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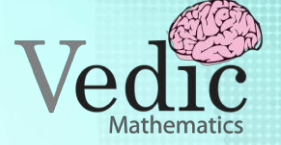
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Important Days

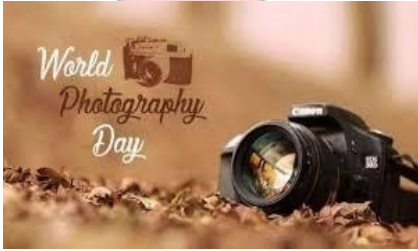
World Humanitarian Day: World Humanitarian Day, observed annually on August 19th, honors aid workers who dedicate their lives to assisting those in need,



particularly during times of crisis. It's a day to recognize the importance of humanitarian work, raise awareness about the

challenges faced by humanitarian personnel, and promote international humanitarian law. The day also serves as a reminder of the sacrifices made by those who provide life-saving support and protection to vulnerable populations.

World Photography Day: World Photography Day is celebrated annually on August 19th. It's a day to honor



the art, science, and history of photography. The day

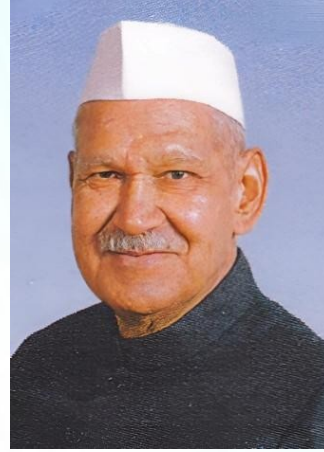
commemorates the announcement

of the daguerreotype process, a significant step in the development of photography, by the French government on August 19, 1839.

Birth Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

Shankar Dayal Sharma (1918): Shankar Dayal Sharma (19 August 1918 – 26 December 1999) was an Indian lawyer and politician who served as the president of India from 1992 to 1997.

Born in Bhopal, Sharma studied at Agra, Allahabad and Lucknow and received a doctorate in constitutional law



months' imprisonment.

S. Satyamurthy (1887): Sundara Sastri Satyamurti (19 August 1887 – 28 March 1943) was an Indian independence activist and politician. He was acclaimed for his rhetoric and was one of the leading politicians of the Indian National Congress from the Madras Presidency, alongside S. Srinivasa Iyengar, C. Rajagopalachari and T. Prakasam. Satyamurti is regarded as the mentor of K. Kamaraj, Chief Minister of Madras State from 1954 to 1962.

Born in 1887 in Thirumayam in the princely state of



Pudukkottai, Satyamurti studied at the Maharajah's College, Madras Christian College and the Madras Law College. After practising as a lawyer for some time, Satyamurti entered politics at the suggestion of S. Srinivasa Iyengar, a leading lawyer and politician, who would later become his mentor.





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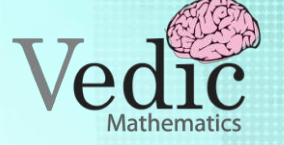
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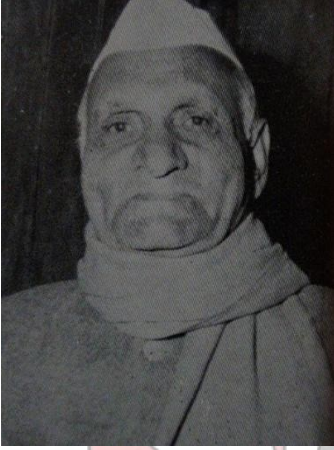


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Harishankar Sharma (1891): Hari Shankar Sharma (1891–1968) was a Hindi and Urdu poet from Harduaganj, Aligarh, India.

He was awarded the Padma Shri by Government of India, in 1966.

