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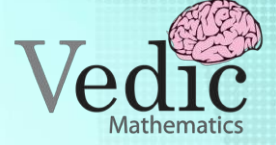
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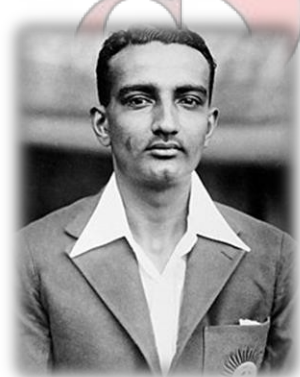


Birth Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

Vijaya Raje Scindia (1919): 12 October 1919 – 25 January 2001), known popularly as the Rajmata Scindia, was an Indian politician and consort of the last ruling Maharaja of Gwalior, Jiwajirao Scindia, in British Raj. In later life, she was elected repeatedly to both houses of the Indian parliament. She was one of the founding members of the Bharatiya Janata Party.

William Dalrymple wrote in his 1998 book *The Age of Kali* that she had been called "a madwoman and a saint; a dangerous reactionary and a national saviour; a stubborn and self-righteous old lunatic and a brave and resilient visionary."

Vijay Merchant (1911): 12 October 1911 – 27 October 1987 was an Indian cricketer. A right-hand batsman



and occasional right-arm medium pace bowler, Merchant played first-class cricket for Bombay cricket team as well as 10 Test matches for India between 1929 and 1951. Behind his limited Test appearances, he dominated Indian

domestic cricket – his batting average of 71.64 is the second highest first-class average in history, behind only that of Don Bradman. He is regarded as the founder of the Bombay School of Batmanship, that placed more importance on right technique, steely temperament, and conservative approach rather than free flow of the bat

Shivraj V. Patil (1935): (born 12 October 1935) is an Indian politician. He was the Minister of Home Affairs of India, from 2004 to 2008 and 10th Speaker of the Lok Sabha from 1991 to 1996. He was Governor of the state of Punjab and Administrator of the Union Territory of Chandigarh from 2010 to 2015. Previously, he served in the Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi cabinets as Minister of Defence during the 1980s. Patil resigned from the post of Home Minister on 30 November 2008, following widespread criticism raised after 2008 Mumbai attacks, and took moral responsibility for the security lapse that led to the attacks



Nida Fazli (1938): 12 October 1938 – 8 February 2016, was a prominent Indian Urdu and Hindi poet, lyricist



and dialogue writer. He was awarded the Padma Shri in 2013 by the government of India for his contribution to literature. Born in New Delhi, into a Kashmiri Muslim family, Nida Fazli grew up in Gwalior, where he attended

school and subsequently studied English literature. His father was also a very well known Urdu poet. Two of his other brothers mainly; Tasleem Fazli and Saba Fazli too were prominent names, their contribution to literature through films, poetry and songs are still cherished today by their admirers both from India and Pakistan.





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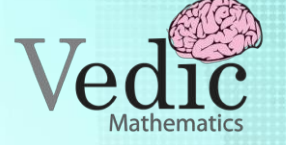
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Kamini Roy (1864): 12 October 1864 – 27 September 1933 was a Bengali poet, social worker and feminist in British India. She was the first woman honours graduate in British India. Born on 12 October 1864 in the village of Basunda, then in Bakerganj District of Bengal Presidency and now in Jhalokati District of



Bangladesh, Roy joined Bethune School in 1883. One of the first girls to attend school in British India, she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree with Sanskrit honours from Bethune College of the University of Calcutta in 1886 and started teaching there in the same year. Kadambini Ganguly, the country's second female honours graduate, attended the same institution in a class three years senior to Roy.

Death Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia (1967): 23 March 1910 – 12 October 1967 was an Indian political activist of the



Indian independence movement and a socialist politician. As a nationalist, he worked actively to protest against colonialism, raising awareness of the same. He founded multiple socialist political parties and

later won elections to the Lok Sabha. Dr Ram Manohar Lohia, Mani Ram Bagri, Madhu Limaye, S M Joshi Ram Manohar Lohia was born on 23 March 1910 in a Marwari Bania family at Akbarpur in modern-day Uttar Pradesh. In 1912, when he was only two years old, his

mother died. He was then raised by his father, Hiralal, who never remarried. In 1918, he moved with his father to Bombay, and then completed his high school education there. After securing the first position in his school at the matriculation examination, he completed his intermediate studies from the Banaras Hindu University in 1927. In 1929, he completed his Bachelor of Arts from the Vidyasagar College, under the University of Calcutta.

Historical event for India

1871: The Criminal Tribes Act was enacted by the British in India, labeling many local communities as "Criminal Tribes," which had a lasting, devastating social impact.

1976: Indian Airlines Flight 171 crashed after taking off from Bombay (now Mumbai), resulting in the loss of 95 lives.

