

June 1 – Global Day of Parents

On this Global Day of Parents, we lovingly honour and appreciate all parents, especially the parents of children with disabilities and developmental challenges, whose unconditional love, silent sacrifices, endless patience, and unwavering support become the greatest source of strength and hope in their children's lives.

Today, many children are living with challenges such as autism, intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, learning disability, ADHD, speech and language difficulties, hearing impairment, physical disabilities and other developmental conditions. Behind every small achievement of these children, there is often a parent who has struggled, sacrificed, prayed, and stood beside them without giving up.

Despite financial difficulties, many parents travel long distances for therapy and treatment. Some skip their own needs and dreams so their children can receive proper care and support. Some parents even leave their jobs to become full-time caregivers. We especially salute single parents who carry this responsibility alone with remarkable courage, strength, and determination.

Parents who confidently bring their children into public spaces despite social judgment and misunderstanding are true heroes in society. Their courage teaches the world that every child deserves love, acceptance, dignity, and equal participation in every area of life.

The 2026 theme, "Together for Parents," carries a powerful message for families of children with special needs. No parent should feel isolated or unsupported in this journey. These families need understanding, inclusion, kindness, and support from society. Schools, public functions, places of worship, shopping centres, and community spaces should open their doors and hearts to these children and their parents with love and respect.

Many parents continue their journey with tears hidden behind smiles and pain hidden behind hope. Yet they continue to encourage their children to learn, grow, communicate, and live confidently. Their love itself becomes a form of rehabilitation and healing.

On this Global Day of Parents, we express our deepest gratitude and respect to all parents, especially those raising children with special needs. Your love is powerful, your sacrifices are priceless, and your courage is an inspiration to humanity.

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