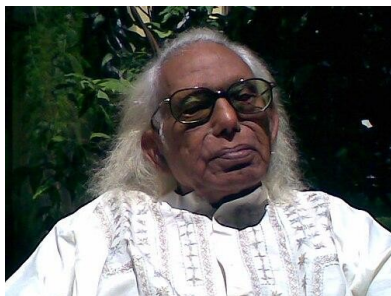


Hari Shanka Sharma was born in Harduaganj, Aligarh, North-Western Provinces (Now Uttar Pradesh), British India[citation needed]. He was the son of Famous Hindi poet Nathuram Sharma, He is associated with notables poets and writers such as Amritlal

Nagar, Banarasi Das Chaturvedi, Babu Gulabrai, Ram Vilas Sharma and Rangeya Raghav.

Sharma's poetic works include: Ghaas-Paat, Ram-Rajya, Krishan-Sandesh, and Maharshi-Mahima.

Abdul Rashid Khan (1908): Ustad Abdul Rashid Khan (19 August 1908 – 18 February 2016) was an Indian vocalist of Hindustani music. Apart from khayal, he performed dhrupad, dhamar and thumri. As of 2020, he is the oldest person to have been conferred a Padma award.



Abdul Rashid Khan was born in a family of musicians tracing back to Behram Khan, who was a singer of traditional Gwalior gharana gayaki. He

received his initial training from his father's elder

brother Bade Yusuf Khan and from his father Chhote Yusuf Khan.

This was followed by extensive musical training from his family elders like Chand Khan, Barkhudar Khan and Mahtab Khan who taught him the Gwalior Gayaki. He further developed this style suiting his own artistic sensitivity. He was a descendant of Tansen, a renowned singer who was one of the nine gems in the court of Akbar the Great during the sixteenth century.

Sudha Murty (1950): Sudha Murty (born 19 August 1950) is an Indian educator, author, and philanthropist.



She is the Founder-Chairperson of the non-profit charitable organization Infosys Foundation. She is married to the co-founder of Infosys, N. R. Narayana Murthy. In 2024, Murty was nominated as Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha on 8 March

2024 for her contribution to social work and education. Murty was awarded the Padma Shri, the fourth highest civilian award in India, for social work by the Government of India in 2006. In 2023, she was awarded the Padma Bhushan, the third highest civilian award in India.

Sudha Murty began her professional career in computer science and engineering. She is a member of the public health care initiatives of the Gates Foundation. She has founded several orphanages, participated in rural development efforts, supported the movement to provide all Karnataka government schools with computer and library facilities, and





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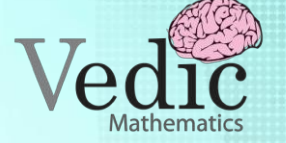
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established Murty Classical Library of India at Harvard University.

Death Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

Badruddin Tyabji (1906): Badruddin Tyabji (10 October 1844 – 19 August 1906) was an Indian lawyer, activist,



and politician during the British Raj. Tyabji was the first Indian to practice as a barrister of the High Court of Bombay. He also served as the third President of the Indian National Congress.[1] He was one of the founding member and first Muslim president of Indian

National Congress. He founded the Anjuman-i-Islam College in Bombay in 1874. It started with one school and today it has more than eighty institutions from pre-primary schools to graduate and postgraduate level. Tyabji is often referred to as one of the most prominent members of Tyabji family.

Historical events in India

1757: The East India Company's first rupee coin was minted in Calcutta. This event is a symbolic milestone in the company's shift from a trading entity to a dominant political and economic power on the Indian subcontinent.

1600: Mughal Emperor Akbar captured the city of Ahmednagar. This victory was a major military achievement that further solidified the Mughal Empire's control in the Deccan region.

1666: Shivaji's Escape from Agra - According to some historical accounts, Maratha ruler Shivaji made a legendary and daring escape from imprisonment by Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb in Agra. He is said to have escaped by hiding in a large basket. This event is seen as a testament to his resourcefulness and a turning point in his struggle against the Mughal Empire.

International Observances

International Orangutan Day: A day dedicated to raising awareness about the plight of orangutans, which are facing severe threats from habitat loss and the illegal pet trade.

National Aviation Day (United States): The day honors aviation pioneer Orville Wright, who was born on this day in 1871.

