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Important Days

International Day of Non-Violence: The United Nations General Assembly declared October 2nd as the International Day of Non-Violence in 2007, to coincide with Mahatma Gandhi's birthday.

Dussehra (Vijayadashami): Though it is a lunar calendar-based festival and its date shifts each year, in some years, Dussehra (also known as Vijayadashami) falls on October 2nd. *It is important to check the specific year's calendar.* Dussehra celebrates the triumph of good over evil, primarily commemorating Lord Rama's victory over the demon king Ravana, and Goddess Durga's victory over the demon Mahishasura.

Birth Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

Mahatma Gandhi (Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi):

(2 October 1869 – 30 January 1948) was an Indian lawyer, anti-colonial activist, and political ethicist who employed nonviolent resistance to lead the successful campaign for India's independence from British rule. He inspired movements for civil rights and freedom across the world. The honorific Mahātmā (from Sanskrit, meaning great-souled, or venerable), first applied to him in South Africa in 1914, is used worldwide. Born and raised in a Hindu family in coastal Gujarat, Gandhi trained in the law at the Inner Temple in London and was called to the bar at the age of 22. After two uncertain years in India, where he was unable to start a successful law practice, Gandhi moved to South Africa in 1893 to represent an Indian merchant in a lawsuit. He went on to live in South Africa for 21 years. Here, Gandhi raised



a family and first employed nonviolent resistance in a campaign for civil rights. In 1915, aged 45, he returned to India and soon set about organising peasants, farmers, and urban labourers to protest against discrimination and excessive land tax. Assuming leadership of the Indian National Congress in 1921, Gandhi led nationwide campaigns for easing poverty, expanding women's rights, building religious and ethnic amity, ending untouchability, and, above all, achieving swaraj or self-rule. Gandhi adopted the short dhoti woven with hand-spun yarn as a mark of identification with India's rural poor. He began to live in a self-sufficient residential community, to eat simple food, and undertake long fasts as a means of both introspection and political protest. Bringing anti-colonial nationalism to the common Indians, Gandhi led them in challenging the British-imposed salt tax with the 400 km (250 mi) Dandi Salt March in 1930 and in calling for the British to quit India in 1942. He was imprisoned many times and for many years in both South Africa and India.

Lal Bahadur Shastri: (2 October 1904 – 11 January 1966) was an Indian politician and statesman who served as the prime minister of India from 1964 to 1966. He previously served as home minister from 1961 to 1963. Shastri was born to Sharad Prasad Srivastava and Ramdulari Devi in Mughalsarai on 2 October 1904. He studied in East Central Railway Inter college and Harish Chandra High School, which he left to join the non-cooperation movement. He worked for the betterment of the Harijans at Muzaffarpur and dropped his caste-derived surname of "Srivastava". Influenced by Mahatma Gandhi, he joined the Indian Independence movement in the 1920s. He served as the president of Servants of the People Society, founded by Lala





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Lajpat Rai and held prominent positions in the Indian National Congress (INC). Following Indian independence in 1947, Shastri led several union ministries under prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru.

Historical event for India

Launch of Swachh Bharat Mission (2014)

Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (Clean India Mission): Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched this nationwide campaign on October 2, 2014. The mission aims to accelerate the efforts to achieve universal sanitation and is a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi's emphasis on cleanliness and hygiene.

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Birth Anniversaries – International Personalities

Annie Leibovitz (1949) - American portrait photographer.

Sting (1951) - English musician, singer-songwriter, and actor, best known as the frontman of The Police.

Death Anniversaries – International Personalities

Samuel Adams (1803) - American statesman, political philosopher, and one of the Founding Fathers of the United States.

Marcel Duchamp (1968) - French-American painter, sculptor, and writer whose work is associated with Dada and Conceptual Art.

Paavo Nurmi (1973) - Finnish middle and long-distance runner, known as the "Flying Finn."

International Historical Events

1870: Rome Becomes the Capital of Italy IT Following the end of the Papal States' control, Rome was formally designated the capital of the newly unified Kingdom of Italy.

1924: The Geneva Protocol The League of Nations adopted this protocol for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes, aiming to strengthen the League's system of collective security.

1935: Italy Invades Abyssinia (Ethiopia) Mussolini's Italian troops invaded Abyssinia, marking the start of the Second Italo-Ethiopian War and a significant early event leading up to World War II.

1944: Warsaw Uprising Ends German forces crushed the Warsaw Uprising, a two-month-long battle by the





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Polish resistance to liberate the city from Nazi occupation.

1958: Guinea Declares Independence GN Guinea, a French colony in West Africa, proclaimed its independence, with Sekou Toure as its first president.

1968: Tlatelolco Massacre, Mexico MX Mexican President Gustavo Díaz Ordaz ordered the suppression of a demonstration of unarmed students in Mexico City, just ten days before the start of the 1968 Summer Olympics. The event resulted in a large number of deaths and injuries.

2001: NATO Invokes Article 5 NATO, for the first time in its history, formally invoked Article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty, stating that an attack against one member is an attack against all. This was in response to the September 11 terrorist attacks in the United States.

Sports-related Historical Events In India

Commonwealth Games Context IN

The 2010 Commonwealth Games in Delhi, India, one of the largest international multi-sport events hosted by the country, had its opening ceremony just one day later, on October 3, 2010.

Recent League Launches

The date has been eyed for the launch of new professional leagues in India. For example, the inaugural season of the Archery Premier League (APL) was scheduled to launch around October 2nd, highlighting a modern initiative in Indian sports development.

Sports-related Historical Events Internationally

1980: Holmes Defeats Ali Larry Holmes defeated Muhammad Ali by a technical knockout (TKO) in the 11th round to win the World Heavyweight title in Las Vegas, Nevada. This was Ali's attempt to win the title for a fourth time.

1965: Birth of Gatorade The sports drink Gatorade was first tested in an actual college football game between the University of Florida Gators and the Louisiana State University Tigers. Developed by a team of University of Florida scientists to help the Gators football team, it was a major moment in sports science and nutrition.

1920: Last MLB Triple-Header The Cincinnati Reds and the Pittsburgh Pirates played the last (and only) triple-header in Major League Baseball (MLB) history. The Reds won two of the three games.

1968: Tlatelolco Massacre MX Just ten days before the start of the 1968 Summer Olympics in Mexico City, the Mexican Army and police opened fire on unarmed student protestors in the Tlatelolco public square, resulting in an unconfirmed but large number of casualties. This event is a dark historical moment directly linked to the staging of a major international sporting event.

1993: Lennox Lewis vs. Frank Bruno Lennox Lewis defeated Frank Bruno by TKO to retain his WBC heavyweight title in the first-ever all-British world heavyweight title fight, held in Cardiff, Wales.

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