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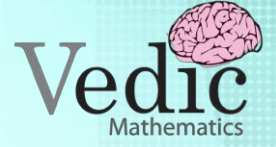
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Important Days

World Post Day : Observed annually on October 9th, this day celebrates the anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) in 1874 in Bern, Switzerland. The day highlights the importance of the postal sector in people's and businesses' daily lives and its contribution to global social and economic development. India, as a member of the UPU, observes this day to recognize the work of the India Post (Department of Posts).

Birth Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

Ustad Amjad Ali Khan (1945): is an Indian classical sarod player, best known for his clear and fast ekhara taans. Khan was born into a classical musical family (the Bangash lineage of the Senia Gharana) and has performed internationally since the 1960s. He was awarded India's second highest civilian honor Padma Vibhushan in 2001, India's third highest civilian honor Padma Bhushan in 1991 and Padma Shree in 1975. Born on 9 October 1945 as Masoom Ali Khan, the youngest of seven children, to Gwalior court musician Hafiz Ali Khan and Rahat Jahan. His family is part of the Bangash (Gwalior) lineage and Khan is in the sixth generation of musicians; his family claims to have invented the sarod. His personal name was changed by a sadhu to Amjad. Khan received homeschooling and studied music under his father who belongs to Gwalior Gharana. In 1957, a cultural organization in Delhi appointed Hafiz Ali Khan as its guest and the family moved to Delhi.



Gopabandhu Das (1877): (1877–1928), popularly known as Pandit Utkalamani Gopabandhu Das (Jewel



of Utkal or Odisha), was a social worker, reformer, political activist, journalist, poet and essayist. Gopabandhu Das was born on 9 October 1877 in Suando village, near Puri, Odisha in a Brahmin family. His mother was Swarnamayee Devi,

the third wife of Daitari Dash. His father was a Mukhtiar and the family were reasonably well-off. Das married Apti at the age of twelve but continued his education. He had basic schooling in the village before progressing to a middle school nearby. Then, in 1893, by which time his mother had died, Das joined Puri Zilla School. There he was influenced by Mukhtiar Ramchandra Das, a teacher who was both a nationalist and a proponent of public service in aid of people in distress. Becoming organising his fellow children in the spirit of co-operation, the inadequate response of authorities for the victims of an outbreak of cholera prompted him to start a voluntary corps called Puri Sava Samiti. Its members helped those suffering from the outbreak and also cremated the dead.

Death Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

Kanshi Ram (2006): also known as Bahujan Nayak or Manyavar, Sahab Kanshiram was an Indian politician



and social reformer who worked for the upliftment and political mobilisation of the Bahujans, the backward or lower caste people including untouchable groups at the



bottom of the caste system in India.^[4] Towards this end, Kanshi Ram founded Dalit Shoshit Samaj Sangharsh Samiti (DS-4), the All India Backwards (SC/ST/OBC) and Minorities Communities Employees' Federation (BAMCEF) in 1971 and the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) in 1984. In 2001, he ceded leadership of the BSP to his protégé Mayawati who has served four terms as Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh.

Historical event for India

1949: Foundation of the Territorial Army The Territorial Army (TA) was formally inaugurated on October 9, 1949, by the first Governor-General of India, C. Rajagopalachari. The Territorial Army is a voluntary second-line defense force of the Indian Army, composed of volunteers who are gainfully employed in civilian life. Its role is to relieve the regular army from static duties and assist the civil administration during natural calamities, maintenance of essential services, and counter-insurgency operations.

Other Notable Events (World Context)

While the date has one key Indian military historical event, globally, it is known for the founding of an important international body that has a direct link to India:

1874: Universal Postal Union (UPU) Established The Universal Postal Union, a specialized agency of the United Nations, was established on this day in Bern, Switzerland. This event is the reason why World Post Day is observed annually on October 9th. The UPU sets the rules for international mail exchange, and India is a member, with its postal services playing a crucial role in national communication and commerce.

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Birth Anniversaries – International Personalities

Léopold Sédar Senghor (1906 – 2001): Senegalese poet, politician, and cultural theorist who served as the first President of Senegal (1960–1980).

Ivo Andrić (1892 – 1975): Yugoslav novelist, poet, and short story writer, awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1961.

Charles X of France (1757 – 1836): King of France and Navarre from 1824 to 1830.