1967: Permanent Merger of Jammu and Kashmir: The Working Committee of the National Conference, the dominant political party in Jammu and Kashmir, unanimously passed a resolution proposing the state's permanent merger with India.

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Birth Anniversaries – International Personalities

1537: Edward VI - King of England and Ireland, the son of Henry VIII and Jane Seymour.

1872: Ralph Vaughan Williams - Influential English composer.

1935: Luciano Pavarotti - World-famous Italian operatic tenor.

1968: Hugh Jackman - Australian actor (Wolverine, *The Greatest Showman*).

Death Anniversaries – International Personalities

1915: Edith Cavell - British nurse executed by the Germans during World War I for helping hundreds of Allied soldiers escape from occupied Belgium.

1999: Wilt Chamberlain - Iconic American professional basketball player.

International Historical Events

Discovery and Exploration

1492: Columbus's First Landfall: Christopher Columbus's expedition sighted land in the Caribbean (likely San Salvador Island, in the Bahamas), marking the first recorded encounter between Europeans and the native Taino people, and initiating the European colonization of the Americas.

Modern Conflicts and Political Events

1915: Execution of Edith Cavell (World War I)

British nurse Edith Cavell was executed by a German firing squad in occupied Belgium for helping hundreds of Allied soldiers escape to the Netherlands. Her death was widely publicized and used as propaganda to galvanize support for the Allied cause.

1944: Liberation of Athens (World War II)

The Axis occupation of Athens, Greece, came to an end after the German forces withdrew from the city.

1960: Khrushchev's Shoe-Banging Incident

During a debate at the United Nations General Assembly in New York, Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev created a famous international disturbance by reportedly taking off his shoe and pounding it on his desk in protest of a speech.

1968: Equatorial Guinea Gains Independence

The African nation of Equatorial Guinea gained its independence from Spain.

1984: Brighton Hotel Bombing (UK)

The Provisional Irish Republican Army (IRA) detonated a bomb at the Grand Hotel in Brighton, England, in an





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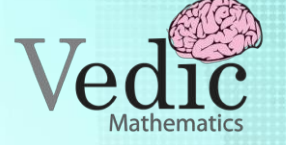
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unsuccessful assassination attempt on British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and her cabinet. Five people were killed.

1999: Military Coup in Pakistan

General Pervez Musharraf seized power from Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif in a bloodless military coup.

2000: Attack on the USS Cole (Yemen)

The U.S. Navy guided-missile destroyer USS Cole was attacked by two al-Qaeda suicide bombers while refueling in the port of Aden, Yemen. The attack killed 17 American sailors and wounded 39 others.

2002: Bali Bombings (Indonesia)

A series of terrorist bombings occurred in the tourist district of Kuta on the Indonesian island of Bali, killing 202 people, mostly foreign tourists, and injuring many more.

Science and Technology

1964: First Multi-Person Space Flight

The Soviet Union launched Voskhod 1, the first spacecraft to carry a multi-person crew (three cosmonauts) into orbit. It was also the first mission in which the crew did not wear spacesuits.

1994: Magellan Spacecraft Burns Up

NASA lost contact with the Magellan spacecraft as it deliberately burned up in the atmosphere of Venus after a successful four-year radar mapping mission.

Sports-related Historical Events Internationally

1968: Summer Olympics Opening: The 1968 Summer Olympics officially opened in Mexico City, Mexico. This was a landmark event, notable for being the first Olympics hosted in Latin America and the first to be held at high altitude. It is historically significant for the "Black Power Salute" demonstration by American

athletes Tommie Smith and John Carlos during the medal ceremony for the 200-meter dash on October 16th.

1920: Man o' War vs. Sir Barton Match Race: The legendary American thoroughbred Man o' War defeated Sir Barton (the 1919 Triple Crown winner) by seven lengths in a famous match race at Kenilworth Park in Ontario, Canada, cementing his status as one of the greatest racehorses in history.

Baseball World Series Milestones

October 12th has been a significant date for multiple World Series and League Championship Series games in Major League Baseball (MLB) history, including:

1907: The Chicago Cubs beat the Detroit Tigers to win the World Series.

1929: The Philadelphia Athletics staged a massive 10-run comeback in the 7th inning against the Chicago Cubs in Game 4 of the World Series, winning 10-8.

1986: Dave Henderson's dramatic home run for the Boston Red Sox in the bottom of the 9th inning of Game 5 of the American League Championship Series (ALCS) shifted the momentum against the California Angels.

1996: Death of René Lacoste: René Lacoste, the French tennis legend known as "The Crocodile," passed away. He was a champion tennis player in the 1920s and is also famously known as the founder of the Lacoste clothing company, which popularized the polo shirt.

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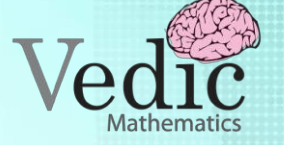
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