

Human Rights Day 2018 - Know the Theme, Purpose! and More in PDF

Human Rights Day is celebrated on 10th December worldwide to honor the United Nations General Assembly's adoption of Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948. The universal Declaration of Human Rights was drafted between January 1947 and December 1948. Human Rights include our right to live, our right to health, education, freedom of speech and thoughts, and equal rights. Read the article to know all about it.

Human Rights Day - Why Is It Celebrated?

Human Rights day is one of the globally celebrated day by the people all across the world to know the rights they deserve and also fight for them. This day is celebrated to enhance the cultural, physical, spiritual and social well being welfare of the people who have no ideas about their rights globally. Some of the important reasons of why do we celebrate this day and its objectives are:

- To aware people about human rights and also promote it all around the world.
- To highlight the achievements of the United Nations General Assembly in order to progress the overall human rights conditions.
- To unite and discuss specific issues of human rights and find measures to overcome it.
- To encourage the vulnerable group of people like women, minorities, youth, poor, disabled person, indigenous people and etc to take part in this event celebration and political decision-making.



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Human Rights Day - Previous Year Themes

The UN General Assembly adopted and proclaimed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights at the Palais de Chailiot in Paris, France on 10th December 1948. All states and interested organizations were invited to observe this day as Human Rights Day. Every year Human Rights Day has a theme. Some of these themes have focused on people knowing their Human Rights or the importance of human rights education. Following are the themes of Human Rights Day for each year:

- Theme of 2018 is “Stand Up For Human Rights”.
- Theme of 2017 was “Let’s stand up for equality, justice and human dignity”.
- Theme of 2016 was “Stand up for someone’s rights today”.
- Theme of 2015 was “Our Rights. Our Freedoms. Always.”
- Theme of 2014 was “Celebrating 20 years of changing lives through Human Rights”.
- Theme of 2013 was “20 Years: Working for Your Rights”.
- Theme of 2012 was “Inclusion and the right to participate in public life” and “Universal Declaration of Human Rights”.

What are basic Human Rights?

The universal Declaration of Human Rights, a milestone document that proclaimed the inalienable rights which everyone is inherently entitled to as a human being -- regardless of race, colour, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status, was drafted on 10 December 1948. The basic human rights are

- Right to Live
- Right to Health

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- Right to Education
- Freedom of Speech and Thoughts
- Right to Equality

All About Human Rights Day

- 10th December 2018 marks the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- There will be a series of events which will be organised on the occasion and the final event will be held in Geneva on 13th December 2018.
- There will also be a social media campaign which will feature major public figures who will stand up for human rights.
- There will also be a series of 14 spotlight events which will be taking place in seven time zones around the globe.

Each event will be organised with a specific theme based on the location where the event is organised. But the common emphasis would be on the human rights and how it helps to contribute in the social development and celebrating those who stood up for the cause. A 'Mobile Film Festival' would also take place in Paris in December which will be collaborated with 'YouTube Creators for Change' programme with the theme #StandUp4HumanRights, which is also the official hashtag for the campaign.

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