## Paragraph on International Mother Language Day

## Question:

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What is international mother language day?
what is Shaheed day?
what is the background of this day?
who gave the recognition of this day when?
what will we have to do to uphold the glory of the day?
why are we proud?
why do we remember this day very cordially?
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Answer: It is our national pride that 21st February Shaheed Day has been declared the International Mother Language Day. Shaheed Day is a red-letter day in the history of Bengali civilization. On this very day in 1952, the Government of Pakistan killed several students demanding the rightful recognition of the Bangla language on the streets of Dhaka. This incident gave rise to the spirit of Bengali nationalism. A monument was built overnight near Dhaka Medical College where the police held the first killing. People burst into a rage in protest of this inhuman act. The government was bound to change its plan to abolish the Bangle language and approve of it the status of the national language of Pakistan along with Urdu. On 17 November 1999, UNESCO declared 21 February International Recognition. Now people from 188. countries of the whole world will celebrate this day as their Mother Language Day. They will admire us as a languageloving nation. We should uphold this glory. We must work hard to raise our national status as a developed country. Let the International Mother Language Day bring in a potential change in our national life. And at the same time let us be more responsible and sincere in our duties to society.

## Paragraph on The International Mother Language Day

Question: Answer the following questions to form a continuous paragraph. (100 words)

What do you mean by the mother language?
Which is the International Mother Language Day?
Why that day has been declared as International Mother Language Day?
How does the declaration come?
What are the objectives of observing this day?
How important is the day for the people of Bangladesh?

Answer: Mother language means a language through which the people of a country express their ideas, thoughts, feelings, and emotions clearly. 21st February is International Mother Language Day. To show due honor and respect to the existing mother languages of different countries, the day has been declared as International Mother Language Day by UNESCO. In reply to a proposition of Bangladesh Govt. the declaration has come to reality. The day has a long glorious historical background. It is a matter of great regret that, the then rulers of Pakistan tried to impose 'Urdu' as the state language upon us instead of Bangla. Before the independence of our country in 1952, the then-Pakistani ruler Muhammad Ali Jinnah declared in a public meeting that "Only Urdu and Urdu shall be the state language of Pakistan". The people of our country burst into protestation against this unjustified decision. Some of the heroic sons of this soil came forward and sacrificed their valuable lives for the cause of the mother tongue on/ the 21st of February 1952. The objective of observing the day is, to pay homage to the language martyrs. The day is important for the people of Bangladesh. Now it is a matter of

great pleasure and prestige that this day got international recognition in 1999 as International Mother Language Day.

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## The International Mother Language Day

Question: Write a paragraph about 'The International Mother Language Day' by answering the questions below.

When and how is the International Mother Language Day observed?
What is the importance of the Mother tongue?
What is the historical background of this day?
How has it been declared the International Mother Language Day by UNESCO?

Why was the declaration made by the UNESCO?

Answer: The 21st of February is now observed as International Mother Language Day. In our national life, this day is known as 'Shahid Dibash'. Every year the people of Bangladesh observe this day with solemnity and pay glowing tribute to those heroic sons who laid down their lives for the cause of our mother tongue Bangla on the 21st of February, 1952. A mother tongue is important for expressing ideas, thoughts, feelings emotions, etc. But it is an irony of fate that the then Pakistani rulers tried unjustly to impose Urdu as the only state Language of Pakistan instead of Bangla. But the people, especially the students of the then East Pakistan raised their voices against this unjust decision. This is known as the historic Language Movement. Salam, Jabbor, Barkat, Rafig, Shafig, and many others sacrificed their valuable lives to protect our mother tongue. There is no other country in the world where people have given blood for their mother tongue. So, UNESCO has declared February 21 as the International Mother Language Day to be observed globally in

recognition of the sacrifices of the martyrs for establishing a rightful place in Bangla. So since 1999, all the member countries of the United Nations have been observing this day as the International Mother Language Day to show honour to the martyrs of Bangladesh.