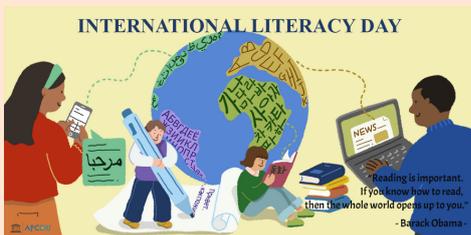


INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

"Reading is important. If you know how to read then the whole world opens up to you."

- Barack Obama -

Why do we mark this day?



The celebration of International Literacy Day (ILD) has taken place annually around the world since 1967. The purpose of the day is to remind people of the importance of literacy as a matter of dignity and human rights as well as to advance the literacy agenda towards a more literate and sustainable society. However, there are still literacy challenges persisting with at least 773 million adults worldwide lacking basic literacy skills today.

ILD gives us an opportunity to analyze the role of educators as well as effective policies, systems, and governance. It reminds us of what support can and should be provided to help many youths and adults who have little or no literacy skills and limited access to information.

Questions for Discussion

✓ Explain why literacy is a fundamental human right.

✓ How can literacy help in social human development? Share your view.

Meet Today's Global Citizen



Maya Angelou

Civil rights activist, actress, poet, and award-winning author

She published seven autobiographies, three books of essays, several books of poetry, and is credited with a list of plays, movies, and television shows spanning over 50 years. Angelou is one of the most renowned and influential voices of our time where her poems and audio recordings still play and are appreciated even now. Her autobiography, "I know why the caged bird sings" tells of her own life of childhood and early adult, which became very famous in and outside the USA. She was considered to be one of the first African American women who publicly discussed her personal life.