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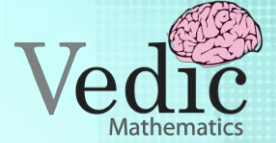
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## Birth Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

**Batukeshwar Dutt (1910):** 18 November 1910 – 20 July 1965 was an Indian socialist and independence fighter in the early 1900s. He is best known for having exploded two bombs, along with Bhagat Singh, in the Central Legislative Assembly in New Delhi on 8 April 1929. After they were arrested, tried and imprisoned for life, he and Singh



initiated a historic hunger strike protesting against the abusive treatment of Indian political prisoners, and eventually secured some rights for them. He was also a member of the Hindustan Socialist Republican Association. Batukeshwar Dutta — also known as B. K. Dutta, Battu, and Mohan — was a son of Goshtha Bihari Dutta. He was born on 18 November 1910 in Onari, Khandaghosh village, Purba Bardhaman district, in what is now West Bengal in a Bengali kayastha family. He graduated from Pandit Prithi Nath High School in Kanpur. He was a close associate of freedom fighters such as Chandra Shekhar Azad and Bhagat Singh, the latter of whom he met in Cawnpore in 1924. He learned about bomb-making while working for the Hindustan Socialist Republican Association (HSRA).

**Kamal Nath (1946):** 18 November 1946 is an Indian politician who served as the 18th Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh from 2018 to 2020 and resigned after a political crisis. He was the Leader of the Opposition in the Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly from March 2020 to April 2022. As a leader of the



Indian National Congress he has served as the Minister of Urban Development. He is one of the longest serving and most senior members of the Lok Sabha, the lower house of India's bicameral Parliament. He was appointed the Pro Tem Speaker of the 16th Lok Sabha.

He has been elected nine times from the Chhindwara Lok Sabha constituency of Madhya Pradesh.

**Ranjan Gogoi (1954):** (Born 18 November 1954) is an Indian retired jurist and advocate who served as the 46th Chief Justice of India from 2018 to 2019. He is currently a Member of the Rajya Sabha, having been nominated by President Ram Nath Kovind on 16 March 2020. Gogoi



previously served as a judge of the Supreme Court of India from 2012 to 2018. He was a judge of the Gauhati High Court from 2001 to 2010, and of the Punjab and Haryana High Court from September 2010 to February 2011 where he later was the Chief Justice from 2011 to 2012. Born and raised in Dibrugarh, Gogoi is from a political family and descends from the Ahom dynasty. His maternal grandparents were both state legislators; his grandmother, Padma Kumari Gohain, was one of the first female MLAs and one of the first female ministers in Assam.

## Death Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

**V. O. Chidambaram Pillai (1936):** (5 September 1872 - 18 November 1936) was an Indian freedom fighter, lawyer, businessman, Tamil scholar, and politician. He founded the Swadeshi Steam Navigation Company in 1906 to compete against the monopoly of the British India Steam Navigation



Company (BISNC). He launched the first indigenous Indian shipping service between Tuticorin in British India and Colombo in Ceylon. Once a member of the Indian National Congress, he was later charged with sedition by the British government and sentenced to life imprisonment, and his barrister license was





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revoked. He is known by the epithet Kappalottiya Tamizhan ("Tamil helmsman"). Tuticorin Port Trust, one of India's thirteen major ports, is named after him.

**Dhirendra Nath Ganguly (1978):** (26 March 1893 – 18 November 1978), better known as Dhiren Ganguly or D.G, was a Dadasaheb Phalke Award-winning and Padma Bhushan recipient film entrepreneur/actor/director of Bengali Cinema. He had set up a number of film production companies: Indo British Film company, British Dominion Films, Lotus Film Company. Later, he directed films for New Theatres. He produced many movies in the comedy genre. He was born in Calcutta and died in the same city. Ganguly studied in the Visva Bharati University in Shantiniketan. He became a headmaster of State Art School in Hyderabad. He released a book of photographs of his make-up techniques called Bhavki Abhibyakti in 1915. He also taught this art to C.I.D. officers in both British India and independent India. His family hailed from Barisal.



