



## World Day of Social Justice 2022

Watch the video ,read the article and then answer the questions.

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20 February

Since 2009, every 20 February has been the UN observance known as “World Day of Social Justice”. The purpose of the day is to focus on the plight of social injustice throughout the world and to press for improvements and solutions.

World Day of Social Justice recognises the need to promote efforts to tackle issues such as poverty, exclusion, employment, gender equity and access to social well-being and justice for all.

As recognised by the World Summit, social development aims at social justice, solidarity, harmony and equality within and among countries. Social justice, equality and equity constitute the fundamental values of all societies. To achieve “a society for all” governments made a commitment to the creation of a framework for action to promote social justice at national, regional and international levels.

They also pledged to promote the equitable distribution of income and greater access to resources through equity and equality and opportunity for all. The governments recognised as well that economic growth should promote equity and social justice and that “a society for all” must be based on social justice and respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms.

**World Day of Social Justice** (Social Justice Equality Day) is an **international day** recognizing the need to promote **social justice**, which includes efforts to tackle issues such **as poverty, exclusion, gender inequality, unemployment, human rights, and social protections**. Many organizations, including the UN, **American Library Association** (ALA), and **the International Labour Organization**, make statements on the importance of social justice for people. Many organizations also present plans for greater social justice by tackling poverty, social and economic exclusion and unemployment. The **United Nations General Assembly** has decided to observe **20 February** annually, approved on 26 November 2007 and starting in 2009, as the World Day of Social Justice.

The Declaration focuses on guaranteeing fair outcomes for all through employment, social protection, social dialogue, and fundamental principles and rights

World Day of Social Justice with scale and wreath on blue background

Over the recent years, the idea of social injustice has been classified into five different components:

1. The dignity of the human being,
2. Primacy of the common good,
3. Reciprocal rights and responsibilities
- ,4. The dignity of workers and rights for workers,
5. Fundamental options for the poor and the vulnerable.

**These five concepts and many more are what is at the heart of the United Nations and its push for human dignity and equality for all.**

**Questions.**

1. Why is this day so important ?
2. What is your country doing for social justice?
3. Can you give three social injustices that are happening around you?
4. Write a paragraph about how this special day, that effects everyone in some way or other be improved by the youth in our communities.