



## World Health Day

- **Every year 7<sup>th</sup> April** marks the celebration of **World Health Day**.
- Its idea was conceived at the **First Health Assembly in 1948** and it came into **effect in 1950**.
- **Aim:** To create awareness of a specific health theme to highlight a priority area of concern for the [World Health Organization](https://www.who.int/) (WHO).
  - Over the years, it has brought to light **important health issues** such as mental health, maternal and child care and climate change.
- **Theme for 2020: Support Nurses and Midwives.**
- **2020** has been designated as the **International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife**.
  - This year, the day celebrates the work of nurses and midwives and reminds world leaders of the critical role they play in keeping the world healthy.
  - On the Day, the **'State of the World's Nursing 2020'** report has been launched.
  - WHO and its partners will make a series of recommendations to strengthen the nursing and midwifery workforce.
- Nurses and other health workers are at the forefront of [Covid-19](https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/coronavirus-2019-ncov) response-providing high quality, respectful treatment and care, leading community dialogue to address fears and questions and collecting data for clinical studies.

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