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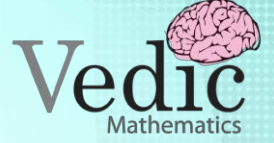
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Death Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

Madan Lal Dhirga : Madan Lal Dhirga (18 September 1883 – 17 August 1909) was an Indian student and a revolutionary freedom fighter at University College London who in 1909 assassinated Sir William Hutt Curzon Wyllie, the political aide-de-camp to the



Secretary of State for India, in London. He was batchmate of another well known freedom activist V.D Savarkar.

Madan Lal Dhirga was born on 18 September 1883 in Amritsar, India, in an educated and affluent Hindu Punjabi Khatri family.

His father, Dr. Ditta Mal Dhirga, was a civil surgeon, and Madan Lal was one of eight children (seven sons and one daughter). All seven sons, including Dhirga, studied abroad.

Historical Events in India

1947: The Radcliffe Line is published. While India's independence and partition from British rule took place on August 15th, the official boundary line between India and Pakistan was not published until August 17th. This line, known as the Radcliffe Line, was drawn by Sir Cyril Radcliffe and formally divided British India into two new independent nations. The partition led to one of the largest and most tumultuous mass migrations in human history.

International Observances & Events

Indonesia's Independence Day: August 17, 1945, marks the day when Sukarno and Mohammad Hatta proclaimed the independence of Indonesia from the Netherlands, igniting the Indonesian National Revolution.

National Thrift Shop Day (USA): In the United States, this day is celebrated to promote the benefits of thrift shopping, which include sustainability and supporting local charities.

National Black Cat Appreciation Day (USA): This observance aims to dispel superstitions and encourage the adoption of black cats, which are often overlooked in shelters.

International Birth Anniversaries

Birth of Marcus Garvey (1887): A Jamaican-born political leader, publisher, and orator who was a prominent figure in the Black nationalism and Pan-Africanism movements.

Birth of Robert De Niro (1943): One of the most acclaimed and influential actors of his generation.

International Death Anniversaries

Death of José de San Martín (1850): An Argentine general and the primary leader of the southern and central parts of South America's successful struggle for independence from the Spanish Empire.

Death of Madan Lal Dhirga (1909): While an Indian freedom fighter, his death is an international event as he was executed by the British in London for assassinating a British official.





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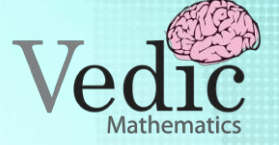
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International historical events

Political and Social Events

1945: Indonesia Declares Independence. Sukarno and Mohammad Hatta proclaimed Indonesia's independence from Dutch colonial rule, which had lasted over 300 years. This declaration ignited the Indonesian National Revolution.

1960: Gabon Gains Independence. The West African nation of Gabon gained its independence from France.

1962: The Killing of Peter Fechter. An 18-year-old East German man, Peter Fechter, was shot by border guards while attempting to cross the newly built Berlin Wall into West Berlin. He was left to bleed to death in plain sight, a tragic event that became a symbol of the wall's brutality.

1998: Bill Clinton Testifies. U.S. President Bill Clinton became the first sitting president to testify before a grand jury in a criminal investigation. His testimony was related to the Monica Lewinsky scandal, during which he admitted to having an "improper physical relationship" with the White House intern.

2008: Pervez Musharraf Resigns. Facing impeachment, Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf resigned from his position.

Science and Technology

1807: The First Commercial Steamboat. Robert Fulton's steamboat, the *North River Steamboat* (also known as the *Clermont*), began its first commercial journey, traveling from New York City to Albany on the Hudson River.

1877: Discovery of Phobos. American astronomer Asaph Hall discovered Mars's second moon, Phobos. The discovery came just six days after he had discovered the other Martian moon, Deimos.

1978: First Transatlantic Balloon Flight. The *Double Eagle II*, a helium balloon, completed the first successful transatlantic balloon flight, landing in a barley field near Paris after a 137-hour journey from Maine, USA.

Cultural Milestones

1945: *Animal Farm* is Published. George Orwell's famous satirical novella, *Animal Farm*, was first published in London. It is a cautionary tale and a critique of totalitarianism, particularly Stalin's Soviet Union.

1959: *Kind of Blue* is Released. Miles Davis's seminal album, *Kind of Blue*, was released. It is widely regarded as one of the most important and best-selling jazz albums of all time.

2008: Michael Phelps's Record. At the Beijing Olympics, American swimmer Michael Phelps won his eighth gold medal in a single Olympic Games, breaking Mark Spitz's 1972 record.

International Sporting Events

2008: Michael Phelps's Historic Feat. At the Beijing Olympics, American swimmer Michael Phelps secured his eighth gold medal in a single Olympic Games. This monumental achievement in the 4x100-meter medley relay broke Mark Spitz's 1972 record and solidified Phelps's status as the most decorated Olympian of all time.





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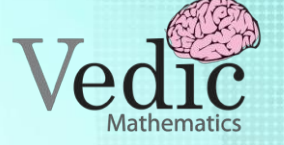
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1877: Discovery of Phobos. In a more scientific but still sports-related context, American astronomer Asaph Hall discovered Phobos, one of the two moons of Mars. The moons were named after the Greek mythological twin brothers Phobos (fear) and Deimos (terror) who accompanied their father, the god of war, Ares (Mars) into battle.

1978: First Transatlantic Balloon Crossing. The balloon *Double Eagle II* completed the first successful transatlantic balloon flight, landing in a barley field near Paris after a 137-hour journey from Maine, USA. This was a significant achievement in aeronautics and a testament to human endurance and skill, akin to a major sporting accomplishment.

