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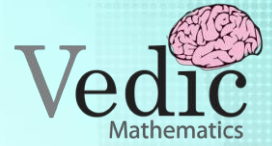
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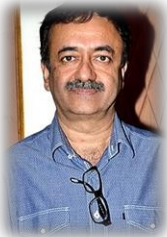


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## Birth Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

**Rajkumar Hirani (1962):** (Born 20 November 1962) is an Indian filmmaker known for his works in Hindi films.



He is the recipient of several accolades, including four National Film Awards and 11 Filmfare Awards. Hirani is referred as one of the most successful filmmakers of Indian cinema. His movies are often lighthearted but revolve around

significant societal issues with humour and emotional intelligence. Starting his career as a film editor after graduating from FTII in editing, a bad experience forced him to shift to ad films, where he made several successful ads. His first film as a professional editor was Vidhu Vinod Chopra's action drama Mission Kashmir (2000).

**Babita Phogat (1989):** (Born 20 November 1989) is a former Indian professional wrestler and a politician



from the state of Haryana. She is a multiple Commonwealth Games medalist, winning the gold medal in 2014

Commonwealth Games, and silver medals at the 2010 and 2018 Commonwealth Games. When she won the 2014 Commonwealth gold medal, she became the second Indian women wrestler to win a Commonwealth gold after her sister Geeta Phogat, who had won it in 2010. Babita participated in the Rio 2016 Olympics in the 53 Kg women's wrestling, though she could not make it to the podium. Earlier, she had won a bronze medal at the 2013 Asian Wrestling Championships tournament in New Delhi, India; and another bronze at the 2012 World Wrestling Championships. Later in 2019, after retiring from sports, Babita Phogat entered politics by joining the Bharatiya Janata Party.

**Milkha Singh (1929–2021):** (20 November 1929 – 18



June 2021), also known as "The Flying Sikh", was an Indian track and field sprinter who was introduced to the sport while serving in the Indian Army. He is the athlete to win gold at 400 metres at the Asian Games as

well as the Commonwealth Games. He has won gold medals in the 1958 and 1962 Asian Games. He represented India in the 1956 Summer Olympics in Melbourne, the 1960 Summer Olympics in Rome and the 1964 Summer Olympics in Tokyo. Singh was awarded the Padma Shri in 1959, India's fourth-highest civilian honour, in recognition of his sporting achievements. The race for which Singh was best remembered is his fourth-place finish in the 400 metres final at the 1960 Olympic Games, which he had entered as one of the favourites.

## Historical event for India

### Science and Technology Milestones

**1981: Launch of Bhaskara-II Satellite** India's second experimental remote sensing satellite, Bhaskara-II, was launched on this day by the Russian launch vehicle Intercosmos. The satellite provided valuable experience in building and operating an end-to-end remote sensing satellite system for applications like forestry, hydrology, and oceanography.

**1917: Establishment of Bose Research Institute** The **Bose Research Institute** (now Bose Institute), a premier research institute dedicated to science and technology, was established in Calcutta (now Kolkata) by the eminent physicist, botanist, and polymath Sir Jagadish Chandra Bose.

### Defense and Foreign Policy

**1962: Sino-Indian War Ceasefire** The month-long Sino-Indian War officially came to an end. China unilaterally declared a ceasefire on the night of November 20,





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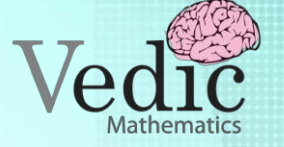
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1962, and announced its withdrawal to its pre-war position, marking a significant but short-lived conflict that drastically altered India's foreign and defense policy priorities.

### IN Political and Constitutional History

**1969: Reservation for SC/STs in PSUs** The Union Home Ministry of India made a decision to reserve posts for Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST) in Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs), a step aimed at ensuring representation and upliftment for these historically marginalized communities.

**1930: First Round Table Conference Convenes** The First Round Table Conference was formally inaugurated in London by King George V. This conference was convened by the British Government to discuss the constitutional future of India. Notably, the Indian National Congress, led by Mahatma Gandhi, boycotted the first session, demanding that the British first agree to the principle of self-rule.

### Sports History

**1955: India's First Test Double Century** In cricket history, on this date, Polly Umrigar scored India's first-ever Test double century (223 runs) against New Zealand in Hyderabad.

**1969: Gundappa Viswanath's Debut Century** Indian cricketer legend Gundappa Viswanath scored a century (137 runs) on his Test debut against Australia in Kanpur.

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### International Observances

**Universal Children's Day (World Children's Day):** This day is globally observed to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and the improvement of children's welfare. The date marks the day in 1959 when the UN General

Assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child, and in 1989, the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

**Note for India:** While India celebrated its Children's Day on November 20th initially, it was officially shifted to November 14th to mark the birth anniversary of the first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru. Nevertheless, the global observance on the 20th is recognized.

