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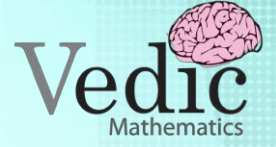
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#### Important Days

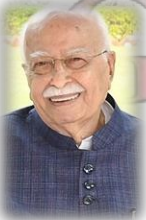
**World Radiography Day:** Observed globally on November 8th to mark the anniversary of the discovery of X-rays by Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen in 1895. The day promotes the essential role of medical imaging in healthcare.

**World Urbanism Day (or World Town Planning Day):** A global observance to promote the role of planning in creating livable and sustainable communities.

**Demonetisation Announcement Anniversary:** On November 8, 2016, the Government of India announced the demonetisation of all ₹500 and ₹1,000 banknotes of the Mahatma Gandhi Series.

#### Birth Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

**L. K. Advani (1927)** - Born 8 November 1927 is an Indian politician and statesman who served as the Deputy Prime Minister of India from 2002 to 2004. He is one of the co-founders of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and a member of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), a Hindu nationalist organisation. He was the longest serving Minister of Home Affairs serving for 6 years and 64 days from 1998 to 2004, until Amit Shah overtook him in 2025. He is also the longest serving Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, as well as the longest serving President of the BJP, the current ruling party of India. He was the party's prime ministerial candidate during the 1989, 1991, and 2009 general elections. Advani was born in Karachi and migrated to India during the Partition of India and settled down in Bombay where he completed his college education.



**Sitara Devi (1920 - 2014)** - born Dhanlakshmi; 8 November 1920 – 25 November 2014) was an Indian dancer of the classical Kathak style of dancing, a singer, and an actress. She was the recipient of several awards and accolades, and performed at several prestigious venues in India and abroad; including the Royal Albert Hall, London (1967) and at the Carnegie Hall, New York (1976). At a young age Dev met Rabindranath Tagore. He out of affection described her as Nritya Samragini meaning the empress of dance, after watching her performance when she was just sixteen years old. Some people consider her as the Kathak queen. Sitara Devi was born in Kolkata (then Calcutta) on 8 November 1920, that coincided in that year with the festival of Dhanteras, the eve of the Indian festival of Deepavali. She was named Dhanlakshmi, in honour of the goddess of good fortune who is worshiped on that day.



#### Death Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

**Bommireddy Narasimha Reddy (B. N. Reddi) 1977** (16 November 1908 – 8 November 1977), professionally known as B. N. Reddy, was an Indian film director, producer, and screenwriter. He was an early figure in the Telugu cinema. Many of his earlier films like Vande Mataram (1939), Devatha (1941) had V. Nagayya as the lead. His Malliswari (1951) starring N. T. Rama Rao and Bhanumathi is considered a timeless Indian film classic. Reddi was the first film personality to receive the Dadasaheb Phalke Award from South India the highest honorary award of Indian





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cinema. He was awarded India's third highest civilian honour the Padmabhushan, and the Doctor of Letters. Bommi Reddi Narasimha Reddi was born on 16 November 1908 in a farmer family at Y. Kothapalli village in the present-day Kadapa district.

### Historical event for India

#### Major Historical Event

**2016: Demonetisation Announcement** On the evening of November 8, 2016, the Government of India, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, announced the demonetisation of all ₹500 and ₹1000 banknotes of the Mahatma Gandhi Series. This move declared these high-denomination notes illegal tender effective immediately, aiming to combat black money, counterfeit currency, and terrorism funding.

#### Space Exploration

**2008: Chandrayaan-1 Reaches Lunar Orbit** India's first unmanned lunar mission, Chandrayaan-1, successfully entered the lunar orbit on this day.

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### Birth Anniversaries – International Personalities

**Bram Stoker, 1847:** Irish novelist and author of *Dracula*.

**Dorothy Day, 1897:** American journalist, social activist, and Catholic convert.

**Margaret Mitchell, 1900:** American novelist, author of *Gone With the Wind*.

**Gordon Ramsay, 1966:** Scottish chef, restaurateur, and television personality.

### Death Anniversaries – International Personalities

**John Milton, 1674:** English poet, author of *Paradise Lost*.

**Norman Rockwell, 1978:** American painter and illustrator.







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**Alex Trebek, 2020:** Canadian-American television personality, best known as the host of the game show *Jeopardy!*

### International Historical Events

#### Scientific Breakthrough

**1895: Discovery of X-rays** - German physicist Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen accidentally discovered X-rays (electromagnetic radiation) while working at the University of Würzburg, a monumental discovery that revolutionized medicine and was recognized with the first Nobel Prize in Physics in 1901. This day is celebrated globally as World Radiography Day.

#### Wars and Political Upheavals

**1942: Operation Torch** - During World War II, the Allied landings in North Africa began as US and British forces commanded by General Dwight D. Eisenhower landed in French North Africa (Morocco and Algeria), marking a major turning point in the North African campaign.

**1923: The Beer Hall Putsch** - Adolf Hitler and the Nazi Party launched a failed coup attempt to seize power in Munich, Germany, which ultimately resulted in Hitler's arrest and imprisonment, where he wrote *Mein Kampf*.

**1519: Cortés enters Tenochtitlán** - The Spanish conquistador Hernán Cortés entered the Aztec capital of Tenochtitlán (modern-day Mexico City) and was met by the Aztec ruler Moctezuma II. This event was a crucial step in the Spanish conquest of the Aztec Empire.

#### Other Key Events

**2013: Super Typhoon Haiyan** - One of the most powerful tropical cyclones ever recorded to strike land, Super Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda), devastated the Philippines, causing immense destruction and loss of life.

**2002: UN Security Council Resolution 1441** - The United Nations Security Council unanimously approved a resolution concerning Iraq, which demanded that Saddam Hussein disarm or face "serious consequences."

### Sports-related Historical Events Internationally

**1996: Chess World Champion: Garry Kasparov** defeated Anatoly Karpov to become the youngest male World Chess Champion at the age of 22. (While not a traditional "sport" in some definitions, it's a major world competitive event often categorized with sports).

**1966: NFL Merger Approval:** U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law an antitrust exemption allowing the National Football League (NFL) to merge with the upstart American Football League (AFL). This was a critical step in creating the modern NFL.

**1990: MLB Free Agent Signing:** Free-agent slugger Darryl Strawberry signed a five-year contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers, formally ending his time with the New York Mets where he was the all-time home run leader.

**1961: Cy Young Award:** Pitcher Whitey Ford of the New York Yankees, the American League leader in wins and innings, was awarded the Cy Young Award, at a time when only one award was given for both leagues.

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