

## **World Day of Social Justice – 20 February 2025**

The need to advance social justice is recognised globally on the World Day of Social Justice. This day is celebrated annually on February 20 to support the rights of migrants, indigenous peoples, and women. Improving governance, creating appropriate labour markets, and ensuring that everyone has access to social protections are all necessary to meet these difficulties.

### **History:**

The Copenhagen Summit for the Cause of Social Development, which took place in Denmark in 1995, is associated with the World Day of Social Justice. The summit produced a programme that advocated for an end of troubling social issues like prejudice, unemployment, and poverty. Nonetheless, the United Nations General Assembly is linked to the inception of the World Day of Social Justice.

Every year, the World Day of Social Justice centres upon a different theme. Historically, this day has been centred around:

<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Theme</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
2024	Global Coalition for Social Justice: Bridging Gaps, Building Alliances	Emphasized international collaboration to uplift marginalized groups and align with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
2023	Overcoming Barriers and Unleashing Opportunities for Social Justice	Focused on breaking down obstacles to achieve equality and unlocking opportunities for marginalized communities.
2022	Achieving Social Justice through Formal Employment	Highlighted the role of formal employment in reducing poverty and inequality, addressing issues of informal labour.

"Empowering Inclusion: Bridging Gaps for Social Justice" is the topic for 2025. To fight systemic inequality, this subject seeks to emphasise the significance of inclusive policies, lifelong learning, and social protections.

### **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's)**

The United Nations supports the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) because it understands that reducing poverty and other forms of deprivation must be accompanied by policies that address climate change, protect our oceans and forests, enhance health and education, and lower inequality while also promoting economic growth.

The World Day of Social Justice supports several goals:

SDG 1: No Poverty – Eradicating poverty in all its forms.

SDG 5: Gender Equality – Achieving gender equality and empowering all women and girls.

SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth – Promoting inclusive and sustainable economic growth and decent work for all.

SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities - Reducing inequalities within and among countries.