#)'s successful soft landing on the Moon's south pole. During his visit to the ISRO command centre in Bengaluru, he lauded the contributions of women scientists and declared that the lunar site of Chandrayaan-3's landing would be named '**Shivshakti**', fostering scientific inspiration. He revealed that the point where Chandrayaan-2 impacted the Moon would be termed the '**Tiranga**' point. This recognition underscores India's strides in space exploration and encourages future generations in scientific pursuits.

August 24 - Birth Anniversary of Bina Das

Bina Das (1911-1994) was a Bengali revolutionary and social reformer. She was one of the first women to participate in the **Quit India Movement**. In 1930, she threw a shoe at the portrait of **British King George V** in protest against British rule. She was arrested and imprisoned for her actions. On 6 February 1932, she attempted to **assassinate** the Bengal Governor Stanley Jackson at University of Calcutta but failed. After independence, she continued to work for social justice and women's rights.

August 26 - Women's Equality Day

Women's Equality Day commemorates the passing of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution in 1920, granting **women the right to vote**. The day advocates for gender equality and the ongoing struggle for

women's rights.

August 26 - Birth Anniversary of Mother Teresa

Mother Teresa (1910-1997) was a Catholic nun dedicated her life to helping the poor and sick. She founded the Missionaries of Charity, a religious order that cares for the destitute and dying. Mother Teresa was awarded the **Nobel Peace Prize** in 1979 for her work.

August 30 - National Small Industry Day

National Small Industry Day celebrates the vital role of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in economies worldwide. It recognises their contributions to employment, innovation, and economic growth.

August 31 - Sanskrit Diwas

Sanskrit Diwas honours the **ancient** Indian language, Sanskrit, which has significant religious, philosophical, and literary importance. The day promotes the preservation and propagation of the Sanskrit language and culture.

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