**Africa Industrialization Day (Global/UN):** Observed by the United Nations to raise global awareness about the







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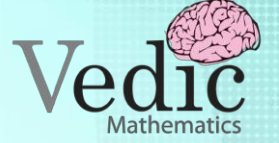
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challenges and opportunities for industrial development in Africa.

**Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR):** An annual observance that honors the memory of the transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence.

### Birth Anniversaries – International Personalities

**Sir Wilfrid Laurier, 1841:** the seventh Prime Minister of Canada.

**Selma Lagerlöf, 1858:** Swedish author and the first female writer to win the Nobel Prize in Literature.

**Edwin Hubble, 1889:** American astronomer who played a crucial role in establishing the fields of extragalactic astronomy and observational cosmology.

**Robert F. Kennedy, 1925:** American politician, former Attorney General of the United States, and senator.

**Joe Biden, 1942:** 46th President of the United States.

### Death Anniversaries – International Personalities

**José Antonio Primo de Rivera, 1936:** Spanish politician, founder of the Falange Española, executed during the Spanish Civil War.

**Francisco Franco, 1975:** Spanish General and dictator of Spain from 1939 until his death.

### International Historical Events

#### Post-War Justice & Diplomacy

**1945: The Nuremberg Trials Began.** The trials of 24 prominent Nazi leaders and officials for war crimes committed during World War II began before the International Military Tribunal in Nuremberg, Germany. This event established a precedent for international law and accountability for crimes against humanity.

**1917: World War I - Battle of Cambrai.** A major British offensive began in France, notable for the first mass use of tanks. Although the British made early progress, they were later pushed back.

**1815: The Second Treaty of Paris Signed.** Following Napoleon's final defeat at the Battle of Waterloo, this treaty imposed harsher penalties on France than the first treaty, including financial indemnities and reduced borders, aiming to secure peace in Europe.

#### Space & Technology

**1998: The International Space Station (ISS) First Component Launched.** The Russian-built Zarya module, the first component of the ISS, was launched from Kazakhstan. The ISS has since become the largest man-made object in orbit and a symbol of international collaboration in space.

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**1985: Microsoft Windows 1.0 Released.** The first graphical personal computer operating environment developed by Microsoft was officially released, featuring early versions of Paint, Notepad, and the Calculator.

#### Human Rights & Politics

**1959: Declaration of the Rights of the Child Adopted.** The United Nations General Assembly adopted this declaration, laying out the rights of children worldwide. This day is now celebrated annually as Universal Children's Day or World Children's Day.

**1977: Anwar Sadat Visited Israel.** Egyptian President Anwar Sadat became the first Arab leader to officially





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visit Israel, meeting with Prime Minister Menachem Begin and speaking before the Knesset in Jerusalem in an effort to seek a permanent peace settlement.

**1975: Francisco Franco Died.** Francisco Franco, the Spanish general who ruled Spain as a military dictator from 1939 until his death, passed away, leading to the restoration of the Spanish monarchy and a transition to democracy.

**1910: Mexican Revolution Began.** Francisco I. Madero issued the Plan de San Luis Potosí, calling for an armed revolt to overthrow the authoritarian rule of President Porfirio Díaz, effectively starting the Mexican Revolution, a long and bloody struggle for social and political reform.

would go on to become one of the most revered figures in motorsports.

**1979: Darryl Dawkins Shatters a Backboard** NBA player Darryl Dawkins of the Philadelphia 76ers became famous for shattering a glass backboard with a powerful dunk during a game in Kansas City. This event contributed to the league adopting **break-away rims** and more secure backboards.

**1964: Bob Pettit Scores 20,000 Points** St. Louis Hawks forward Bob Pettit became the first player in NBA history to reach the career mark of 20,000 points.

**1954: First Rugby League World Cup Great Britain** defeated France, 16-12, to win the first-ever Rugby League World Cup held in Paris.

### Sports-related Historical Events Internationally

**1999: Lennox Lewis Unifies the Heavyweight Title** On November 13, 1999, British boxer Lennox Lewis defeated Evander Holyfield by unanimous decision in Las Vegas to become the undisputed World Heavyweight Boxing Champion. This victory unified the WBC, WBA, and IBF titles.

**1994: Formula 1 Championship Debut** German driver Michael Schumacher secured his first Formula 1 World Drivers' Championship title. This momentous win was the start of a legendary career that would see him win a record seven championships (a record he later shared with Lewis Hamilton).

**1992: Riddick Bowe Wins Undisputed Heavyweight Title** Boxer Riddick Bowe defeated Evander Holyfield by unanimous decision to win the undisputed world heavyweight boxing title.

**1988: Ayrton Senna's First F1 Championship** Brazilian driver Ayrton Senna won his first Formula 1 World Drivers' Championship in the Australian Grand Prix. He

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