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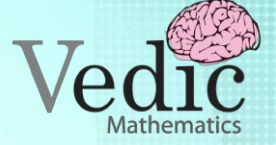
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Important Days in India

National Doctor's Day: This is the most prominent observance on July 1st in India. It is celebrated to recognize the invaluable contributions of physicians to individual lives and communities.



The day also commemorates the birth and death anniversary of **Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy**, a legendary physician, freedom fighter, and the second Chief Minister of West Bengal. Dr. Roy was instrumental in establishing

key medical institutions like the Indian Medical Association (IMA) and the Medical Council of India (MCI) and was awarded the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian honor, in 1961.

Chartered Accountants' Day: Chartered Accountants' Day, also known as CA Day, is celebrated annually on



July 1st in India to commemorate the establishment of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) in 1949. It's a day to acknowledge the contributions of Chartered Accountants to the

financial health of businesses and the nation's economy.

- **Establishment of ICAI:** The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) was established on July 1, 1949, by an act of the Indian Parliament.
- **Significance:** CA Day recognizes the vital role Chartered Accountants play in various aspects of finance and business, including auditing, taxation, financial analysis, and corporate law.

- **Ethical Standards:** The day also emphasizes the importance of ethical conduct and professional standards upheld by CAs.
- **Economic Impact:** CAs are crucial for ensuring financial transparency, compliance, and governance in different sectors, contributing to the country's economic development.
- **Professional Development:** CA Day also promotes the need for continuous professional development and staying updated with the latest trends in the financial world.
- **Public Awareness:** The day serves as an opportunity to raise public awareness about the role of CAs and their contribution to the economy.

SBI Day: On July 1, 1955, the Imperial Bank of India was reconstituted by an Act of Parliament to create the State Bank of India (SBI), marking a new era in banking in the country.

State Bank of India (SBI) is an Indian multinational public sector bank and financial service body



headquartered in Mumbai. It is the largest bank in India[11] with a 23% market share by assets and a 25% share of the total loan and deposits market. It is also the tenth largest employer in India with nearly 250,000 employees. As of 2024,

SBI has 500 million customers.

GST Day (Goods and Services Tax Day): While not celebrated every year with the same prominence as the others, July 1st also marks the anniversary of the rollout of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) in India.





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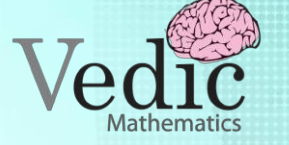
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which took place in the intervening night of June 30 and July 1, 2017.

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) is a successor to VAT used in India on the supply of goods and service. Both VAT and GST have the same taxation slabs. It is a comprehensive, multistage, destination-based tax: comprehensive because it has subsumed

almost all the indirect taxes except a few state taxes. Multi-staged as it is, the GST is imposed at every step in the production process, but is meant to be refunded to all parties in the various stages of production other than the final consumer and as a destination-based tax, it is collected from point of consumption and not point of origin like previous taxes.



सत्यमेव जयते

Van Mahotsav (July 1 - 7): Van Mahotsavlit. 'Forest festival', is an annual one-week tree-planting festival in India which is celebrated in the first week of July. It is a great traditional Indian festival that reflects Indian culture and heritage to honor and love mother earth by planting trees, by creating awareness of nature's

beauty, and by fostering an environment to promote the concept of reduce, reuse, and recycle. The words "Van" and "Mahotsav" are derived from Sanskrit language. "Van" which can also be spelled as "Vana" refers to



"Forest", and "Mahotsav" is a combination of "Maha" meaning great and "Utsav" meaning festival. So the literal meaning of "Van Mahotsav" can be deduced to "A Great Forest-Festival", an event which is celebrated

by the Indian community throughout the world with the central theme of planting trees.

Birth Anniversaries in India

Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy (1882): Bidhan Chandra Roy (1 July 1882 – 1 July 1962) was an Indian physician and politician who served as Chief Minister of West Bengal from 1950 until his death in 1962. He played a key role in the founding of several institutions and cities like Salt Lake (now a part of Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation), Kalyani, and Durgapur.

