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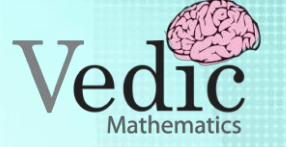
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Important Days

IN National Pollution Control Day (India): This day is observed to commemorate the victims who lost their lives in the Bhopal Gas Tragedy of 1984. The day aims to raise awareness about the hazards of pollution and the importance of pollution control efforts and industrial safety measures.

International Day for the Abolition of Slavery: Designated by the United Nations, this day aims to raise awareness of modern forms of slavery, such as human trafficking, sexual exploitation, forced marriage, and forced labor, and to promote their eradication.

World Computer Literacy Day: Observed to encourage the development of technological skills, especially among women and children in developing countries, and to promote digital literacy.

Birth Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

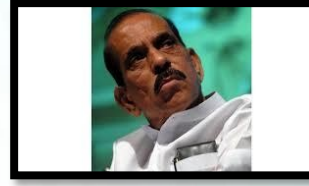
Narayan Ganesh Chandavarkar (1855–1923): (2 December 1855 – 4 May 1923) was an early Indian National Congress politician and Hindu reformer. He



was regarded by some as the "leading Hindu reformer of western India". Narayan Ganesh Chandavarkar was born in British colonial India on 2 December in Honavar in the Bombay Presidency. His maternal uncle was Shamrao Vithal Kaikini, another notable reformer from the Chitrapur Saraswat Brahmin community. He served as a Dakshina Fellow in Elphinstone College for some time before earning a law degree in 1881. Shortly before the Indian National Congress was founded in 1885, N. G. Chandavarkar went to England as a member of the three-man delegation. The group was sent to educate public

opinion about India right before general elections took place in England. G.L. Chandavarkar writes

Manohar Joshi (1937): (2 December 1937 – 23 February 2024) was an Indian politician from the state of Maharashtra, who served as the Chief Minister of Maharashtra from 1995 to 1999, and Speaker of the Lok Sabha from 2002 to



2004. He was one of the prominent leaders of the Shiv Sena, and also one of the Indians to be elected to all of the four legislatures. He was posthumously awarded the Padma Bhushan, India's third-highest civilian honour, by the Government of India in 2025. Joshi was born on 2 December 1937 in the Marathi-speaking Brahmin family of Gajanan Krishna Joshi and Saraswati Gajanan in Nandavi of Raigad district in Maharashtra. He received his Masters of Arts and LLB degrees from Mumbai University.[citation needed] He married Anagha Joshi on 14 May 1964, with whom he had a son, Unmesh, and two daughters, Asmita and Namrata. His granddaughter, Sharvari Wagh, made her debut as an actress with the 2021 film Bunt Aur Babli 2.

Death Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

A. R. Antulay (1929–2014): (9 February 1929 – 2 December 2014) was an Indian politician. Antulay was a union minister for Minority Affairs and a Member of Parliament in the 14th Lok Sabha of India. Earlier he had been the Chief Minister of the state of Maharashtra, but was forced to resign after being convicted by the Bombay High Court on charges that he had extorted money for a trust fund he managed. Later, the Supreme Court of India gave him a clean chit in that





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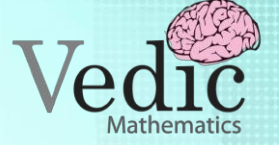
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case. Antulay belonged to the Indian National Congress. In the 2009 Indian general elections, he lost to Anant Geete from the Raigad Lok Sabha constituency of Maharashtra. He is the first Muslim chief minister of Maharashtra.

Historical event for India

The Bhopal Gas Tragedy (1984)

The most profoundly tragic event associated with December 2nd is the start of the **Bhopal Gas Tragedy** (which continued into the early morning of December 3rd, 1984).

Event: A catastrophic industrial accident occurred at the Union Carbide India Limited (UCIL) pesticide plant in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

Cause: Highly toxic Methyl Isocyanate (MIC) gas leaked from the plant, spreading across the city.

Significance: It is considered one of the world's worst industrial disasters. Thousands of people died immediately, and hundreds of thousands suffered severe, long-term health issues.

Legacy: The date is now observed as National Pollution Control Day in India to honor the victims and raise awareness about the necessity of pollution control and industrial safety measures.

Key Political and Social Events

1989: V. P. Singh Becomes Prime Minister: Vishwanath Pratap Singh was sworn in as the 7th Prime Minister of India. He headed a National Front coalition government.

1942: Sri Aurobindo Ashram School Established: The Sri Aurobindo Ashram School was founded in Pondicherry (now Puducherry), which was later renamed as the Sri Aurobindo International Center of Education.

1999: Private Investment in Insurance Sector

Approved: The Indian government approved the entry of the private sector into the insurance industry, a major economic reform.

Colonial-Era Milestone

1911: King George V and Queen Mary Arrive in India:

King George V and Queen Mary arrived in Bombay (now Mumbai), becoming the first British monarch and consort to visit India.

This visit was in preparation for the Delhi Durbar on December 12th, where the King was crowned Emperor of India, and the announcement was made to shift the capital from Calcutta to Delhi. The Gateway of India in Mumbai was later built to commemorate their arrival.

