INTERNATIONAL DAY OF EDUCATION

"Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself."

– John Dewey –

☀ Why do we mark this day?

The International Day of Education is celebrated on January 24 every year after its resolution was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 3, 2018. Education plays a key role and is a cross-cutting theme across all the other sectors such as economic, social, and environmental. Not only do we need education for ourselves but also for the betterment of the world. Sustainable Development Goals help in building sustainable and resilient societies. It helps in solving societal problems such as poverty, sanitation, and other issues. Therefore, the day recognizes and celebrates the importance of education for achieving sustainable development.

Questions for Discussion

✔What is the significance of celebrating International Day of Education?

✔Why is it important to ensure quality education?

Meet Today's Global Citizen

Malala Yousafzai

Malala Yousafzai is a Pakistani activist who as a teenager, spoke out publicly against the prohibition of the education of girls. Malala survived an assassination attempt when she fought for the right to education for girls in Pakistan. Attack on her was a violation of human rights to education and gender equality. This has highlighted the issues regarding 61 million out-of-school children, mainly comprised of girls. The cause for this issue has been mainly due to practices such as early marriage, gender-based violence, or laws and social/cultural norms that prevent girls from getting enrolled or completing schools. Malala asked the global community to pay more attention to the right to education of girls and women and take actions on this issue, which has impacted much to the whole community.