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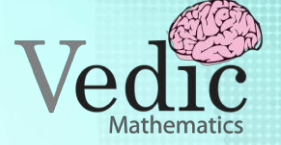
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Important Days

International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism:

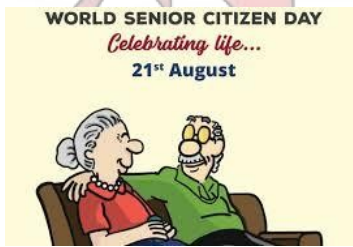
The International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism is observed annually on August 21st. It was established



by the United Nations to honor and support victims and survivors of terrorism, and to promote and protect their human rights. The day also serves as a reminder of the need to address the root

causes of terrorism and prevent future acts of violence, according to the UN.

World Senior Citizen's Day: World Senior Citizen's Day is celebrated on August 21st each year to recognize and appreciate the contributions of older adults to society.



It also aims to raise awareness about the issues and challenges faced by senior citizens, such as health deterioration, elder abuse, and

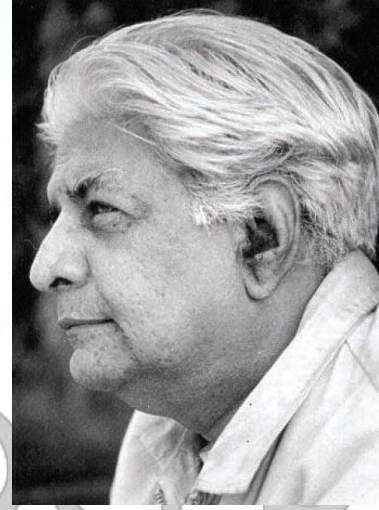
social isolation. The day encourages us to acknowledge their wisdom and experience, and to promote their well-being and inclusion in all aspects of life.

Birth Anniversaries - Indian personalities

Narayan Shridhar Bendre (1910-1992): Narayan Shridhar Bendre (21 August 1910 – 19 February 1992) was a 20th-century Indian artist and one of the founding members of Baroda Group. Narayan Shridhar Bendre was born in Indore. He was known for being

landscape artist. In 1992 he was awarded the Padma Bhushan.

Narayan Shridhar Bendre was born in a Deshastha Rigvedi Brahmin family on 21 August 1910 in Indore, Madhya Pradesh. He was initially trained in the State



Art School there prior to taking the Government Diploma in Art from Bombay in 1933. His initial interests were conditioned by the quasi-modernist landscape painting as practiced in the Indore School at the beginning of the 20th century. An avid traveller,

Bendre continued to paint the landscape throughout his career, often with different stylistic means. Early recognition came with the Silver Medal from the Bombay Art Society in 1934, followed by the then ultimate honour of the gold medal in 1941. Part of 1945 was spent as artist-in-residence at Santiniketan, where he met Nandalal Bose, Ramkinkar Baij and Binode Behari Mukherjee. He also met Jamini Roy in Calcutta. Bendre's early work has been classified as being academic and impressionist, dominant subjects being the landscape and the portrait, in oils and gouache.

Death Anniversaries - Indian personalities

Ustad Bismillah Khan (1916-2006): Ustad Bismillah Khan (born Qamaruddin Khan, 21 March 1916 – 21 August 2006), often referred to by the title Ustad, was an Indian musician credited with popularizing the shehnai, a reeded woodwind instrument. His virtuosity made him a leading Hindustani classical music artist.





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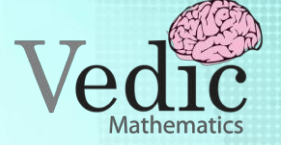
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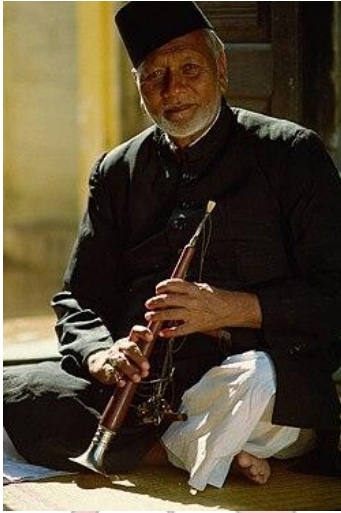


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indelibly linking his name with the woodwind instrument. While the shehnai had importance as a folk instrument played primarily by musicians schooled in traditional ceremonies, Khan elevated its status and brought it to the concert stage.