In India, the National Doctors' Day is celebrated in his memory every year on 1 July. He was awarded the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian honour in 1961.

Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu (1949): Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu (born 1 July 1949) is an Indian politician who served as the vice president of India from 2017 to 2022. He has also served as the minister of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, Urban Development and Information and Broadcasting in the Modi Cabinet.

Naidu has also served as the national president of Bharatiya Janata Party from 2002 to 2004. Earlier, he



was the Union Cabinet Minister for Rural Development in the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government. He took the oath as the vice president of India and the chairman of the Rajya Sabha (ex-officio as the Vice President) on 11 August 2017. In 2024, The

Government of India honoured him with Padma Vibhushan, India's second highest civilian award.





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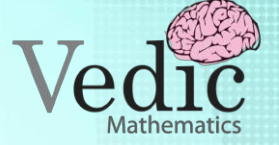
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Abdul Hamid (1933): Company Quartermaster Havildar Abdul Hamid PVC (1 July 1933 – 10 September 1965), was an Indian soldier. He was posthumously given India's highest military decoration, the Param Vir Chakra, for his actions during the Indo-Pakistani War of 1965.

Hamid joined the army in December 1954, and was posted to the 4th Battalion of the Grenadiers regiment.



During the Sino-Indian War, his battalion participated in the battle of Namka Chu against the Chinese People's Liberation Army. During the Indo-Pakistani War of 1965, the 4 Grenadiers battalion was entrusted with a vital position before the village of Chima on the

Khem Karan–Bhikhiwind line. At the Battle of Asal Uttar on 9–10 September 1965, Hamid destroyed eight Pakistani tanks and was killed in action destroying the ninth tank.

Amarkant (1925): Amarkant (1925 – 17 February 2014) was an Indian writer of Hindi literature. His novel Inhin



Hathiyaron Se earned him the Sahitya Akademi Award in 2007, and Vyas Samman in year 2009. He was awarded Jnanpith Award for the year 2009. Amarkant is considered one of the prominent writers of the story writing tradition of Premchand but certainly is

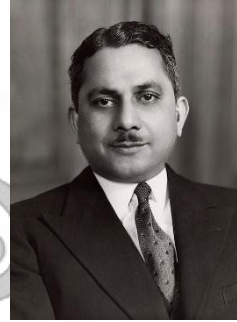
credited to add something better in that tradition by his own individuality.

Sudhakar Pandey (1927): Sudhakar Pandey (1927–2003) was an Indian politician. He was elected to the

Lok Sabha, the lower house of the Parliament of India from Chandauli, Uttar Pradesh in 1971 as a member of the Indian National Congress. He was a member of the Rajya Sabha, the Upper house of the Parliament of India from Uttar Pradesh from 1980 to 1986.

Benegal Rama Rao (1889): Sir Benegal Rama Rau CIE, ICS (1 July 1889 – 13 December 1969) was the fourth Governor of the Reserve Bank of India from 1 July 1949 to 14 January 1957.

He was born in a Konkani-speaking Chitrapur Saraswat



Brahmin family from Mangalore. His elder brother Sir Benegal Narsing Rau went on to become an Indian civil servant, jurist, diplomat and statesman and legal adviser of the Constituent Assembly, and his younger brother B Shiva Rao became a journalist and politician.

He was educated at Presidency College of Madras, and at King's College in Cambridge.

He married Dhanvanthi Rama Rau, of Kashmiri Brahmin descent and a leader in the Indian women's rights movement who was the International President of Planned Parenthood and the founder of Family Planning Association of India, their younger daughter Santha Rama Rau became a travel writer, marrying and settling in the United States.

Death Anniversaries in India

Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy (1962): His death anniversary, falling on the same date as his birth, adds to the significance of National Doctor's Day.





