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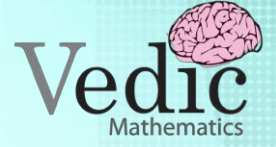
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Important Days

World Pneumonia Day: Observed globally on November 12th to raise awareness about pneumonia, which is the single biggest infectious killer of children worldwide, and to promote interventions for its prevention, diagnosis, and treatment.



Birth Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

Dr. Salim Ali (1896): (12 November 1896 – 20 June 1987) was an Indian ornithologist and naturalist. Sometimes referred to as the "Birdman of India", Salim Ali was the first Indian to conduct systematic bird surveys across India and wrote several bird books that popularized ornithology in India. He became a key figure behind the Bombay Natural History Society after 1947 and used his personal influence to garner government support for the organisation, establish the Bharatpur bird sanctuary (Keoladeo National Park) and prevent the destruction of what is now the Silent Valley National Park in Kerala. Along with Sidney Dillon Ripley he wrote the landmark ten volume Handbook of the Birds of India and Pakistan, a second edition of which was completed after his death. He was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 1958 and the Padma Vibhushan in 1976, India's third and second highest civilian honours respectively.



Death Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya (1946): (25 December 1861 — 12 November 1946) was an Indian scholar, educational reformer and activist notable for his role in the Indian independence movement. He was president of the Indian National Congress three times and the founder of Akhil Bharat Hindu Mahasabha. He was addressed as Pandit, a title of respect. Malaviya is known for co-founding one of the prestigious university of India named Banaras Hindu University. Malaviya strove to promote modern education among Indians and co-founded the Banaras Hindu University (BHU) at Varanasi in 1916, which was created under the 1919 BHU Act. It is the largest residential university in Asia and one of the largest in the world, with over 40,000 students across arts, commerce, sciences, engineering, linguistic, ritual, medicine, agriculture, performing arts, law, management, and technology disciplines from all over the world. He was the vice chancellor of the Banaras Hindu University from 1919 to 1938.



Historical event for India

1936: Temple Entry Proclamation (Travancore): On this day, Maharaja Chithira Thirunal Balarama Varma of the princely state of Travancore (part of modern-day Kerala) issued the historic Temple Entry Proclamation. This landmark decree abolished the ban on the so-called 'lower-caste' Hindus (Avarnas) from entering Hindu temples controlled by the Travancore government.

It was a monumental victory for the social reform movements in Kerala and a crucial step towards





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dismantling caste-based discrimination in India. Mahatma Gandhi famously called it a "miracle of modern times."

1930: First Round Table Conference Began

The First Round Table Conference was formally inaugurated in London by King George V to discuss the future constitutional framework of India.

This conference was significant as it was the first time that Indians and the British met as 'equals' to deliberate on constitutional reforms.

However, the most powerful political voice in India, the Indian National Congress (INC), boycotted the conference, demanding Poorna Swaraj (Complete Independence). This absence largely contributed to the conference being viewed as a failure, underscoring the necessity of Congress's participation.

1969: Indira Gandhi Expelled from Congress

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was expelled from the primary membership of the Indian National Congress party by the 'Syndicate' (the old guard) leadership.

This event formalized the split of the party into the Congress (O) (Organization) and the Congress (R) (Requisitionists) led by Indira Gandhi, marking a major turning point in Indian political history.

2008: Chandrayaan-1 Achieved Lunar Orbit

India's first unmanned lunar exploration mission, Chandrayaan-1

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Birth Anniversaries – International Personalities

Elizabeth Cady Stanton, 1815: American suffragist, social activist, and one of the primary figures of the women's rights movement.

Auguste Rodin, 1840: influential French sculptor, famous for works like *The Thinker*.

Sun Yat-sen, 1866: Chinese statesman and physician, often referred to as the "Father of the Nation" of modern China.

Grace Kelly, 1929: American film actress who became Princess consort of Monaco.