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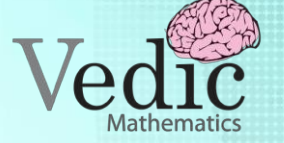
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International Observances

International Day for the Abolition of Slavery

Focus: This day is observed to raise awareness about the horrific realities of modern slavery, which includes human trafficking, sexual exploitation, child labor, forced marriage, and forced labor.

Goal: It marks the date of the adoption of the UN Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others in 1949 and mobilizes efforts to eliminate all forms of contemporary servitude.

World Computer Literacy Day

Focus: Initiated in 2001, this observance promotes digital literacy and encourages the development of technological skills, particularly among women and children in developing nations.

Goal: To move from simply using computers to understanding and utilizing technology for progress and inclusion.

Birth Anniversaries – International Personalities

Georges Seurat 1859: - French Post-Impressionist painter known for developing pointillism.

Maria Callas 1923: - American-born Greek soprano, one of the most famous and influential opera singers of the 20th century.

Gianni Versace 1946: - Italian fashion designer and founder of the Versace luxury brand

Aaron Rodgers 1983: - American professional football quarterback.

Death Anniversaries – International Personalities

Marquis de Sade 1814: - French writer and philosopher. The term "sadism" is derived from his name.

Pablo Escobar 1993: - Colombian drug lord and narcoterrorist.

International Historical Events

Political & Military Events

1804: Napoleon Crowns Himself Emperor (France)
Napoleon Bonaparte crowned himself Emperor of the French (Napoleon I) at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, solidifying the transition from the French Republic to the First French Empire.

1805: Battle of Austerlitz: The French forces under Emperor Napoleon I achieved a decisive victory over a combined Russian and Austrian army in the Battle of Austerlitz, also known as the Battle of the Three Emperors, a key engagement of the War of the Third Coalition.

1823: Monroe Doctrine Proclaimed (United States):
U.S. President James Monroe introduced the Monroe Doctrine in his annual message to Congress. This policy stated that any effort by European nations to colonize or interfere with states in the Americas would be viewed as acts of aggression requiring U.S. intervention, fundamentally shaping U.S. foreign policy for decades.

1852: Second French Empire: Louis-Napoléon Bonaparte, who had seized power in a coup the previous year, officially became Emperor Napoleon III, proclaiming the Second French Empire.





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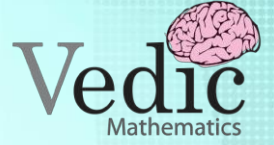
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Scientific & Technological Milestones

1942: First Controlled Nuclear Chain Reaction (United States): Under the leadership of physicist Enrico Fermi, the world's first successful self-sustaining, controlled nuclear chain reaction was achieved in the Chicago Pile-1 experiment at the University of Chicago. This monumental scientific achievement paved the way for nuclear energy and the atomic age.

1982: First Permanent Artificial Heart Implant: At the University of Utah, Dr. William DeVries implanted the first permanent artificial heart, the Jarvik-7, into patient Barney Clark, marking a major milestone in cardiac medicine.

Modern Geopolitical Developments

1971: United Arab Emirates (UAE) Formation: The United Arab Emirates was officially formed as a federation of six Trucial States: Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Ajman, Umm al Quwain, and Fujairah (Ras Al Khaimah joined in 1972).

1988: Benazir Bhutto Elected (Pakistan): Benazir Bhutto was sworn in as Prime Minister of Pakistan, becoming the first woman to head the government of a Muslim-majority state.

1993: Death of Pablo Escobar (Colombia): Colombian drug lord and narcoterrorist Pablo Escobar was killed in a shootout with police in Medellín, marking the end of his powerful criminal empire.

2001: Enron Files for Bankruptcy (United States): The Enron Corporation filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy following revelations of massive accounting fraud, becoming the largest corporate bankruptcy in U.S. history at the time and leading to significant regulatory changes.

Cricket Milestones

1978: Sunil Gavaskar's Double Century: Indian cricket legend Sunil Gavaskar scored his second Test double century, hitting 205 runs against the West Indies in the first Test at the Wankhede Stadium in Bombay (now Mumbai). This stellar innings helped India secure a draw in the match.

Sports-related Historical Events Internationally

2008: Cristiano Ronaldo Wins First Ballon d'Or: Portuguese forward Cristiano Ronaldo was named the winner of the prestigious Ballon d'Or award for the first time in his career, recognizing him as the world's best football player of the year. He was playing for Manchester United at the time.

2019: Lionel Messi Wins Record Sixth Ballon d'Or: Argentinian forward Lionel Messi won his record sixth Ballon d'Or award. In the same ceremony, American player Megan Rapinoe was declared the Women's Player of the Year.

Also on December 2nd (Births & Deaths):

1931: Death of Charles Studd - The English cricketer and missionary who was famous as one of the "Cambridge Seven," a group of students from Cambridge University who became missionaries in China.

1983: Birth of Aaron Rodgers - American professional football quarterback, considered one of the greatest players in NFL history.

2014: Death of Jean Béliveau - One of the greatest Canadian ice hockey players of all time, who led the Montreal Canadiens to 10 Stanley Cup championships.

Sports-related Historical Events In India





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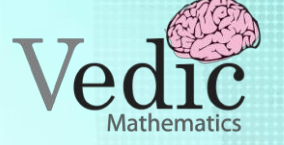
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