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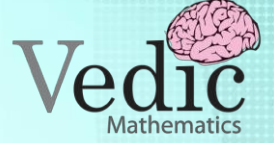
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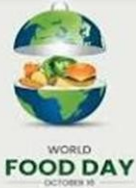


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Important Days

World Food Day: Celebrated globally, this day is observed to commemorate the founding of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations in 1945. It highlights global food issues and strives to mobilize efforts to end hunger.



Historical event for India

Partition of Bengal (October 16, 1905)

The partition of the Bengal Presidency, a territorial reorganization of British India, was officially implemented on October 16, 1905, under the order of the then Viceroy of India, Lord Curzon.

The Act: The reorganization separated the largely Muslim eastern areas from the largely Hindu western areas. The official reason given was administrative efficiency due to the province's massive size (about 78.5 million people).

The Reality: Indian nationalist leaders widely perceived the move as a deliberate "divide and rule" policy by the British to undermine the burgeoning Indian Nationalist Movement, which was very strong in Bengal.

The Reaction: The partition triggered widespread protests and marked a significant shift in the Indian freedom struggle.

It was observed as a Day of Mourning (Arandhan) throughout Bengal, where people fasted, walked barefoot in processions, and sang *Vande Mataram*.

People tied rakhis (a thread symbolizing the bond between siblings) on each other's hands as a gesture of unity between the two parts of Bengal.

It gave a major impetus to the Swadeshi Movement and the Boycott Movement, urging the use of indigenous goods and the rejection of foreign-made products, significantly strengthening the anti-British sentiment.

Birth Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

Hema Malini Birth Anniversary: (born 16 October 1948; Hindi pronunciation: is an Indian actress, director, producer, and politician who is currently serving as a member of the Lok Sabha from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), representing Mathura constituency since 2014. She was a member of the Rajya Sabha from Karnataka from 2011 to 2012, subsequent to her nomination to that chamber from 2003 to 2009 as a member of the BJP. Primarily known for her work in Hindi films, she has starred in both comic and dramatic roles, and is one of the most popular and successful leading actresses of mainstream Hindi cinema. Malini made her acting debut in 1963 with the Tamil film *Idhu Sathiyam*. Malini first acted in a lead role in *Sapna Ka Saudagar* (1968), and went on to feature in numerous Hindi films, frequently opposite Dharmendra, whom she married in 1980. Malini was initially promoted as the "Dream Girl", and in 1977 starred in a film of the same name. She won the Filmfare Award for Best





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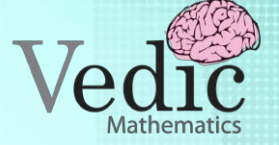
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Aftermath: The intense and sustained opposition ultimately forced the British government to annul the partition in 1911. However, the event successfully sowed seeds of communal divide, which had long-term consequences for the subcontinent.

Other Notable Event

1868: Denmark Sells Nicobar Islands: On October 16, 1868, Denmark officially sold its rights to the Nicobar Islands to Britain, marking the final end of the Danish colonial presence in the Indian subcontinent.

1978: Kapil Dev's Cricket Debut: Indian cricketer legend Kapil Dev began his Test cricket career on October 16, 1978, in a match against Pakistan in Faisalabad.

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International Observances

World Spine Day : Focused on promoting awareness of spine health and the burden of spinal disorders.

World Anesthesia Day : Marks the day in 1846 when William T.G. Morton first demonstrated the use of ether as a general anesthetic.

International Credit Union Day (often the third Thursday of October, which can fall on the 16th) : Celebrates the credit union movement's history and achievements.

Birth Anniversaries – International Personalities

Oscar Wilde (1854): Irish poet and playwright (*The Picture of Dorian Gray*, *The Importance of Being Earnest*).

Eugene O'Neill (1888): American playwright and Nobel laureate (*Long Day's Journey into Night*).

Angela Lansbury (1925): British-American actress (*Murder, She Wrote*, *Beauty and the Beast*).

Tim Robbins (1958): American actor, director, and screenwriter (*The Shawshank Redemption*).

John Mayer (1977): American singer-songwriter and guitarist.

Naomi Osaka (1997): Japanese professional tennis player.

Günter Grass (2015): German novelist, poet, playwright, and Nobel laureate (*The Tin Drum*).

