

World Population Day 2025

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This year's World Population Day will take place on Friday, July 11, 2025, with the theme "Empowering young people to create the families they want in a fair and hopeful world".

About World Population Day (WPD)

- Observed annually on **July 11**, World Population Day is a **United Nations initiative** aimed at **raising awareness** about the challenges and opportunities **of global population growth**.
- With the world population now surpassing 8.2 billion, the day highlights the importance of sustainable development, equitable access to resources, reproductive rights, and gender equality.
- **World Population Day 2025 Theme: 'Empowering young people to create the families they want in a fair and hopeful world'.**

World Population Day History

- WPD was **established by** the then-Governing Council of the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** in **1989**, following the global interest generated by “**Five Billion Day**” on **11 July 1987**, when the **world’s population reached 5 billion**.
- **Dr KC Zachariah**, a senior demographer at the World Bank, **suggested that this day be commemorated**.
- In December 1990, the UN General Assembly decided to keep celebrating WPD annually to promote understanding of population issues and how they connect to the environment and development.
- The **first WPD was celebrated** on July 11, **1990**, in over 90 countries.

Key Facts on World’s Population

- The world’s population has **increased by over three times since the middle of the 20th century**.
- According to the UN, there were **8.2 billion people** on the planet **as of July 2025**.
- The population is predicted to **peak at 10.4 billion in the middle of the 2080s**, having reached **9.7 billion in 2050**.
- **India leads globally with 1.46 billion people, followed by China’s 1.41 billion**.
- **India’s total fertility rate** has fallen below the replacement level.
- **India’s population** is **expected to grow to** approximately **1.7 billion before beginning to decline around 40 years from now**, as stated in the **UN Population Fund’s (UNFPA) 2025 State of World Population Report**.

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