

15th October – Dusshera (Hindu):



Dusshera, or Vijayadashami, is a major religious festival in India and Nepal and is celebrated every year to commemorate the victory of Lord Ram over Ravan which signifies the victory of good over evil. Dussehra is celebrated with great enthusiasm in India.

Dusshera is also marked as a triumph of Goddess Durga over the buffalo Demon Mahishasura. In Nepal, Dasara is celebrated as Dashain.

15th October – Eid-e-Shuja' (Islam):



Eid-e-Shuja', also known as Eid-e-Zahra, is a ritual festival observed by most Twelver Shi'a Muslims. It marks the end of the two-month mourning period (azadari) after the events of the Karbala massacre, which occurred in 680 AD. It is celebrated annually on the ninth day of the month of Rabi Al-Awwal in the Islamic-Hijri calendar.

19th October – Sharad Purnima (Hindu):



Sharad Purnima is a harvest festival celebrated on the full moon day of the Hindu lunar month of Ashvin, marking the end of the monsoon season.

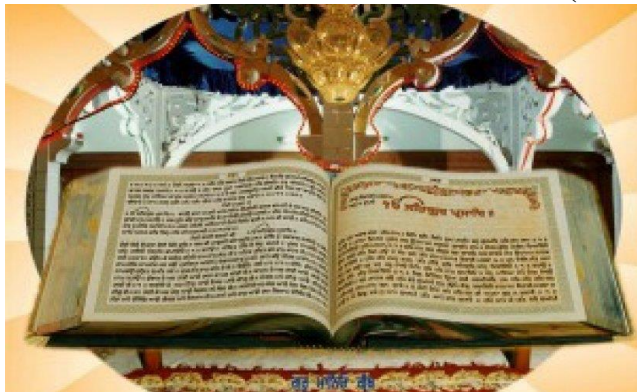
On this auspicious day, many divine pairs like Radha Krishna, Shiva Parvati, and Lakshmi Narayan are worshipped along with the moon and are offered flowers and kheer.

19th October – Milad un Nabi (Islam):



Milad un Nabi marks the birthday of the Prophet Muhammad. Muslim parents will tell stories of the Prophet's life to their children. Those Muslims who celebrate this festival do so joyfully. Many Muslims do not believe in celebrating birthdays or death anniversaries because there is no historical evidence that the Prophet Muhammad ever did this.

20th October – Birth of the Guru Granth (Sikh):



The Guru Granth is the holy book of Sikhism, which is an agglomeration of the teachings of the ten Sikh Gurus. It includes texts, hymns, and prayers of the Sikh religion, and is considered as an eternal living guru that imparts the principles and core beliefs of Sikhism. The first rendition of the book was known as Adi Granth, and it was collated by the fifth guru, Guru Arjan. The second and final rendition of the book was collated by the tenth guru, Guru Gobind Singh, under the name of Sri Guru Granth Sahib.

22nd October – International Stammering Awareness Day:



International Stammering Awareness Day (ISAD) happens on 22nd October every year. Stammering associations, individuals and groups around the world organise events to mark the day and to raise awareness of the issues faced by millions of people – one percent of the world's population – who stutter, or stammer. Every year, stuttering communities and associations around the world get together, put on events and campaign to highlight how certain aspects of society can be difficult for people who stammer; to challenge negative attitudes and discrimination; and to debunk myths that people who stammer are nervous or less intelligent.

26th October – Intersex Awareness Day:



Every year, Intersex Awareness Day strives to inform and educate people about intersex people, their human rights issues and the discriminations they face in daily life, including the decision for many to “normalise” their own sex in their own time and if they want to.

Intersex people are those born with sex characteristics that don’t meet medical and social norms for female or male bodies. It is thought that up to 1.7% of babies are intersex. Some are born with obvious intersex traits, while in others, it is not apparent until they reach puberty. Some may never exhibit variations in their chromosomes.

In particular, Intersex Awareness Day is an opportunity for intersex people to be visible and open about who they are, to ensure that others out there do not feel alone or ashamed if they are intersex. Intersex people face many challenges, including the shame and secrecy of people who do not fit with bodily norms, and many children are forced to undergo unwanted genital cosmetic surgeries to try and “fix” what is not actually a problem in the first place.