Death Anniversaries – International Personalities





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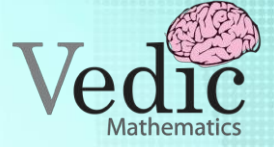
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Marie Antoinette (1793): The last Queen of France before the French Revolution; executed by guillotine.

Liaquat Ali Khan (1951): The first Prime Minister of Pakistan; assassinated.

International Historical Events

1793: Execution of Marie Antoinette - During the French Revolution's "Reign of Terror," Queen Marie Antoinette of France was guillotined for treason in Paris.

1905: Partition of Bengal - The partition of Bengal province in British India took effect, dividing the predominantly Hindu western part from the predominantly Muslim eastern part. This sparked widespread political unrest and became a catalyst for the Swadeshi movement and Indian nationalism.

1934: The Long March Begins - Chinese Communists, led by figures like Mao Zedong, began the Long March to escape the encirclement of the Nationalist forces. This strategic retreat led to the relocation of the communist revolutionary base and solidified Mao's leadership.

1940: The Warsaw Ghetto Established - During World War II, the German occupation authorities in Poland established the Warsaw Ghetto, confining Jewish residents of Warsaw and its suburbs to a designated area, a major step in the Holocaust.

1945: Founding of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) - The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations was established in Quebec City, Canada. This date is now commemorated annually as World Food Day.

1946: Nuremberg Executions - Ten defendants convicted of war crimes and crimes against humanity by the International Military Tribunal at the Nuremberg trials were executed by hanging.

1962: Cuban Missile Crisis Begins - U.S. President John F. Kennedy was informed of U-2 reconnaissance photos showing the Soviet Union had placed nuclear missiles in Cuba, initiating a tense 13-day confrontation that brought the world close to nuclear war.

1964: China Detonates its First Atomic Bomb - China successfully detonated its first nuclear weapon, becoming the fifth nuclear power and significantly changing the geopolitical landscape of the Cold War.

1978: Election of Pope John Paul II - Cardinal Karol Wojtyła of Poland was elected to the papacy, taking the name John Paul II. He was the first non-Italian Pope since 1523.

1998: Arrest of Augusto Pinochet - Former Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet was arrested in London on a murder extradition warrant issued by a Spanish judge.

Sports-related Historical Events In India

1978: Kapil Dev's Test Debut - Indian cricket legend and former captain Kapil Dev made his Test debut against Pakistan in Faisalabad, beginning a career that would make him one of the greatest all-rounders in cricket history and lead India to its first Cricket World Cup victory in 1983.

2011: Fauja Singh Completes Marathon - Indian-origin runner Fauja Singh, at the age of 100, completed the Toronto Waterfront Marathon, becoming the oldest person ever to complete a full marathon (though this record was later not officially recognized by the Guinness World Records, his achievement at that age remains inspirational).

2023: Major Cricket World Cup Upset - In a significant upset at the ICC Cricket World Cup 2023, Afghanistan defeated the defending champions, England, in a match played in Delhi, which was one of the biggest shocks in the tournament's history.





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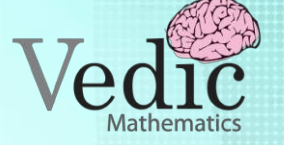
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Sports-related Historical Events Internationally

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1968: Tommie Smith's World Record and Black Power Salute:

At the 1968 Summer Olympics in Mexico City, American sprinter Tommie Smith won the men's 200-meter final and set a new world record (19.83 seconds). During the medal ceremony, Smith and teammate John Carlos (who won bronze) famously raised their black-gloved fists in a "Black Power" salute as a gesture of solidarity with the human rights movement in the United States. They were subsequently ejected from the US Olympic team.

1986: First Person to Scale All Eight-Thousanders:

Italian mountaineer Reinhold Messner scaled Mount Lhotse in Nepal, which is the world's fourth-tallest peak. By doing so, he became the first person in the world to successfully climb all 14 of the world's mountains that are over 8,000 meters (26,247 feet) above sea level (known as the "eight-thousanders").

2023: Cricket Inclusion in 2028 Olympics: The International Olympic Committee (IOC) approved the inclusion of cricket (T20 format) in the 2028 Los Angeles Summer Olympics, marking its return to the Games after more than a century (it was last played in 1900).

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