Nadia Comăneci, 1961: Romanian gymnast, the first to be awarded a perfect score of 10.0 at the Olympic Games.

Death Anniversaries – International Personalities





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Percival Lowell, 1916: American astronomer who theorized the existence of a planet beyond Neptune (Planet X).

William Holden, 1981: Academy Award-winning American actor.

Wilma Rudolph, 1994: American sprinter who became the first American woman to win three gold medals in track and field at a single Olympic Games.

Stan Lee, 2018: American comic book writer, editor, and publisher, who co-created iconic characters for Marvel Comics.

International Historical Events

1918: Following the defeat of the Central Powers in World War I and the dissolution of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, Austria becomes a republic.

1927: In the Soviet Union, Leon Trotsky is expelled from the Communist Party, solidifying Joseph Stalin's undisputed control over the country.

1948: At the International Military Tribunal for the Far East in Tokyo, seven Japanese military and government officials, including former Prime Minister Hideki Tōjō, are sentenced to death for their roles in World War II atrocities.

Space and Technology Milestones

1980: NASA's space probe Voyager 1 makes its closest approach to Saturn, sending back the first high-resolution images of the planet and its rings.

1981: Space Shuttle Columbia launches on mission STS-2, marking the first time a crewed space vehicle was launched into space twice.

1990: Tim Berners-Lee publishes a formal proposal for the World Wide Web at CERN, the foundation of modern internet browsing.

2014: The Philae lander from the European Space Agency's Rosetta mission successfully lands on Comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko, becoming the first probe to land on a comet.

Conflict and Humanitarian Disasters

1942: The Naval Battle of Guadalcanal between US and Japanese forces begins near Guadalcanal Island, lasting three days and resulting in a decisive American victory that halted the Japanese push in the South Pacific.

1991: The Santa Cruz Massacre (or Dili Massacre) occurs in East Timor (then under Indonesian occupation) when Indonesian soldiers open fire on a crowd of peaceful pro-independence demonstrators, killing an estimated 250 people and drawing international condemnation.

1996: The Charkhi Dadri mid-air collision, the world's deadliest ever mid-air crash, occurs near New Delhi India, when a Saudi Arabian Airlines Boeing 747 and a Kazakh Ilyushin Il-76 cargo plane collide, killing all 349 people on both aircraft.

Sports-related Historical Events In India

1982: Zaheer Abbas's Century of Centuries in Test Cricket

On November 12, 1982, in a Test match against India in Feroz Shah Kotla, New Delhi, Pakistan's legendary batsman Zaheer Abbas scored a double century (215 runs).

His hundred in this innings was his 100th first-class century, earning him the nickname "The Asian Bradman" and making him the first Pakistani and one of the few players in cricket history to achieve the feat of 100 first-class centuries.





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Sports-related Historical Events Internationally

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1892: First Professional Football Player

William "Pudge" Heffelfinger became the first professional football player on record when he was paid a reported **\$500** to play for the Allegheny Athletic Association against the Pittsburgh Athletic Club. He secured the victory for his team with a fumble return for a touchdown. This event is considered the beginning of professional American football.

1972: Don Shula's 100th Win in 10 Seasons

Don Shula, head coach of the Miami Dolphins, became the first coach in NFL history to reach 100 regular-season wins in just 10 seasons when the Dolphins defeated the New England Patriots.

NBA Records

2010: Kevin Love's 30-30 Game

Minnesota Timberwolves forward Kevin Love recorded 31 points and a franchise-record 31 rebounds in a game against the New York Knicks, achieving the NBA's first 30-point, 30-rebound game in 28 years (since Moses Malone in 1982).

Formula 1 and Other Motorsports

1995: Michael Schumacher Secures Second F1 Title

Despite crashing out of the season-ending Australian Grand Prix in Adelaide, German driver Michael Schumacher claimed his second consecutive Formula One World Drivers' Championship title.

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