**Major Shaitan Singh (1962):** (1 December 1924 – 18 November 1962) was an officer in the Indian Army and a posthumous recipient of the Param Vir Chakra, India's highest military decoration for valour. Born in Jodhpur State, Singh joined the Indian army in 1949 and by 1962 had reached the rank of major. During the Battle of Rezang La in the 1962 Sino-Indian War, he commanded a company of the 13 Kumaon Regiment against a significantly larger Chinese force in Ladakh. Despite being outnumbered and under heavy fire, he moved between posts to organize the defence. For his actions, he was awarded the Param Vir Chakra posthumously.



### Historical event for India

#### 1962: Battle of Rezang La

**What Happened:** On November 18, 1962, during the Sino-Indian War, a small company of 120 Indian soldiers of the 13th Battalion, Kumaon Regiment (Charlie Company), made a heroic last stand against a massive wave of Chinese troops at the Rezang La pass in the Chushul sector of Ladakh.

**Significance:** This is considered one of the most heroic and inspiring battles in the history of the Indian Armed Forces. The company, led by Major Shaitan Singh (who was posthumously awarded the Param Vir Chakra), fought to the last man despite being outnumbered, cut off from reinforcements, and facing brutal sub-zero temperatures and heavy Chinese artillery. They inflicted massive casualties on the enemy, stalling the Chinese advance in the sector.

#### 1727: Foundation of Jaipur

**What Happened:** The city of Jaipur, now the capital of Rajasthan and famously known as the "Pink City," was formally founded on November 18, 1727.

**Significance:** It was founded by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II and is notable for being one of the earliest planned cities of modern India. The entire city's layout was meticulously designed by the chief architect Vidyadhar Bhattacharya based on the principles of *Vastu Shastra* and *Shilpa Shastra*, resulting in its distinctive grid pattern and uniform architecture.

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**Margaret Atwood (1939):** A highly influential **Canadian** poet, novelist, literary critic, and environmental activist, best known for *The Handmaid's Tale*.

**George Gallup (1901):** An American pioneer of survey sampling techniques and inventor of the Gallup poll, a widely recognized statistical method for measuring public opinion.

**Alan B. Shepard Jr. (1923):** An American NASA astronaut who became the second person and the first American to travel into space.

**W. S. Gilbert (1836):** An English playwright, poet, and lyricist, famous for his collaboration with composer Arthur Sullivan on the comic opera classics like *The Pirates of Penzance* and *The Mikado*.

### International Observances

#### **World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW)**

**Begins:** The World Health Organization (WHO) and other global partners mark the start of WAAW, which runs from November 18–24 every year.

**Focus:** This campaign aims to increase awareness of global antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and encourage best practices among the general public, health workers, and policymakers to avoid the further emergence and spread of drug-resistant infections.

**World Day for the Prevention of and Healing from Child Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Violence (UN Observance):** This day, observed on November 18th, was established by the UN General Assembly to highlight the critical need for global action to prevent and address child sexual exploitation, abuse, and violence.

### Death Anniversaries – International Personalities

**Niels Bohr (1962):** A Nobel Prize-winning Danish physicist who made fundamental contributions to understanding atomic structure and quantum theory.

**Chester A. Arthur (1886):** An American attorney and politician who served as the 21st President of the United States.

**Jonah Lomu (2015):** A legendary New Zealand rugby union player who is widely regarded as the sport's first global superstar.

### International Historical Events

#### **1978 : The Jonestown Massacre**

**Location:** Jonestown, Guyana

**What Happened:** This is one of the most tragic events in modern history. On this day, cult leader **Jim Jones** led over 900 members of his group, the People's Temple, to their deaths.





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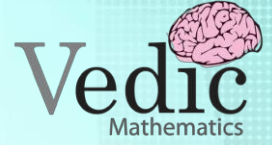
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Temple, in a mass murder-suicide by drinking a cyanide-laced beverage. The victims included Congressman Leo Ryan, who was investigating the compound, and four others who were killed by cult members at a nearby airstrip shortly before the mass suicide.

**1928 : Mickey Mouse Debuts in Steamboat Willie** Location: Colony Theater, New York City, USA

**What Happened:** The animated short film *Steamboat Willie* premiered, marking the official public debut of the now-iconic character, Mickey Mouse (and Minnie Mouse).