Khan was a devout Muslim but performed at both Hindu and Muslim ceremonies, and was considered a symbol of religious harmony. Owing to his fame, he



was selected to perform for the ceremony at Delhi's historic Red Fort as the Indian flag unfurled at the hour of India's independence on 15 August 1947. His music was played (in Raag Kafi) on television every Independence Day. Khan turned down invitations to perform in other

countries before 1966, when the Indian government insisted that he play at the Edinburgh International Festival. This gained him a following in the West, and he continued to appear in Europe and North America thereafter. **Kalyan Singh (1932-2021):** An Indian politician who served as the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh and Governor of Rajasthan.

Vinoo Mankad (1917-1978): Mulvantrai Himmatlal

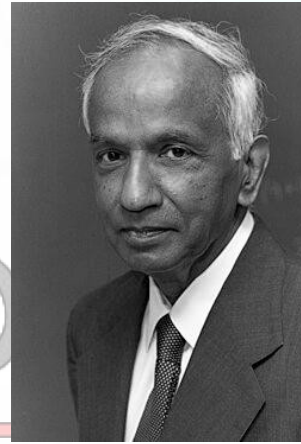


"Vinoo" Mankad (12 April 1917 – 21 August 1978) was a former Captain of Indian cricket team and appeared in 44 Test matches for India between 1946 and 1959. He was best known for his world record setting opening partnership of 413 runs with

Pankaj Roy in 1956, a record that stood for 52 years, and for running out a batsman "backing up" at the non-striker's end. Mankading in cricket is named after him. In June 2021, he was inducted into the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame.

Subrahmanyam Chandrasekhar (1910-1995):

Subrahmanyam Chandrasekhar (19 October 1910 – 21 August 1995) was an Indian-American theoretical physicist who made significant contributions to the



scientific knowledge about the structure of stars, stellar evolution and black holes. He also devoted some of his prime years to fluid dynamics, especially stability and turbulence, and made important contributions. He was awarded the 1983 Nobel Prize in Physics along with

William A. Fowler for theoretical studies of the physical processes of importance to the structure and evolution of the stars. His mathematical treatment of stellar evolution yielded many of the current theoretical models of the later evolutionary stages of massive stars and black holes. Many concepts, institutions and inventions, including the Chandrasekhar limit and the Chandra X-Ray Observatory, are named after him.

Pandit Vishnu Digambar Paluskar (1872-1931): Pandit



Vishnu Digambar Paluskar (18 August 1872 – 21 August 1931) was a Hindustani musician. He sang the original version of the bhajan Raghupati Raghava Raja Ram[citation needed], and founded the Gandharva Mahavidyalaya on 5 May 1901. He is also credited with





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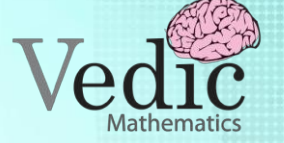
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arranging India's national song, Vande Mātaram, as it is heard today. His original surname was Gadgil, but as they hailed from the village Palus (near Sangli), they came to be known as the "Paluskar" family.

Historical Events in India

1972 - Wildlife Protection Act: The Indian Parliament passed the landmark Wildlife Protection Act on this day. This legislation aimed to safeguard endangered species and their habitats, prohibiting the hunting and trading of wild animals. It was a crucial step towards conservation efforts in the country.

1988 - Nepal–India earthquake: A powerful earthquake of magnitude 6.9 struck the Nepal–India border, causing widespread destruction and tragically claiming the lives of hundreds, if not thousands, of people.