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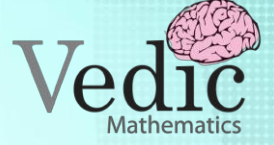
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International Historical Events

1919: Afghanistan's Independence - The country gained full independence from the United Kingdom.

1934: Hitler Becomes Führer - In a referendum, Adolf Hitler consolidated his power in Germany, combining the offices of Chancellor and President to become the "Führer."

1953: Iran's Coup d'état - A military coup, orchestrated by the U.S. and U.K. intelligence agencies, overthrew Iran's democratically elected Prime Minister Mohammad Mosaddegh and reinstated the Shah.

1991: The August Coup (Soviet Union) - A failed coup attempt by communist hardliners against Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev began, which ultimately accelerated the dissolution of the Soviet Union.

Birth Anniversaries – International Personalities

Orville Wright (1871): American aviation pioneer who, along with his brother Wilbur, invented and flew the world's first successful airplane.

Coco Chanel (1883): French fashion designer and founder of the Chanel brand, whose influence on haute couture is immense.

Bill Clinton (1946): The 42nd President of the United States.

Death Anniversaries – International Personalities

Blaise Pascal (1662): French mathematician, physicist, inventor, and writer.

Linus Pauling (1994): An American chemist and activist, he is the only person to have been awarded two unshared Nobel Prizes (Chemistry and Peace).

International Historical Events

Political and Military Events

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1934: Adolf Hitler's Consolidation of Power - A German referendum approved the merger of the offices of Chancellor and President, giving Adolf Hitler supreme power as "Führer" (Leader).

1942: Dieppe Raid - During World War II, a major Allied amphibious attack on the German-occupied port of Dieppe, France, failed with heavy casualties.

1953: Iran's Coup d'état - A CIA and MI6-backed coup overthrew Iran's democratically elected Prime Minister Mohammad Mosaddegh, restoring the constitutional monarchy under the Shah.

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Scientific and Exploratory Events

1839: World Photography Day - The French government purchased the patent for the Daguerreotype, an early photographic process, and





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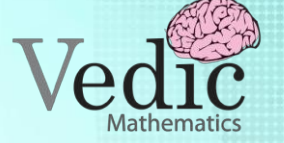
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released it as a gift to the world, leading to the designation of this date as World Photography Day.

1960: Sputnik 5 Launch - The Soviet Union launched the Korabl-Sputnik 2, which carried the dogs Belka and Strelka, along with other animals, into orbit. They were the first living beings to survive spaceflight.

1964: First Geostationary Satellite - The Syncom 3, the world's first geostationary communication satellite, was launched. It would later be used to broadcast the 1964 Summer Olympics from Tokyo to the United States.

Other Notable Events

1812: USS Constitution vs. HMS Guerriere - During the War of 1812, the USS Constitution defeated the British HMS Guerriere, earning the American frigate its famous nickname, "Old Ironsides," due to the apparent invulnerability of its hull.

1977: Death of Groucho Marx - Legendary American comedian, actor, and writer Groucho Marx passed away at the age of 86.

Sports Events in India

1920: India's Olympic Debut - While not a single event on this day, the Indian Olympic team made its first official debut at the Antwerp Games in August 1920. This marked a major step for India's participation in the international sporting arena. The country had a small contingent of six athletes who competed in wrestling, athletics, and other events.

Sports Events in the World

1909: Indianapolis Motor Speedway Opens - The iconic motorsport venue in the United States, home to

the Indy 500, held its first-ever race. Tragically, the inaugural event was marred by an accident that killed a driver and his mechanic.

1983: Carl Lewis's First World Championship Gold - American track and field legend Carl Lewis won the gold medal in the men's long jump at the inaugural World Championships in Athletics in Helsinki, Finland.

2008: Michael Phelps' Record-Breaking Performance - At the Beijing Olympics, American swimmer Michael Phelps won his eighth gold medal of the Games in the 4x100-meter medley relay, setting a new record for the most gold medals won at a single Olympics.

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