

International Mountain Day

1. On which day is International Mountain Day celebrated each year?

It has been observed on December 11 since 2003.

2. Who established International Mountain Day?

The discussion on mountain ecosystems was started with chapter 13 of Agenda 21 at the 1992 [Earth Summit](#).

The UN General Assembly designated December 11 as International Mountain Day via a resolution in 2002 (Resolution 57/245), and it was first celebrated in 2003. .

The main purpose of the day is to raise awareness of mountains and sustainable development.

Additionally, it also aims to establish awareness in communities about why mountains are essential for life, fresh water, and biodiversity.

This day is organized by the United Nations in coordination with the Food and Agriculture Organization.

3. What was the theme for International Mountain Day for the year 2025?

“Glaciers matter for water, food and livelihood in mountains and beyond” is the theme for International Mountain Day 2025.

The theme aims to raise awareness among communities about the importance of glaciers for water, food security, and ecosystems.

Glaciers play a crucial role in the storage of water, rivers, food, and livelihoods.

Additionally, they are vital for agriculture and clean energy.

However, there is an accelerated melting of glaciers due to climate change, which results in flooding, landslides, and water scarcity.

4. What is meant by the glacier?

When in any place, snow accumulates for a very long time, it leads to the formation of a solid mass of ice due to the compression of snow which is known as the [glacier](#).

They flow along the gravitational force.

They just look like a slow river or solid mass gliding down the riverbed.

References

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/mountain-day>

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