

International Mother Language Day

21st February is observed as **International Mother Language Day** to promote linguistic and cultural diversity worldwide. The day commemorates the sacrifices of the **language martyrs of 1952** in Bangladesh, who laid down their lives for the recognition of **Bengali as an official language** in then East Pakistan. In honor of their struggle, **UNESCO declared 21st February as International Mother Language Day in 1999**, making it a global celebration of linguistic identity.