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#### Important Days

**National Cancer Awareness Day:** Observed annually since 2014, this day aims to raise public awareness about the early detection, prevention, and timely treatment of cancer. The date was chosen to coincide with the birth anniversary of Nobel laureate Marie Curie, whose work contributed significantly to the fight against cancer.



#### Birth Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

**Bipin Chandra Pal (1858 – 1932):** 7 November 1858 – 20 May 1932) was an Indian nationalist, writer, orator, social reformer and freedom fighter. He was one third of the "Lal Bal Pal" triumvirate. He was one of the main architects of the Swadeshi movement. He is known as the Father of Revolutionary Thoughts in India. He also opposed the partition of Bengal by the British colonial government. Bipin Chandra Pal was born on 7 November 1858 to a wealthy Bengali Kayastha family in the village of Pail in Habiganj, then part of the Bengal Presidency's Sylhet District. His father was Ramchandra Pal, a Persian scholar, and small landowner. His father subsequently joined the Sylhet bar as a lawyer. He studied and taught at the Church Mission Society College (now the St. Paul's Cathedral Mission College), an affiliated college of the University of Calcutta. He also studied comparative theology for a year (1899-1900) at New Manchester College, Oxford in England but did not finish the course. His son was Niranjana Pal, one of the founders of Bombay Talkies.



**C. V. Raman (Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman) (1888 – 1970):** 7 November 1888 – 21 November 1970 was



an Indian physicist known for his work in the field of light scattering. Using a spectrograph that he developed, he and his student K. S. Krishnan discovered that when light traverses a transparent material, the deflected light changes its wavelength. This phenomenon, a hitherto unknown type of

scattering of light, which they called modified scattering was subsequently termed the Raman effect or Raman scattering. In 1930, Raman received the Nobel Prize in Physics for this discovery and was the first Asian and non-White person to receive a Nobel Prize in Physics. Born to Tamil Brahmin parents, Raman was a precocious child, completing his secondary and higher secondary education from St Aloysius' Anglo-Indian High School at the age of 11 and 13, respectively. He topped the bachelor's degree examination of the University of Madras with honours in physics from Presidency College at age 16. His first research paper, on diffraction of light, was published in 1906 while he was still a graduate student.

#### Death Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

**Bahadur Shah Zafar (1775 – 1862):** Bahadur Shah I (Abu Zafar Siraj-ud-din Muhammad; 24 October 1775 – 7 November 1862), widely known by his poetic title Bahadur Shah Zafar was the twentieth and last Mughal emperor and an Urdu poet. He was a titular Emperor with his authority limited to the Walled City of Delhi,

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but was recognised the Emperor of India by the forces opposing East India Company forces across the Indian subcontinent during the Indian Rebellion of 1857. Zafar was exiled to Yangon in British-controlled Burma in December 1857 by the East India Company after rebel defeat in the war. His spouse was Zeenat Mahal. He was the second son and the successor to his father, Akbar II, who died in 1837. After the dissolution of the Mughal Empire following the war, the title of Empress of India was assumed by Queen Victoria (but only after 1876).

### C. Subramaniam (Chidambaram Subramaniam) (1910

– 2000): Chidambaram Subramaniam (commonly known as CS) (30 January 1910 – 7 November 2000), was an Indian politician and independence activist. He served as Minister of Finance and Minister of Defence in the union cabinet. He later served as the Governor of Maharashtra. As the Minister for Food and Agriculture, he ushered the Indian Green Revolution, an era of self-sufficiency in food production along with M. S. Swaminathan, B. Sivaraman and Norman E. Borlaug. He was awarded Bharat Ratna, Indian's highest civilian award, in 1998, for his role in ushering Green Revolution. Subramaniam was born in Senguttaipalayam a village near Pollachi in Coimbatore district, Presidency of Fort St. George (now the Tamil Nadu state). Subramaniam completed his early education in Pollachi before moving to Chennai where he did his B.Sc in Physics at the Presidency College, Chennai (affiliated to the University of Madras). Later he graduated with degree in law from Madras Law college, Chennai (then affiliated to the same university).



