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Important Days

Death Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

Children's Day (Bal Diwas): This is the most significant observance on November 14th. It is celebrated to raise awareness about the rights, education, and welfare of children. The date was chosen to commemorate the Birth Anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.



World Diabetes Day: Though a global observance, this day is also recognized in India to raise awareness about the impact of diabetes, its prevention, and management.

Birth Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru (1889 – 1964): Jawaharlal Nehru (14 November 1889 – 27 May 1964) was the first prime minister of independent India. He was an Indian anti-colonial nationalist, secular humanist, social democrat, acclaimed writer, historian, lawyer and statesman who was a central figure in India during the mid-20th century. Nehru was a principal leader of the Indian nationalist movement in the 1930s and 1940s. Upon India's independence in 1947, he served as the country's first prime minister for sixteen years. Nehru promoted parliamentary democracy, secularism, and science and technology during the 1950s, powerfully influencing India's arc as a modern nation. In international affairs, he steered India clear of the two blocs of the Cold War. A well-regarded author, he wrote books such as Letters from a Father to His Daughter (1929), An Autobiography (1936) and The Discovery of India (1946), that have been read around the world.



Cottari Kanakaiya Nayudu (C. K. Naidu) (1895 – 1967): Cottari Kanakaiya Nayudu (31 October 1895 – 14 November 1967) was an Indian cricketer and cricket administrator who served as the first captain of the Indian national cricket team. He is widely regarded as one of India's greatest cricketers. Nayudu's first-class cricket career spanned 47 years, from 1916 to 1963, a world record. He was a right-handed batsman, an accurate medium pace bowler, and a fine fielder.



Known for his aggressive batting style, his ability to hit long sixes sent crowds into a frenzy and became legendary in Indian cricket folklore.[15] Nayudu was named one of the Wisden Cricketers of the Year in 1933 and, in 1956, became the first cricketer to receive the Padma Bhushan from the Government of India. Nayudu's prime days were with the Hindus team in the Bombay Quadrangular tournament in the 1920s and 1930s, where he was the highest run-scorer in the history of the tournament. His standout performance came in 1926–27 when he scored 153 runs in 116 minutes, hitting 14 fours and 11 sixes, then a world record, against the visiting Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), which paved the way for India's elevation to Test status.

Srila Prabhupada (Abhay Charanaravinda Bhaktivedanta Swami) (1896 – 1977): (1 September 1896 – 14 November 1977) was a spiritual, philosophical, and religious teacher from India who spread the Hare Krishna mantra and the teachings of "Krishna





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consciousness" to the world. Born as Abhay Charan De and later legally named Abhay Charanaravinda Bhaktivedanta Swami, he is often referred to as "Bhaktivedanta Swami", "Srila Prabhupada", or simply "Prabhupada". To carry out an order received in his youth from his spiritual teacher to spread "Krishna consciousness" in English, he journeyed from Kolkata to New York City in 1965 at the age of 69, on a cargo ship with little more than a few trunks of books. He knew no one in America, but he chanted Hare Krishna in a park in New York City, gave classes, and in 1966, with the help of some early students, established the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), which now has centers around the world.

Vashistha Narayan Singh (1946 – 2019): (2 April 1946 – 14 November 2019) was an Indian mathematician and academic. He taught mathematics at various institutes in India between the 1960s and the 1970s. He is popular



on social media for supposedly having challenged Einstein's Theory of Relativity but there are no credible sources that prove so. In the early 1970s, Singh was diagnosed with schizophrenia due to which he was repeatedly in and out of psychiatric hospitals and only returned to academia in 2014. He was posthumously awarded the Padma Shri, the fourth highest civilian award of India for his contributions, in 2020. Singh was born on 2 April 1946 to Lal Bahadur Singh, a police constable, and Lahaso Devi in the Basantpur village of the Bhojpur district in Bihar, India.

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Birth Anniversaries – International Personalities

King Charles III (1948): The current King of the United Kingdom and the other Commonwealth realms.

Claude Monet (1840): Famous French Impressionist painter.

Frederick Banting (1891): Canadian medical scientist best known for co-discovering insulin (and for whom World Diabetes Day is set on this date).

Condoleezza Rice (1954): American political scientist and diplomat, and the 66th U.S. Secretary of State.

Death Anniversaries – International Personalities

Booker T. Washington (1915): American educator, author, orator, and advisor to multiple U.S. presidents.





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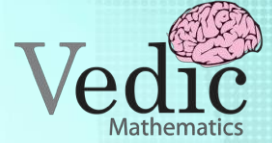
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Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel (1831): Influential German philosopher.

International Historical Events

War and Conflict

1940: The Coventry Blitz (World War II) The German Luftwaffe launched a massive, concentrated air raid on the British city of Coventry. This devastating attack, intended to cripple the city's industry, destroyed much of the city center, including the historic Coventry Cathedral, and killed hundreds of people.

1941: Sinking of HMS Ark Royal (World War II) The Royal Navy aircraft carrier HMS *Ark Royal* sank a day after being hit by a torpedo from the German U-boat U-81 in the Mediterranean.

1965: Battle of Ia Drang (Vietnam War) The Battle of Ia Drang began in the Central Highlands of South Vietnam. This was the first major engagement between regular United States Army forces and the North Vietnamese Army (NVA).

Science and Exploration

1969: Apollo 12 Launch NASA launched Apollo 12, the second crewed mission to successfully land on the Moon. The crew included Commander Charles Conrad, Jr., Richard F. Gordon, Jr., and Alan L. Bean.

1971: Mariner 9 Orbits Mars NASA's Mariner 9 spacecraft successfully entered orbit around Mars, making it the first spacecraft to orbit another planet.

Culture and Society

1922: The BBC Begins Broadcasts The British Broadcasting Company (later Corporation) began its first radio service in the United Kingdom.

1960: Ruby Bridges Integrates School Six-year-old Ruby Bridges became the first African American child

to attend an all-white elementary school in Louisiana, USA, following a court order for desegregation.

1889: Nellie Bly's Global Journey Begins Pioneering American journalist Nellie Bly (Elizabeth Cochrane) began her successful attempt to travel around the world in less than 80 days, inspired by the fictional Phileas Fogg. She completed the journey in a record-breaking 72 days.

Sports-related Historical Events In India

1989: The Joint Test Debut of Two Legends On November 14, 1989, two of the greatest cricketers of their generation made their Test match debuts in the same game for their respective countries:

Sachin Tendulkar made his debut for India against Pakistan in Karachi. He was just 16 years old.

Waqar Younis made his debut for Pakistan in the same match. This dual debut is one of the most famous and consequential in cricket history.

Sports-related Historical Events Internationally

1993: Don Shula Sets NFL Win Record (American Football) Miami Dolphins coach Don Shula earned his 325th career victory, surpassing George Halas to become the NFL's all-time winningest coach. Shula coached the Dolphins for 26 seasons, including the 1972 perfect season.

2010: Sebastian Vettel Becomes Youngest F1 Champion (Motor Racing) In a thrilling final race of the season at the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, Sebastian Vettel won his first Formula One World Drivers' Championship. At 23 years and 134 days old, he became the youngest Formula One world champion in





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history (a record that has since been surpassed by Max Verstappen).

2003: Lionel Messi's Unofficial FC Barcelona Debut

(Football/Soccer) While his official competitive debut was later, a 16-year-old Lionel Messi made his unofficial first-team debut for FC Barcelona in a friendly match against FC Porto on November 14, 2003.

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