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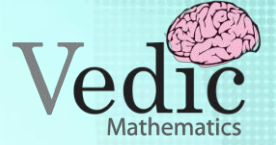
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Purushottam Das Tandon (1962): A leading freedom fighter of modern India, also known as 'Rajarshi', who worked extensively for the advancement of Hindi.

Purushottam Das Tandon (1 August 1882 – 1 July 1962) was a freedom fighter from Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh,



India. He is widely remembered for his opposition to the partition of India, as well as efforts in achieving the Official Language of India

status for Hindi. He was customarily given the title Rajarshi. He was popularly known as UP Gandhi. He was awarded the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award, in 1961.

National Observances

Canada Day: This is the national day of Canada, celebrating the anniversary of Canadian Confederation on July 1, 1867. It's a federal statutory holiday marked by parades, fireworks, and festivities across the country and by Canadians abroad.

Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Establishment Day: This day commemorates the transfer of sovereignty of Hong Kong from the United Kingdom to China in 1997.

Republic Day (Ghana): Ghana transitioned to a republic on July 1, 1960, and this day marks that anniversary.

Independence Day (Burundi and Rwanda): Both Burundi and Rwanda gained independence from Belgium on July 1, 1962.

Somalia's Independence Day: On July 1, 1960, the Trust Territory of Somaliland (former Italian Somaliland) gained independence and united with the State of Somaliland (former British Somaliland) to form the Somali Republic.

Sir Seretse Khama Day (Botswana): This day honors the birth of Sir Seretse Khama, Botswana's first president and a key figure in its independence.

Singapore Armed Forces Day: A day to honor the men and women serving in Singapore's armed forces.

CPC Founding Day (China): Commemorates the founding of the Communist Party of China.

International & Other Observances

International Joke Day: A lighthearted day dedicated to humor and laughter, encouraging people to share jokes and spread joy.

International Reggae Day: Celebrates the reggae music genre and its global impact.

National Postal Workers Day: Observed in various countries, including the US, to appreciate the hard work of postal service employees.

Significant moments in sports history

Start of the Tour de France (1903): Perhaps one of the most historically significant sporting events to begin on July 1st is the **inaugural Tour de France bicycle race in 1903**. This iconic cycling event has since become one of the most prestigious and grueling races in the world.

Wimbledon Championships: While the exact start date can vary slightly year to year, the **Wimbledon Championships**, one of the four Grand Slam tennis





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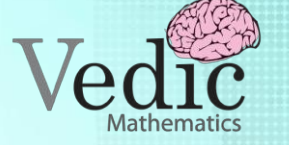
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tournaments, often kicks off around July 1st. It's a major event on the global tennis calendar, drawing immense viewership and attention.

Summer Olympics (1904): The **Summer Olympics commenced in St. Louis** on July 1, 1904. This was a notable moment as it marked the first time the Olympic Games were held in the United States.

Various Anniversaries in Baseball History: July 1st has seen several notable "this day in history" moments in Major League Baseball, including no-hitters, home run milestones, and significant trades.

Start of other sporting seasons/events: For many sports, July 1st can mark the beginning of new seasons, transfer windows, or the start of various competitions, particularly in sports like football (soccer) where the European football season typically starts in August, with pre-season activities and transfers often beginning around this time.

events or programs. However, this is more of an administrative point than a direct sporting observance.

Indirect Connections to Sports in India

Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy's Birth/Death Anniversary (National Doctor's Day): While primarily a medical observance, Dr. B.C. Roy was a multi-faceted personality. He was a great advocate of public health and well-being, which inherently supports the development of sports and physical activity in a nation. Though not a direct sports personality, his legacy indirectly contributes to a healthy population capable of participating in sports.

Start of Financial Year for Sports Organizations (sometimes): For some sports federations, clubs, or related businesses, July 1st might mark the beginning of their new financial year, influencing budgets, sponsorships, and planning for upcoming sporting

