

▶ National Girl Child Day

January 24

- National Girl Child Day has been observed since 2008.
- The day aims to address the challenges faced by girls and create awareness about their rights, education and health.

▶ An Indian-origin astronaut who retired from NASA after 27 years of service

Sunita Williams

- Sunita, who has travelled to the International Space Station (ISS) three times, also holds the record for the second-longest time spent in space by a NASA astronaut (608 days).
- Sunita Williams' first ISS trip was in 2006.
- Sunita Williams and Butch Wilmore, who went to the International Space Station for an eight-day mission in 2024, had to spend more than nine months on the International Space Station due to malfunctions in the Boeing Starliner spacecraft.
- Sunita completed nine spacewalks during her career. The total cumulative time of her spacewalks is 62 hours and 6 minutes. She does hold the record for the most cumulative spacewalking time by a woman.
- Sunita Williams is the first person to run a marathon in space.

▶ Newly appointed national president of the Bharatiya Janata Party

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