### Historical event for India

**1875: Vande Mataram Composed** On this date, Bankim Chandra Chatterjee is widely believed to have composed the iconic patriotic poem 'Vande Mataram' (meaning 'Mother, I bow to thee') in Bengal. The song, which later became a powerful rallying cry during the Indian independence movement and was eventually adopted as the National Song of India, was first published in his novel *Anandamath* in 1882.

**1966: Anti-Cow Slaughter Riots in Delhi** A massive protest demanding a nationwide ban on cow slaughter turned into a major riot near the Indian Parliament complex in New Delhi. The protest, led by Hindu ascetics and supported by various right-wing political and religious organizations, resulted in violence, property destruction, and a subsequent police firing.

**1925: Founding of the Indian Hockey Federation (IHF)** The Indian Hockey Federation (the predecessor to Hockey India) was founded on this date. This organization became the governing body for the sport in India, overseeing the nation's "Golden Era" in hockey, which included a remarkable run of eight Olympic gold medals.

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**Albert Camus (1913):** French philosopher, author, and journalist. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1957.

**Leon Trotsky (1879):** Russian Marxist revolutionary, political theorist, and politician.

**Billy Graham (1918) :** American evangelist.

### Death Anniversaries – International Personalities

**Leonard Cohen (2016):** Canadian singer, songwriter, musician, poet, novelist, and visual artist.

**Janet Reno (2016):** American lawyer and the first female Attorney General of the United States.

### International Observances

#### International Day of Medical Physics (IDMP):

Celebrates the contributions of medical physicists to healthcare. The date was chosen to honor the birth of Marie Skłodowska-Curie.

**International Inuit Day:** Established by the Inuit Circumpolar Council to celebrate Inuit culture and amplify Inuit voices across the circumpolar world.

### International Historical Events

**1917: The October Revolution (Russia)** The Bolsheviks, led by Vladimir Lenin, overthrew the Provisional Government in Petrograd (St. Petersburg), marking the beginning of Soviet rule in Russia and one of the most significant events of the 20th century. This event is what the date is perhaps most famous for internationally.

**1956: Suez Crisis Resolution** The United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution calling for the immediate withdrawal of troops from Egypt by the United Kingdom, France, and Israel, a key moment in resolving the international conflict over the Suez Canal.

**1989: East German Government Resignation** The East German government resigned following widespread pro-democracy protests, shortly before the eventual fall of the Berlin Wall. This was a significant step toward the end of the Cold War and the reunification of Germany.

### Birth Anniversaries – International Personalities

**Marie Skłodowska-Curie (1867) :** Polish and naturalized-French physicist and chemist who conducted pioneering research on radioactivity. She was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize, the first person and the only woman to win the Nobel Prize twice, and the only person to win the Nobel Prize in two different scientific fields.





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**1947: Coup in Thailand** The military staged a coup, overthrowing the government of Prime Minister Thawan Thamrong Nawasawat and installing Khuang Aphaiwong.

**1987: Coup in Tunisia** Zine El Abidine Ben Ali performed a bloodless coup, taking over the presidency from Habib Bourguiba.

#### Sports-related Historical Events Internationally

**1991: Magic Johnson's HIV Announcement (Basketball)** : NBA superstar Magic Johnson of the Los Angeles Lakers announced that he had tested positive for the HIV virus and was immediately retiring from professional basketball. This was a profoundly impactful moment that brought widespread attention to the disease and changed the perception of HIV/AIDS globally.

**1861: The First Melbourne Cup (Horse Racing)**: The inaugural running of the Melbourne Cup, famously known as "the race that stops a nation," was held in Melbourne, Australia. It has since become one of the world's most prestigious annual two-mile horse races.

**1869: First Inter-city Cycle Race (Cycling)**: The first-ever city-to-city bicycle race took place, held between Paris and Rouen, France. It was won by an Englishman living in Paris named James Moore.

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