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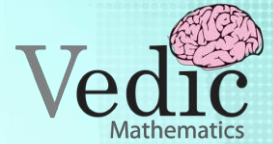
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Important Days

Police Commemoration Day (Martyr's Day for all police forces in India)

Significance: This day is observed to honor the sacrifices of all police personnel who have laid down their lives in the line of duty for the nation.

Origin: It commemorates an incident on October 21, 1959, when a patrol of ten brave Indian policemen (CRPF personnel) were ambushed and killed by Chinese troops near Hot Springs in Ladakh.

Birth Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

Shri Krishna Singh (1887–1961): (21 October 1887 – 31 January 1961), also known as Shri Babu, was the first chief minister of the Indian state of Bihar (1946–61). Except for the period of World War II, Sinha was the chief minister of Bihar from the time of the first Congress Ministry in 1937 until his death in 1961. He led the Dalit entry into the Baidyanath Dham, Deoghar.

He was the first chief minister in the country to abolish the zamindari system. He was imprisoned for a total of about eight years in British India. He held mass meetings at which he spoke. He was known as Bihar Kesari for his "lionlike roars" in public speaking.

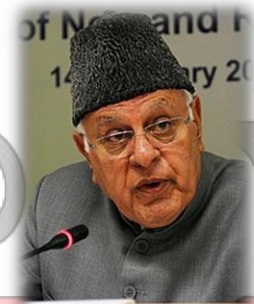
Surjit Singh Barnala (1925–2017): (21 October 1925 – 14 January 2017) was an Indian politician who served as the 11th chief minister of Punjab state from 1985 to 1987. Following that he served as the governor of Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand, Andhra Pradesh, lieutenant governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and a Union Minister on handling various portfolios. Barnala was born in Begpur Village in Ateli Tehsil, Haryana. Born of a well-to-do family (his father was a magistrate),



Barnala passed law from Lucknow University in 1945. In Lucknow, he was involved in the Quit India Movement of 1942. Subsequently, he practised law for some years, and became politically active in the late 1960s, rising through the ranks of Akali Dal. Though,

he first stood for election in 1952 but lost by a meagre 4 votes.

Farooq Abdullah (1937–Present): Farooq Abdullah (born 21 October 1937) is an Indian politician who



serves as current president of the Jammu & Kashmir National Conference. He has served as the chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir on several occasions since 1982 till 2002, and as the union minister for New and Renewable Energy between

2009 and 2014. His father Sheikh Abdullah was the 1st elected chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir, while his son Omar Abdullah is the current chief minister. Dr Farooq Abdullah stands between PM Manmohan Singh and PoI Pranab Mukherjee with VP Mohammad Hamid Ansari on far left at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi, 2013 Farooq Abdullah was born to the veteran statesman and National Conference leader Sheikh Abdullah and Begum Akbar Jehan Abdullah. He studied at Tyndale Biscoe School, and subsequently received his MBBS degree from SMS Medical College, Jaipur. He subsequently travelled to the UK to practice medicine.

Death Anniversaries – Indian Personalities





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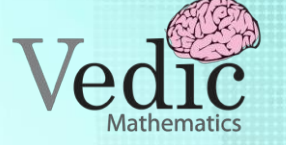
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Yash Raj Chopra (1932–2012): Yash Raj Chopra (27 September 1932 – 21 October 2012) was an Indian film



director and film producer who worked in Hindi cinema. The founding chairman of the film production and distribution company Yash Raj Films, Chopra was the recipient of several awards, including 6 National Film Awards and 8 Filmfare Awards. He is considered among

the best Hindi filmmakers, particularly known and admired for his romantic films with strong female leads. For his contributions to film, the Government of India honoured him with the Dadasaheb Phalke Award in 2001, and the Padma Bhushan in 2005. In 2006, British Academy of Film and Television Arts presented him with a lifetime membership, making him the first Indian to receive the honour.

Historical event for India

1943: Foundation of the Azad Hind Government

On October 21, 1943, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose proclaimed the formation of the Provisional Government of Free India (known as the *Azad Hind Government*) in Singapore.

This government-in-exile was established to wage war against the British Raj with the help of the Axis Powers, particularly Japan, and was the political entity for the Indian National Army (INA).

Bose served as the Head of State, Prime Minister, and Minister for War. The Provisional Government was recognised by nine countries, including Germany and Japan.

1959: Hot Springs Incident (Police Commemoration Day)

October 21 is observed annually as Police Commemoration Day in India.

The day commemorates the supreme sacrifice of ten brave police personnel who were ambushed and killed by Chinese troops at Hot Springs, Ladakh, on October 21, 1959, during heightened border tensions.

The day honors the dedication and valor of all police forces in the country who lay down their lives in the line of duty.

Other Notable Historical Events

1296: Alauddin Khalji ascended to the throne of Delhi, officially becoming the Sultan.

1577: Guru Ramdas, the fourth Sikh Guru, is credited with formally establishing the city of Amritsar.

