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Important Days

World Students' Day: This day commemorates the birth anniversary of Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam (1931-2015), the former President of India, renowned scientist, and dedicated teacher. The day aims to honor his efforts in the field of science, technology, and education, and to inspire students globally.

Birth Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam (Born: 1931): 15 October



1931 - 27 July 2015) was an Indian aerospace scientist and statesman who served as the president of India from 2002 to 2007. Born and raised Muslim family in Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu,

Kalam studied physics and aerospace engineering. He spent the next four decades as a scientist and science administrator, mainly at the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and was intimately involved in India's civilian space programme and military missile development efforts. He was known as the "Missile Man of India" for his work on the development of ballistic missile and launch vehicle technology. He also played a pivotal organisational, technical, and political role in Pokhran-II nuclear tests in 1998, India's second such test after Kalam was the first test in 1974. elected as the president of India in 2002 with the support of both the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party and the thenopposition Indian National Congress. He was widely referred to as the "People's President". He engaged in teaching, writing and public service after his presidency. He was a recipient of several awards, including the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian honour.

Akbar the Great (Born: 1542): Jalal-ud-Din Muhammad Akbar, 15 October 1542 – 27 October 1605), also



known as Akbar the Great, was the third Mughal emperor, who reigned from 1556 to 1605. Akbar succeeded his father, Humayun, under a regent, Bairam Khan, who helped the young emperor expand and consolidate Mughal domains in the Indian subcontinent. He is

generally considered one of the greatest emperors in Indian history and led a successful campaign to unify the various kingdoms of Hindūstān or India proper.Akbar gradually enlarged the Mughal Empire to include much of the Indian subcontinent through Mughal military, political, cultural, and economic dominance. To unify the vast Mughal state, Akbar established a centralised system of administration and adopted a policy of conciliating conquered rulers through marriage and diplomacy. To preserve peace and order in a religiously and culturally diverse empire, he adopted policies that won him the support of his non-Muslim subjects, including abolishing sectarian tax and appointing them to high civil and military posts.

Death Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

Sai Baba of Shirdi (Died: 1918): Shri Sai Baba of Shirdi (1838? – 15 October 1918), also known as Shirdi



Baba. Shree Sai Sainath was an Indian spiritual guru considered to be a saint , and revered by

both Hindu and Muslim devotees during and after histel 1

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lifetime. Sai Baba preached the importance of "realisation of the self" and criticised "love towards perishable things". His teachings emphasised a moral code of love, forgiveness, helping others, charity, contentment, inner peace, and devotion to God and Guru. Sai Baba condemned discrimination based on religion or caste. He had both Hindu and Muslim followers, and refused to identify exclusively with one religion. His teachings combined elements of Hinduism and Islam: he gave the Hindu name Dwarakamayi to the mosque in which he lived, practised both Hindu and Muslim rituals, and taught using words and figures that drew from both traditions. According to the Shri Sai Satcharita, a hagiography written shortly after his death, his Hindu devotees believed him as God and to be an incarnation (purna Avatar) of the Hindu deity Dattatreya.

Historical event for India

1932: Founding of Tata Airlines On this day, Tata Sons Ltd., led by J. R. D. Tata, launched Tata Airlines, the first Indian commercial airline. The inaugural flight was piloted by J. R. D. Tata himself, carrying air mail from Karachi to Mumbai (then Bombay), marking the birth of modern civil aviation in India (Tata Airlines was later nationalized and renamed Air India).

Colonial and Spiritual Events

1676: English Crown Authorizes Coin Minting The English monarch permitted the East India Company to mint rupee and paisa coins at Bombay (now Mumbai). This was an important step in formalizing British economic power in India.

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International Observances

International of Women (UN-Day Rural designated)Recognizes the critical contribution of rural women, including indigenous enhancing agricultural and development, improving food security, and eradicating rural poverty.

Global Handwashing Day A global advocacy day dedicated to increasing awareness and understanding about the importance of handwashing with soap as an easy, effective, and affordable way to prevent diseases and save lives.

White Cane Safety Day (also known as White Cane Awareness Day) Celebrated to recognize the achievements of people who are blind or visually

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impaired and the White Cane as a tool for independence and safety.

Birth Anniversaries – International **Personalities**

Akbar the Great (1542) IN (Mughal Empire) The third Mughal emperor, known for his administrative, military, and religious policies.

