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### Important Days

**Maharishi Valmiki Jayanti:** This day celebrates the birth anniversary of Maharishi Valmiki, revered as the *Adi Kavi* (First Poet) of Sanskrit literature, who is traditionally credited with authoring the epic Ramayana.

The day is observed with processions, recitation of the *Ramayana*, and cultural events, particularly in Northern India.

In some states, such as Uttar Pradesh and Delhi, it is often declared a public holiday.

### Historical event for India

**1708: Death of Guru Gobind Singh —** Guru Gobind Singh, the tenth and last human Guru of Sikhism, was assassinated in Nanded, Maharashtra. His death is a profound date in Sikh history, leading to the establishment of the Guru Granth Sahib as the eternal Guru.

**1919: Start of 'Navjeevan' Newspaper —** Mahatma Gandhi began the publication of the Gujarati weekly newspaper *Navajivan* (meaning "New Life"), which played a key role in the Indian independence movement by advocating for non-violence and social reform.

**1950: Founding of Missionaries of Charity —** Mother Teresa started the Missionaries of Charity in Kolkata (then Calcutta). This Roman Catholic religious congregation is dedicated to serving the poorest of the poor.

**1953: Inauguration of Chandigarh —** The city of Chandigarh was formally inaugurated as the capital of Punjab state, a title it now shares with Haryana. It is known for its modernist architecture designed by Le Corbusier.

**1987: Declaration of Khalistan —** Sikh nationalists declared the independence of Khalistan from India, though this declaration was not internationally recognized.

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### International Observances

**World Cotton Day:** Observed globally to raise awareness of the critical role that cotton plays in economic development, international trade, and poverty alleviation, particularly for least-developed countries.

**World Day for Decent Work:** A day promoted by the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) to mobilize people worldwide to demand decent work for everyone.





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#### Birth Anniversaries – International Personalities

**1885: Niels Bohr** (Danish physicist who made fundamental contributions to understanding atomic structure and quantum theory, Nobel Prize laureate).

**1931: Desmond Tutu** (South African Anglican archbishop and theologian known for his anti-apartheid and human rights activism, Nobel Peace Prize laureate).

**1952: Vladimir Putin** (Current President of Russia).

**1955: Yo-Yo Ma** (French-born American cellist).

**1959: Simon Cowell** (English television personality and record executive).

#### Death Anniversaries – International Personalities

**1849: Edgar Allan Poe** (American short-story writer, poet, and critic, best known for his tales of mystery and the macabre).

#### International Historical Events

##### Major Historical Events on October 7th

##### 21st Century Conflicts

##### 2023: October 7 Attacks on Israel

Hamas and other Palestinian militant groups launched a large-scale, coordinated attack from the Gaza Strip into southern Israel, resulting in the massacre of civilians and the taking of hostages. This event initiated the subsequent Gaza war.

##### 2001: War in Afghanistan Begins

The United States and the United Kingdom began air strikes against Al-Qaeda and Taliban targets in Afghanistan in response to the September 11 attacks. This marked the start of Operation Enduring Freedom and the longest war in American history.

##### Cold War and Geopolitical Developments

##### 1959: First View of the Far Side of the Moon

The Soviet spacecraft **Luna 3** successfully transmitted the first-ever photographs of the far side of the Moon, a portion that is never visible from Earth.

##### 1949: Formation of East Germany

The **German Democratic Republic (GDR)**, commonly known as East Germany, was established in the Soviet occupation zone. It existed as a separate state from West Germany until German reunification in 1990.

##### World War II Era

##### 1944: Auschwitz-Birkenau Sonderkommando Revolt

Prisoners of the *Sonderkommando* (work units forced to assist with the gassing and cremation processes) at the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp staged a revolt, killing three SS guards and partially burning down one crematorium before the uprising was quickly suppressed.

##### Earlier Conflicts and Milestones

##### 1985: Achille Lauro Hijacking

Members of the Palestine Liberation Front hijacked the Italian cruise ship *MS Achille Lauro* off the coast of Egypt in the Mediterranean Sea. The incident involved the murder of an elderly American passenger.

##### 1919: KLM is Formed

Koninklijke Luchtvaart Maatschappij (KLM), the flag carrier airline of the Netherlands, was founded. It is the oldest airline in the world still operating under its original name.

##### 1571: Battle of Lepanto







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A fleet of the Holy League (a coalition of southern European Catholic states) decisively defeated the navy of the Ottoman Empire in the Gulf of Patras, Greece. It was the last major naval battle fought entirely between galleys.

#### Sports-related Historical Events In India

**2023: Asian Games Medal Rush:** October 7, 2023, was the final day of the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou, China, where India finished with a record-breaking total of 107 medals. Key results on this day included:

**Kabaddi:** Both the men's and women's teams won **Gold** medals.

**Badminton:** Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty won **Gold** in Men's Doubles.

**Archery:** Compound women's team won **Gold** (Jyothi Surekha Vennam).

**Wrestling:** Deepak Punia won **Silver** in the men's 86kg freestyle.

**Ongoing Events:** Due to the timing of major tournaments, October 7th has often been a day of active competition for Indian teams in global events, such as the Women's T20 World Cup or the BWF World Junior Mixed Team Championships.

#### Sports-related Historical Events Internationally

Notable historical events on this date across the globe are primarily focused on major league milestones, including record-breaking performances in American sports and significant moments in motorsport.

**1984: NFL Rushing Record:** American football player **Walter Payton** of the Chicago Bears broke **Jim Brown's**

NFL career rushing record of 12,312 yards. He also surpassed Brown's record for most 100-yard rushing games.

**1916: Lopsided College Football:** Georgia Tech defeated Cumberland in the most lopsided college football game in history, winning by a score of **222-0**.

**1970: All-Time Winningest Jockey:** Jockey **Willie Shoemaker** won his 6,033rd career race, surpassing Johnny Longden to become the winningest jockey of all time at that point.

**2001: MLB Milestones:** Two major records were set in Major League Baseball (MLB):

**Barry Bonds** hit his **73rd home run** of the season, setting a new single-season MLB record (surpassing Mark McGwire's 70).

**Rickey Henderson** became the 25th player in MLB history to record **3,000 career hits**.

**1992: NHL Debut Win:** The **Tampa Bay Lightning** won their first-ever NHL game, beating the Chicago Blackhawks 7-3, becoming the first NHL expansion team to win its debut game.

**1974: Formula 1 Championship:** Driver **Emerson Fittipaldi** won his second Formula 1 World Drivers' Championship.

**1926: World Series Homeruns:** **Babe Ruth** became the first player in MLB history to hit **three home runs** in a single World Series game (Game 4).

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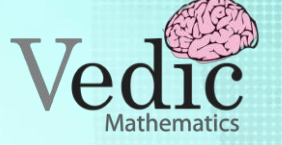
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