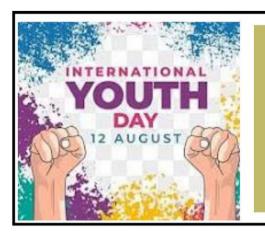
Youth are the driving force of change, innovation, and progress. They represent the most dynamic segment of any society, brimming with ideas, enthusiasm, and an unwavering spirit to shape a better future



On International Youth Day 2 celebrated annually on August 12, young individuals worldwide are called upon to engage, lead, and participate in global discussions and initiatives

Half the world population is 30 or lower. This number is expected to hit 57% by 2030.







## **United Nations and Youth**

In 1965, in resolution 2037 (XX), the General Assembly endorsed the Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples.

In 1998, a resolution proclaiming 12 August as **International Youth Day** was adopted by the first session of the the <u>World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth</u>, which was hosted by the Government of Portugal in cooperation with the United Nations (Lisbon, 8-12 August 1998).

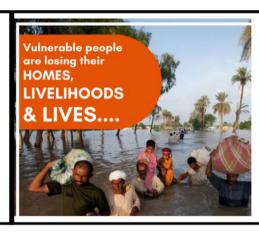
World Humanitarian Day is commemorated every year on 19 August to pay tribute to humanitarian workers killed and injured in the course of their work, and to honor all aid and health workers who continue to provide life-saving support and protection to people most in need



The theme for World Humanitarian Day 2025 is "Strengthening Global Solidarity and Empowering Local Communities".

On 19 August 2003, a bomb attack on the Canal Hotel in Baghdad, Iraq, killed 22 humanitarian aid workers, including the UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Iraq, Sergio Vieira de Mello. Five years later, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution designating 19 August as World Humanitarian Day (WHD).







World Humanitarian Day and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Humanitarian efforts are closely aligned with several Sustainable Development Goals:

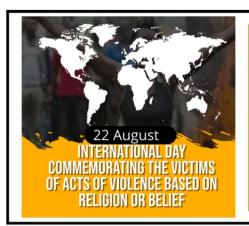
Goal 1: No Poverty: Humanitarian work often focuses on the poorest and most vulnerable, providing essential services and support.

Goal 2: Zero Hunger: Many humanitarian efforts involve providing food aid and nutritional support to those affected by crises.

Goal 3: Good Health and Well-being: Humanitarian workers provide medical care and health services in disaster and conflict zones.

Goal 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions: Promoting peace and justice, and supporting strong institutions are key aspects of humanitarian work.

The International Day commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief is celebrated on the 22nd of August



United Nations General Assembly, in its resolution A/RES/73/296, designated 22 August as the International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief to recognize the importance of providing victims of acts of violence based on religion or belief and members of their families with appropriate support and assistance in accordance with applicable law.

- <u>Atheism</u>
  Atheists are people who believe that god or gods are man-made constructs.
- <u>Baha'i</u>
   One of the youngest of the world's major religions.
- Buddhism A way of living based on the teachings of Siddhartha Gautama.



- The world's biggest faith, based on the teaching of Jesus Christ. Hinduism
- A group of faiths rooted in the religious ideas of India.
   Judaism
- Based around the Jewish people's covenant relationship with God.





## <u>Islam</u>

Revealed in its final form by the Prophet Muhammad.

<u>Jainism</u>

An ancient philosophy and ethical teaching that originated in India.

<u>Sikhism</u>

The religion founded by Guru Nanak in India in the 15th Century CE.

Taoism

An ancient tradition of philosophy and belief rooted in Chinese worldview.

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Lakes are one of the most vital natural resources on our planet. They serve as a crucial source of fresh water, supporting drinking water supplies, agriculture, and industry. Natural and artificial lakes contain more than 90% of the fresh water on the surface of the Earth.



In 2024, the UN held a special event to discuss the importance of conservation and sustainable development of lakes and promote the establishment of World Lake Day. In Resolution A/RES/79/142, the UN designated 27 August as World Lake Day.



Once formed, <u>lakes do not</u> <u>stay the same</u>. Like people, they go through different life stages—youth, maturity, old age, and death.



<u>Limnologists</u> are people who study inland waters - lakes, reservoirs, rivers, streams, wetlands, and groundwater.

Some facts

The Great Salt Lake, in the U.S. state of Utah, is the largest saline lake in North America.

The lowest lake in the world is the Dead Sea, on the edge of Israel and Jordan.

The surface level is 418 m below sea level.

The deepest lake in the world is Lake Baikal in Siberia, Russia, it is 1,637 m at its deepest point.

The longest lake in the world is Lake Tang'anyika in Africa at 660 km and it is also the second deepest lake.