



International Day of Families

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The International Day of Families is observed on **15 May** every year.

Key Points



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- In 1993, the **United Nations** General Assembly passed a resolution that 15 May of every year should be observed as the International Day of Families.
- **Objectives:** It provides an opportunity to promote awareness of issues relating to families and to increase the knowledge of the social, economic and demographic processes affecting families.
- **Theme:** The theme for 2020 is **Families in Development: Copenhagen & Beijing+25**.
The theme changes every year depending on the developmental endeavours ahead of the organisations working towards the welfare of families.

- **Steps to promote healthy families:**

- **Healthy familial bonds** are some of the greatest boons that parents and elders in the family can pass on their children and family youngsters.
- **A nurturing environment** promoted with love and care helps the children grow up into well-balanced, happy adults.
- **Communication, quality time, appreciation, respect** are some of the essentials towards building a strong and supportive family.

Copenhagen & Beijing+25

- Copenhagen & Beijing+25 signifies the **World Conferences on Women (WCW)** organised by the United Nations.
 - The United Nations has organized four world conferences on women.
 - These took place in **Mexico City in 1975, Copenhagen in 1980, Nairobi in 1985 and Beijing in 1995.**
- **WCW, Copenhagen:**

Under this a **Programme of Action** called for stronger national measures to ensure women's ownership and control of property, as well as improvements in protecting women's rights to inheritance, child custody and nationality.
- **WCW, Beijing:**
 - It marked a significant turning point for the global agenda for gender equality. The Beijing Declaration was adopted unanimously by the UN at the end of the 4th WCW.
 - 2020 marks the **25th** anniversary of the **4th World Conference on Women (WCW)** and adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995). Hence, it is referred to as Beijing + 25.

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