Death Anniversaries – International Personalities



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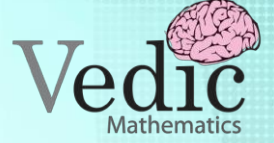
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Che Guevara (1928 – 1967): Argentine Marxist revolutionary, physician, author, guerrilla leader, diplomat, and military theorist; executed in Bolivia.

Anna Freud (1895 – 1982): Austrian-born British psychoanalyst and founder of child psychoanalysis, the youngest child of Sigmund Freud.

Oskar Schindler (1908 – 1974): German industrialist and member of the Nazi Party who is credited with saving the lives of 1,200 Jews during the Holocaust.

International Historical Events

1967: Execution of Che Guevara CUBO: Revolutionary leader **Ernesto "Che" Guevara** was executed in Bolivia by the Bolivian Army, one day after his capture. Guevara was a key figure in the Cuban Revolution and a major proponent of worldwide communist revolution.

1962: Uganda Independence UG: Uganda gained independence from the United Kingdom. Milton Obote became the first prime minister.

1970: Khmer Republic Proclaimed KH: The Khmer Republic was formally established in Cambodia, replacing the monarchy after a coup earlier in the year against Prince Norodom Sihanouk.

2006: North Korea Conducts First Nuclear Test KP: North Korea announced it had successfully conducted its first underground nuclear test, an action that drew international condemnation.

2012: Assassination Attempt on Malala Yousafzai PK: Pakistani education activist Malala Yousafzai was shot and severely injured by a Taliban gunman while traveling home from school in the Swat Valley for her campaign for girls' education. She survived and later became the youngest Nobel Peace Prize laureate.

Formation of International Institutions

1874: Universal Postal Union (UPU) Created :The **General Postal Union**, the precursor to the Universal Postal Union (a specialized agency of the United Nations), was established by the Treaty of Bern. This agreement unified international mail services and regulations, significantly facilitating global communication. World Post Day is celebrated annually on this date to mark the UPU's anniversary.

Other Notable International Events

1446: Hangul Promulgation KR: The Hangul alphabet, the native writing system for the Korean language, was officially promulgated by King Sejong the Great. South Korea observes this day as **Hangeul Day**.

1914: World War I: Siege of Antwerp Ends BE: During World War I, the German army captured the city of Antwerp, as Belgian forces retreated.

1981: French Capital Punishment Abolition FR: French President François Mitterrand signed the law abolishing capital punishment in France.

1986: The Phantom of the Opera Debuts : The iconic Andrew Lloyd Webber musical, *The Phantom of the Opera*, premiered in London's West End, eventually becoming one of the most successful international productions in theatre history.

Sports-related Historical Events In India

1982: Asian Games Context The **9th Asian Games** were held in New Delhi, India, in 1982. This event marked a significant milestone for Indian sports, being the second time India hosted the Games. October 9th falls around the general period when major sporting events and preparations were happening in the country, though the games themselves took place in November and December of that year.





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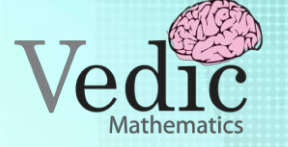
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Modern Day Cricket/Sports: Due to the global schedule of cricket and other sports, October 9th often falls during major tournaments. For instance, in recent history (like 2023), matches for the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup have been held around this date, including significant games involving the Indian team.

Note: Historical significance can be subjective, and the most pivotal global sports events on this specific date are primarily centered around American baseball history.

Sports-related Historical Events Internationally

1919: The Black Sox Scandal The Cincinnati Reds defeated the Chicago White Sox to win the World Series in the infamous series that was fixed by eight White Sox players. The Reds clinched the championship on this day in the eighth game of the best-of-nine series.

1928, 1938, 1949, 1958, 1961: New York Yankees World Series Wins October 9th has been a significant date for the New York Yankees in Major League Baseball (MLB) history, as they secured several World Series titles on this day:

1928: Babe Ruth hit three home runs as the Yankees defeated the St. Louis Cardinals to win the World Series, achieving their first-ever three-peat (winning three consecutive World Series).

1938: The Yankees became the first team to win three successive World Championships, defeating the Chicago Cubs in a sweep.

1949: The Yankees won the World Series against the Brooklyn Dodgers.

1958: The Yankees defeated the Milwaukee Braves in seven games for the World Series title, having come back from a 3-1 deficit.

1961: The Yankees defeated the Cincinnati Reds.

1965: Ryder Cup Victory The United States won the Ryder Cup golf tournament at the Royal Birkdale Golf Club in Southport, England.

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