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Important Days

World Kindness Day: An international observance that encourages acts of kindness to promote compassion and empathy, which is celebrated globally and in India.



Birth Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

Maharaja Ranjit Singh (1780): Ranjit Singh (13 November 1780 – 27 June 1839) was the founder and first maharaja of the Sikh Empire, in the northwest Indian subcontinent, ruling from 1801 until his death in 1839. Born to Maha Singh, the leader of the Sukerchakia Misl, Ranjit Singh survived smallpox in infancy but lost sight in his left eye.



At the age of ten years old, he fought his first battle alongside his father. After his father died around Ranjit's early teenage years, he became leader of the Misl. Ranjit was the most prominent of the Sikh leaders who opposed Zaman Shah, the ruler of Durrani Empire, during his third invasion. After Zaman Shah's retreat in 1799, he captured Lahore from the Sikh triumvirate which had been ruling it since 1765. At the age of 21, he was formally crowned at Lahore.

Death Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

Margaret Alice Murray (1963): Margaret Alice Murray FSA Scot FRAI (13 July 1863 – 13 November 1963) was an Anglo-Indian Egyptologist, archaeologist, anthropologist, historian, and folklorist. The first



woman to be appointed as a lecturer in archaeology in the United Kingdom, she worked at University College London (UCL) from 1898 to 1935. She was president of the Folklore Society from 1953 to 1955, and published widely. Born to a wealthy middle-

class English family in Calcutta, British India, Murray divided her youth between India, Britain, and Germany, training as both a nurse and a social worker. Moving to London, in 1894 she began studying Egyptology at UCL, developing a friendship with department head Flinders Petrie, who encouraged her early academic publications and appointed her junior lecturer in 1898.

Historical event for India

1898: Nivedita's School Inauguration

On the occasion of Kali Puja, Sister Nivedita (Margaret Elizabeth Noble), the Irish disciple of Swami Vivekananda, inaugurated her school in Calcutta (now Kolkata). This institution was dedicated to the education of Indian girls.

1966: Indira Gandhi's Home Affairs Portfolio

Indira Gandhi temporarily assumed the portfolio of the Union Minister of Home Affairs on November 13, 1966, an office she held for a very brief period while also serving as Prime Minister.

2005: SAARC Summit Concludes

The 13th SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) Summit concluded in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The summit was marked by India's call for increased regional cooperation to counter terrorism and promote economic development in South Asia.





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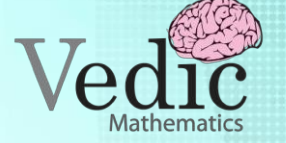
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Birth Anniversaries – International Personalities

Robert Louis Stevenson (1850): A highly celebrated Scottish novelist, poet, and travel writer. His famous works include *Treasure Island*, *Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, and *Kidnapped*.

Edward III of England (1312): One of the most successful English monarchs of the Middle Ages. His reign saw the start of the Hundred Years' War.

St. Augustine of Hippo (354 AD): A Christian theologian and philosopher whose writings were massively influential in the development of Western Christianity and Western philosophy.

Edward Adelbert Doisy (1893): An American biochemist who shared the 1943 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for his discovery of the chemical nature of Vitamin K.

Whoopi Goldberg (1955): A highly accomplished American actress, comedian, author, and television personality, one of the few artists to have won an Emmy, Grammy, Oscar, and Tony Award (EGOT).

Gerard Butler (1969): A Scottish actor and film producer known for roles in films like *300* and *Olympus Has Fallen*.

Ayaan Hirsi Ali (1969): A Somali-born Dutch-American activist, writer, and former politician, known for her critical views on Islam and advocacy for women's rights.

International Historical Events

Recent Tragedies and Conflicts

2015 – Paris Terrorist Attacks: A series of coordinated terrorist attacks, including suicide bombings and mass shootings, struck multiple locations in Paris, France, including the Bataclan theatre and Stade de France, resulting in the deaths of about 130 people.

1985 – Armero Tragedy (Colombia): The Nevado del Ruiz volcano erupted, melting a glacier and causing massive volcanic mudflows (lahars) that buried the town of Armero, killing an estimated **25,000 residents**. It is one of the deadliest volcano-related disasters of the 20th century.

1887 – Bloody Sunday (London): Protests by poor and unemployed Londoners in Trafalgar Square over their hardships turned violent when police charged the demonstrators, leading to several deaths and hundreds of injuries.

Political and Constitutional Milestones





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1994 – Sweden Votes to Join the EU: In a referendum, voters in Sweden decided to join the European Union. The country officially became a member on January 1, 1995.

1950 – Assassination of Carlos Delgado Chalbaud (Venezuela): General Carlos Delgado Chalbaud, the President of Venezuela and head of the military Junta, was kidnapped and killed by rebels.

1945 – Charles De Gaulle (France): General Charles De Gaulle was appointed president of the French provisional government following the liberation of France in World War II.

1918 – Occupation of Constantinople (Ottoman Empire): Allied troops occupied Constantinople (modern-day Istanbul), the capital of the Ottoman Empire, in the aftermath of World War I.

Sports-related Historical Events Internationally

1954: Rugby League World Cup

Great Britain defeated France in Paris to win the first-ever Rugby League World Cup (held in 1954). This marked the inaugural championship for the sport, which was hosted in France.

1982: Boxing Tragedy Aftermath

On this date, boxer Ray Mancini defeated Duk Koo Kim in a championship fight in Las Vegas. Kim collapsed after the match, and tragically died four days later on November 18th due to brain injuries. The event led to significant, lasting changes in boxing, including reducing the number of rounds in championship fights from 15 to 12 to enhance fighter safety.

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