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Important Days

Uttarakhand Foundation Day (Uttarakhand Sthapana Diwas):

This day commemorates the formation of the state of Uttarakhand (initially known as Uttaranchal) from the northern districts of Uttar Pradesh on November 9, 2000.

National Legal Services Day: Observed nationwide to celebrate the enactment of the Legal Services Authorities Act in 1987. The day aims to create awareness about the provision of free legal aid to the weaker sections of society.

Birth Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

Allama Muhammad Iqbal (1877 – 1938): (9 November 1877 – 21 April 1938) was an Islamic philosopher and poet. His poetry in Urdu is considered to be among the greatest of the 20th century, and his vision of a cultural and political ideal for the Muslims of British India is widely regarded as having animated the impulse for the Pakistan Movement. Iqbal was born and raised in Sialkot, Punjab, British India and studied at Scotch Mission College in Sialkot and Government College in Lahore. He taught Arabic at the Oriental College, Lahore, from 1899 until 1903, during which time he wrote prolifically. Notable among his Urdu poems from this period are "Parinde Ki Faryad" ("A Bird's Prayer"), an early contemplation on animal rights, and "Tarana-e-Hindi" ("Anthem of the Indians"), a patriotic poem—both composed for children. In 1905, he departed from India to pursue further education in Europe, first in England and later in Germany. In England, he earned a second BA at Trinity



College, Cambridge, and subsequently qualified as a barrister at Lincoln's Inn. In Germany, he obtained a PhD in philosophy at the University of Munich, with his thesis focusing on "The Development of Metaphysics in Persia" in 1908.

Chitresh Das (1944 – 2015): (9 November 1944 – 4 January 2015) was a classical dancer of the North Indian style of Kathak. Born in Calcutta, Das was a performer, choreographer, composer and educator. He was instrumental in bringing Kathak to the US and is credited with having established Kathak amongst the Indian diaspora in America. In 1979, Das established the Chhandam School of Kathak and the Chitresh Das Dance Company in California. In 2002, he founded Chhandam Nritya Bharati in India. There were ten branches of Chhandam worldwide. Until his death in 2015, Das taught dance as a way of life, a path for attaining self-knowledge and as a service to society. Das performed in India, North America and Europe. He was known for his virtuosic footwork, rhythmic adeptness, compelling storytelling, as well as his innovation of "Kathak Yoga".



Death Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

Dhondo Keshav Karve ('Maharshi Karve') (1858 – 1962): (18 April 1858 – 9 November 1962), popularly known as Maharshi Karve, was a social reformer in India in the field of women's welfare. He advocated widow remarriage, and he himself remarried a widow as a widower. Karve was a pioneer in promoting widows' education. He founded the first women's university in



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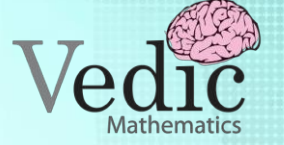
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India, the SNDT Women's University in 1916. The Government of India awarded him with the highest civilian award, the Bharat Ratna, in 1958, the year of his 100th birthday. He organized a conference against the practice of devdasi. He started 'Anath balikashram' an orphanage for girls. His intention was to give education to all women and make them stand on their own feet. Through his efforts, the first women university was set up in 20th century. In addition to his work in women's education, he actively campaigned against the caste system and played a key role in founding societies aimed at advancing primary education in rural areas .

K. R. Narayanan (1920 – 2005): (27 October 1920 – 9 November 2005) was an Indian statesman, diplomat,



academic, and politician who served as the president of India from 1997 to 2002. He also served as the vice president of India from 1992 to 1997. Narayanan was born in Perumthanam, Uzhavoor village, in the princely state of

Travancore (present day Kottayam district, Kerala) into a Hindu family. After a brief stint with journalism and then studies at the London School of Economics with the assistance of a scholarship, Narayanan began his career in India as a member of the Indian Foreign Service in the Nehru administration. He served as ambassador to a number of countries, most principally to the United States and China, and was referred by Nehru as "the best diplomat of the country". He entered politics at Indira Gandhi's request and won three successive general elections to the Lok Sabha and served as a Minister of State in prime minister Rajiv Gandhi's cabinet. Elected as vice president in 1992, Narayanan went on to become president in 1997 and became the first Dalit to occupy either position.

Historical event for India

State Formation

1947: Integration of Junagadh Following the Partition of India, the princely state of Junagadh, located in present-day Gujarat, formally integrated into the Indian Union on November 9, 1947. This followed a plebiscite and the flight of its Nawab to Pakistan, whose decision to accede to Pakistan was against the wishes of the majority of the population.

Legal and Constitutional Significance

National Legal Services Day November 9th is observed as National Legal Services Day across India. This date commemorates the commencement of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, which established a nationwide network to provide free and competent legal services to the weaker sections of society and ensure that justice is not denied to any citizen due to economic or other disabilities.

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Birth Anniversaries – International Personalities

Carl Sagan (1934 – 1996): American astronomer, cosmologist, astrophysicist, planetary scientist, and popularizer of science.

Edward VII (1841 – 1910): King of the United Kingdom and the British Dominions from 1901 to 1910.

International Historical Events

1989: Fall of the Berlin Wall The East German government announced that citizens could visit West Germany and West Berlin, leading to crowds immediately gathering at the wall. Border guards, overwhelmed, opened the gates that evening, marking the symbolic end of the Cold War and paving the way for German reunification.

1938: Kristallnacht (Night of Broken Glass) Beginning on the night of November 9th and continuing into the 10th, the Nazis orchestrated a series of violent anti-Jewish pogroms across Germany, Austria, and the

Sudetenland. Synagogues were burned, Jewish-owned businesses were vandalized and destroyed, and thousands of Jewish men were arrested and sent to concentration camps. This is considered a critical turning point towards the Holocaust.

1923: Beer Hall Putsch Adolf Hitler and the Nazi Party attempted a failed coup d'état in Munich against the Weimar Republic government. The march was crushed by police, leading to Hitler's arrest and imprisonment, during which he wrote *Mein Kampf*.

1918: Proclamation of the Republic In the final days of World War I, Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany abdicated, and the German Republic (later known as the Weimar Republic) was proclaimed, effectively ending the German Empire.

Other Notable International Events

1953: Cambodia Gains Independence Cambodia achieved full independence from France.

1943: UNRRA Established The agreement for the founding of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) was signed by 44 nations in Washington, D.C., an early step toward international cooperation following World War II.

1799: Coup of 18 Brumaire In France, Napoleon Bonaparte led a coup d'état that overthrew the Directory, establishing the French Consulate, and effectively making him the ruler of France.

Sports-related Historical Events Internationally

1985: Chess History Garry Kasparov (Soviet Union) defeated Anatoly Karpov to become the youngest World Chess Champion in history at the age of 22.

1996: Boxing Heavyweight Championship Evander Holyfield defeated Mike Tyson by technical knockout.





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in the 11th round to win the WBA heavyweight title, becoming a heavyweight champion for the third time.

1961: PGA Removes Discriminatory Rule The Professional Golfers' Association (PGA) in the United States eliminated its "Caucasians-only" clause, a significant step toward racial integration in professional golf.

1912: Carlisle Indian School Defeats Army A historic college football game took place where the Carlisle Indian Industrial School, led by Olympic legend Jim Thorpe, defeated the Army Black Knights, whose team included future President Dwight D. Eisenhower, by a score of 27-6.

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