**Significance:** This film was not only a cultural milestone but also a technological one, as it was the first cartoon to feature fully synchronized sound (music, dialogue, and sound effects tied precisely to the action), revolutionizing the animation industry and launching the Walt Disney Company.

**1883: CAUS Standard Time Zones Established**

Location: North America (US and Canada)

**What Happened:** American and Canadian railroad companies implemented the first system of Standard Time Zones for the continent.

**Significance:** Prior to this, cities used their own local solar time, leading to thousands of different "local" times and creating chaos for train schedules. The move to four continental time zones was a private initiative that effectively imposed order on national commerce and travel, creating the time standard used today.

**The Hay–Bunau-Varilla Treaty Signed** Location: Washington, D.C., USA

**What Happened:** The United States and the newly independent Republic of Panama signed this treaty just 15 days after Panama declared its independence from Colombia.

**Significance:** The treaty granted the U.S. exclusive rights and perpetual control over a 10-mile-wide strip

of land for the construction and operation of the Panama Canal, effectively creating the U.S.-controlled Panama Canal Zone.

**1916: First Battle of the Somme Ends** Location: The Somme River valley, France (Western Front of WWI)

**What Happened:** British Commander-in-Chief Sir Douglas Haig officially called off the First Battle of the Somme.

**Significance:** After more than four months of relentless fighting since July 1, 1916, this battle was one of the bloodiest in human history, resulting in over a million casualties on both sides (Allied and German forces) for minimal territorial gain.

**1918: Latvia Proclaims Independence** Location: Riga, Latvia

**What Happened:** Latvia officially proclaimed its independence from the Russian Empire, following the end of World War I.

### Sports-related Historical Events In India

**Archery Gold Medal (Recent History):**

On **November 18, 2024**, the Indian men's recurve archery team (Yashdeep Bhoge, Atanu Das, and Rahul) clinched a historic gold medal at the Asian Championships by defeating South Korea in a thrilling shoot-off.

**Significance:** This victory was particularly significant as it was India's first gold medal in the men's recurve team event at the Asian Championships in 18 years, breaking South Korea's long-standing dominance.

### Sports-related Historical Events Internationally

Formula 1







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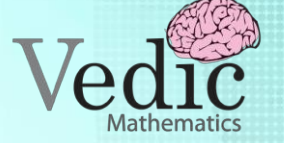
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**2023 : First Las Vegas Grand Prix** The highly anticipated inaugural Formula 1 Las Vegas Grand Prix was held on the night of November 18, 2023, with the race taking place on the famed Las Vegas Strip Circuit.

**Winner: Max Verstappen** (Red Bull Racing) won the first-ever Las Vegas Grand Prix.

### Boxing

#### **1970: Joe Frazier Retains Heavyweight Title**

American boxer Joe Frazier successfully defended his World Heavyweight Championship title by knocking out contender Bob Foster in the second round of their fight in Detroit.

### Tennis

**1990 : Monica Seles' Five-Set Victory** Monica Seles defeated Gabriela Sabatini in the final of the Virginia Slims Championships (now WTA Finals) in a match that lasted five sets (6-4, 5-7, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2).

**Significance:** This was the first women's professional match to go to five sets since 1901.

**2007: Roger Federer's Masters Cup Title** Top-ranked Roger Federer won his fourth Masters Cup (now ATP Finals) title in five years, defeating David Ferrer 6-2, 6-3, 6-2.

### American Football (NFL & College)

**2012: Historic Passing Yards** Houston Texans quarterback Matt Schaub had a career-high game against the Jacksonville Jaguars, throwing for 527 yards, the second-most passing yards in a single game in NFL history (at the time). The Texans won in overtime, 43-37.

**2006: The "Game of the Century"** Top-ranked Ohio State beat No. 2 Michigan 42-39 in a highly anticipated, undefeated regular-season finale often called the "Game of the Century."

### NASCAR

#### **2007 : Jimmie Johnson's Consecutive Title**

Jimmie Johnson became the first driver since Jeff Gordon (1997, '98) to win consecutive Nextel Cup (NASCAR) championships, securing the title by finishing seventh in the season finale.

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