



# International Literacy Day 2024

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Recently, **the Vice-President of India** emphasized the transformative power of literacy at the **International Literacy Day (ILD) 2024** celebrations held in New Delhi, urging a nationwide commitment to enhance education and celebrate linguistic diversity.

- The Vice-President praised the **National Education Policy, 2020** for its potential to empower youth and recognize linguistic diversity. During the event, the **ULLAS (Understanding Lifelong Learning for All in Society)** DTH Channel was introduced to reach learners in remote areas, bridging literacy gaps.
- The roots of ILD trace back to the 1965 World Conference of Ministers of Education on the Eradication of Illiteracy in Tehran, Iran, which sparked the idea of a day dedicated to promoting literacy globally.
  - **UNESCO** officially declared **8<sup>th</sup> September** as International Literacy Day during its **14<sup>th</sup> General Conference in 1967**, and the world celebrated this special day for the first time that year, marking the beginning of a significant global observance.
- **ILD 2024 Theme:** “Promoting multilingual education: Literacy for mutual understanding and peace.”
- **Key Initiatives Related to Literacy in India:** [New India Literacy Programme](#), [Saakshar Bharat](#), and [Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan](#)

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