Friedrich Nietzsche (1844) DE Influential German philosopher, cultural critic, and poet.

P. G. Wodehouse (1881) GB English author and humorist, creator of characters like Jeeves and Bertie Wooster.

Michel Foucault (1926) FR French philosopher, historian of ideas, social theorist, and literary critic.

Death Anniversaries – International Personalities

Pierre Laval (1945) FRFrench politician who served as the head of the collaborationist Vichy regime and was executed for treason.

Paul Allen (2018) us American business magnate, investor, and philanthropist who co-founded Microsoft with Bill Gates.

International Historical Events

Early Modern & Revolutionary Eras

1582: Gregorian Calendar Adoption Spain, Portugal, the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, and most of the Italian states were the first to implement the Gregorian calendar, replacing the Julian calendar. This required them to skip 10 days, moving directly from October 4 to October 15.

1783: First Manned Free Balloon Flight In Paris, France, Jean-François Pilâtre de Rozier took the firs human flight in a hot air balloon (a tethered flight had taken place previously), a craft built by the Montgolfier brothers.

1793: Execution of Marie Antoinette FRDuring the French Revolution, Marie Antoinette, the last Queen of France, was tried by the Revolutionary Tribunal, convicted of treason, and executed by guillotine in Paris.

1815: Napoleon's Exile Begins Napoleon Bonaparte began his final exile to the remote island of Saint Helena in the South Atlantic Ocean, following his final defeat at Waterloo.

20th Century: Wars and Geopolitical Shifts

1917: Execution of Mata Hari During World War I, Dutch exotic dancer and alleged spy Mata Hari (Margaretha Geertruida MacLeod) was executed by a French firing squad after being convicted of espionage for Germany.

1945: Execution of Pierre Laval FR Pierre Laval, the former Prime Minister of the collaborationist Vichy regime in France during World War II, was executed for high treason.

1964: Nikita Khrushchev Ousted RU Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev was dramatically removed from power as First Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, replaced by Leonid Brezhnev. This marked a major shift in Soviet leadership during the Cold War.

1987: Thomas Sankara Assassination BF Thomas Sankara, the President of Burkina Faso, was assassinated during a coup d'état led by his former colleague and successor, Blaise Compaoré.

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1990: Mikhail Gorbachev Wins Nobel Peace Prize RU Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his leading role in the peace process which contributed to the easing of tensions between East and West (the Cold War).

1993: Nobel Peace Prize to Mandela and de Klerk ZA Nelson Mandela and South African President F. W. de Klerk were jointly awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for their work toward the peaceful termination of the apartheid regime and for laying the foundations for a new democratic South Africa.

21st Century: Space and Technology

2003: China's First Crewed Space Mission CN China launched the Shenzhou 5 spacecraft, carrying astronaut Yang Liwei. China became the third country (after the Soviet Union/Russia and the USA) to independently send a person into orbit.

Sports-related Historical Events In India

2019: Souray Ganguly Nominated as BCCI President: Former Indian cricket captain Sourav Ganguly emerged as the sole candidate to file his nomination for the post of President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on this date (he was officially elected days later). This marked his shift from being one of the country's

most successful captains to taking charge of the world's richest cricket board.

Sports-related Historical Events Internationally

1923: New York Yankees Win First World Series

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The New York Yankees defeated their city rivals, the New York Giants, in Game 6 to win their first-ever World Series title.

1968: Al Oerter's Historic Olympic Feat At the Mexico City Summer Olympics, American discus thrower Al Oerter became the first track and field athlete to win four consecutive gold medals in the same individual event.

1986: Longest MLB Postseason Game The New York Mets beat the Houston Astros in Game 6 of the National League Championship Series. The game lasted 16 innings, setting a record for the longest postseason game in Major League Baseball history by innings.

1989: Wayne Gretzky Breaks Scoring Record "The Great One," Wayne Gretzky of the Los Angeles Kings, surpassed his idol Gordie Howe to become the National Hockey League's (NHL) all-time leading scorer with his 1,851st point.

1995: Carolina Panthers Win First Game The expansion NFL team, the Carolina Panthers, recorded their first-ever franchise victory by defeating the New York Jets.

2019: Washington Nationals Win First NL Pennant The Washington Nationals clinched the National League Pennant by sweeping the St. Louis Cardinals, earning the franchise its first trip to the World Series.

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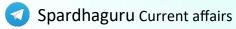






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