1934: The Congress Socialist Party (CSP) was formed by leaders like Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan and Acharya Narendra Deva within the Indian National Congress to advocate for socialist policies.

1954: India and France signed an agreement for the de-facto transfer of the French settlements of Pondicherry, Karaikal, Mahe, and Yanam to the Indian Union. The formal merger took effect on November 1, 1954.

1951: The Bharatiya Jana Sangh, the political party which was the predecessor to the modern-day Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), was established.

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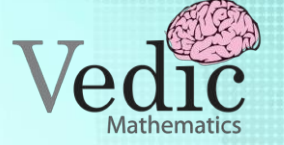
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International Observances

Global Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD) Prevention Day / World Iodine Day

This global observance aims to raise awareness about the vital role of iodine in human health and the importance of iodized salt in preventing iodine deficiency disorders.

Trafalgar Day (United Kingdom) This day commemorates the victory of the British Royal Navy, led by Vice-Admiral Horatio Nelson, over the combined French and Spanish fleets at the Battle of Trafalgar on October 21, 1805.

Birth Anniversaries – International Personalities

Alfred Nobel : Swedish chemist, engineer, inventor of dynamite, and the founder of the Nobel Prizes.

Dizzy Gillespie : Acclaimed American jazz trumpet player, composer, and bandleader, one of the founders of bebop jazz.

Ursula K. Le Guin : Prolific and influential American author of science fiction and fantasy, best known for the *Earthsea* series and *The Left Hand of Darkness*.

Benjamin Netanyahu : Israeli politician who has served multiple terms as the Prime Minister of Israel.

Kim Kardashian : American media personality, businesswoman, and socialite.

Samuel Taylor Coleridge : English poet, literary critic, and philosopher, a founder of the Romantic Movement in England, known for *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner* and *Kubla Khan*.

Death Anniversaries – International Personalities

Horatio Nelson : British admiral who died leading the Royal Navy to victory at the Battle of Trafalgar.

George McGovern : American politician, historian, and activist who was the Democratic Party's nominee for President in the 1972 election.

International Historical Events

1805: Battle of Trafalgar - During the Napoleonic Wars, a British fleet led by Admiral Lord Nelson decisively defeated a combined French and Spanish fleet off the coast of Cape Trafalgar, Spain. This victory secured British naval supremacy for over a century, ending Napoleon's hopes of invading Britain. Nelson was mortally wounded during the battle.

1600: Battle of Sekigahara - Tokugawa Ieyasu defeated the leaders of rival Japanese clans in this battle, a pivotal event that essentially led to the establishment of the Tokugawa Shogunate, which would rule Japan for over 250 years.





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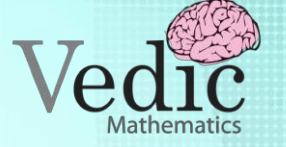
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1520: Magellan reaches the Pacific Ocean - Explorer Ferdinand Magellan and his three remaining ships entered the strait later named for him (the Strait of Magellan), sailing between the mainland of South America and the island of Tierra del Fuego toward the Pacific Ocean.

1966: Aberfan Disaster - A colliery spoil tip (a pile of mining waste) in the Welsh village of Aberfan slipped down a mountain, engulfing a primary school and several houses, killing 144 people, including 116 children.

1854: Florence Nightingale to the Crimean War - Florence Nightingale and a staff of 38 nurses were sent to the Crimean War, marking a key moment in the development of modern nursing.

1945: Women gain the right to vote in France - Women in France were given the right to vote for the first time.

1973: Sydney Opera House opened - The iconic Sydney Opera House in Australia was officially opened by Queen Elizabeth II.

1994: North Korea-US Agreed Framework - North Korea and the United States signed an agreement that required North Korea to halt its nuclear weapons program and agree to international inspections.

hit a dramatic walk-off home run in the 12th inning against the Cincinnati Reds to win Game 6 of the World Series, forcing a Game 7. The image of him desperately waving the ball fair has become iconic.

1980: Philadelphia Phillies Win First World Series The Philadelphia Phillies won their first-ever World Series championship on October 21, 1980, by defeating the Kansas City Royals 4-1 in Game 6.

1973: Fred Dryer's NFL Safety Record Fred Dryer of the Los Angeles Rams became the first player in NFL history to record two safeties in a single game on October 21, 1973, in a victory over the Green Bay Packers.

1998: New York Yankees Complete World Series Sweep The New York Yankees defeated the San Diego Padres to sweep the World Series 4-0 on October 21, 1998, completing one of the most dominant seasons in baseball history.

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Sports-related Historical Events Internationally

1984: Formula One World Championship Decided by Half a Point On October 21, 1984, the Formula One Drivers' Championship was won by Niki Lauda at the season-ending Portuguese Grand Prix by a mere half a point over his McLaren teammate, Alain Prost. This remains the smallest margin of victory in Formula One history.

1975: Carlton Fisk's Iconic World Series Home Run In one of baseball's most memorable moments, on October 21, 1975, Boston Red Sox catcher Carlton Fisk