1997 - Krishan Kant becomes Vice President: Krishan Kant was sworn in as the 10th Vice President of India.

2024 - Bharat Bandh: On this day in 2024, a nationwide strike (Bharat Bandh) was organized by various groups to protest a Supreme Court ruling regarding reservations for Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST).

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International Observances

Ninoy Aquino Day (Philippines): A national non-working holiday in the Philippines, this day commemorates the assassination of former Senator Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino Jr. in 1983. His death was a pivotal moment that galvanized the opposition against the Marcos dictatorship.

Youth Day (Morocco): Celebrated in Morocco, this day coincides with the birthday of King Mohammed VI and is dedicated to the youth of the country.

Birth Anniversaries - International Personalities

Usain Bolt (born 1986): The legendary Jamaican sprinter, widely regarded as the fastest person ever.

Sergey Brin (born 1973): An American computer scientist and entrepreneur who co-founded Google.

Princess Margaret (1930-2002): The younger sister of Queen Elizabeth II.





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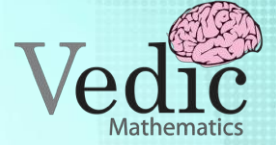
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Wilt Chamberlain (1936-1999): An American professional basketball player who is considered one of the greatest players in the history of the sport.

Death Anniversaries - International Personalities

Jean Parisot de Valette (1495-1568): A French nobleman and the 49th Grand Master of the Order of Malta.

Lady Mary Wortley Montagu (1689-1762): An English aristocrat and writer known for her letters describing her travels through the Ottoman Empire.

Subrahmanyam Chandrasekhar (1910-1995): A Nobel Prize-winning Indian-American astrophysicist.

International Historical Events

1911 - The Theft of the Mona Lisa: One of the most famous art thefts in history took place on this day. Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece, the Mona Lisa, was stolen from the Louvre Museum in Paris by an Italian employee. The painting was recovered two years later.

1959 - Hawaii becomes the 50th U.S. state: Hawaii officially joined the United States as the 50th and final state, marking a major milestone in American history.

1968 - Invasion of Czechoslovakia: On this day, Warsaw Pact troops led by the Soviet Union invaded Czechoslovakia to crush the Prague Spring, a period of political liberalization.

1983 - Assassination of Benigno Aquino Jr.: Philippine opposition leader Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino Jr. was assassinated at Manila International Airport upon his return from exile. His death ignited widespread

protests that ultimately led to the People Power Revolution and the end of the Marcos dictatorship.

1991 - Latvia's Independence: Latvia declared the full renewal of its independence from the Soviet Union, a significant event in the collapse of the Soviet empire.

2017 - The Great American Eclipse: A total solar eclipse traversed the continental United States from coast to coast, an event that captivated millions of people and was the first of its kind in almost 40 years.

Sports Related Historical Events

In India

2025 - Khelo India Water Sports Festival: The inaugural Khelo India Water Sports Festival is scheduled to begin in Srinagar's Dal Lake on this day. The event is part of the Indian government's "Khelo India" initiative to promote sports at the grassroots level.

Internationally

1931 - Babe Ruth's 600th Home Run: Legendary baseball player Babe Ruth hit his 600th career home run, a historic milestone that cemented his place as one of the game's greatest hitters.

1989 - Nolan Ryan's 5,000th Strikeout: Pitcher Nolan Ryan of Major League Baseball became the first player in history to record 5,000 career strikeouts.

2000 - Tiger Woods's Third Major: At the 82nd PGA Championship, golfer Tiger Woods won his third major of the year, a feat not accomplished since Ben Hogan in 1953.

2008 - Beijing Olympics: The Beijing Summer Olympics were in full swing. On this day, Usain Bolt, who was





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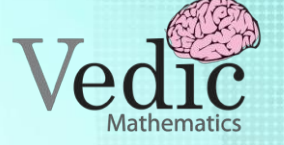
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born on August 21st, dominated the 200m final to complete the sprint double, while the U.S. men's and women's 4x100m relay teams dropped the baton, failing to advance to the final.

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