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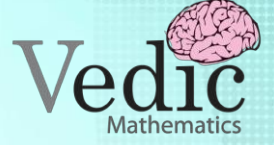
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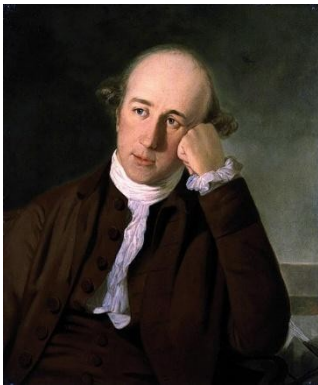
Important Days and Events

Madras Day: August 22 is celebrated as **Madras Day** in Chennai (formerly Madras) to commemorate the founding of the city. On this date in 1639, the British East India Company acquired the village of Madraspatnam from the local ruler, which eventually grew into the city of Chennai. The day is celebrated with various cultural events, heritage walks, and public gatherings.

Supreme Court Ruling on Triple Talaq: On August 22, 2017, the Supreme Court of India declared the practice of instant triple talaq (talaq-e-biddat) as unconstitutional. This landmark ruling was a significant step toward protecting the rights of Muslim women in India.

Death Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

Warren Hastings: Warren Hastings FRS (6 December 1732 – 22 August 1818) was a British colonial administrator, who served as the first governor of the Presidency of Fort William (Bengal), the head of the Supreme Council of Bengal, and so the first governor-general of Bengal in 1772–1785. He and Robert Clive are credited with laying the foundation of the British Empire in India. He was an energetic organizer and reformer. In 1779–1784 he led forces of the East India Company against a coalition of native states and the French. In the end, the well-organized British side held its own, while France lost influence in India. In 1787, he was accused of corruption and impeached, but he was



eventually acquitted in 1795 after a long trial. He was made a privy councillor in 1814.

Historical Events in India

1639: Founding of Madras (now Chennai) On August 22, 1639, the British East India Company purchased a strip of land from the local Nayak rulers. This piece of land became the foundation of the city of Madras, which was later renamed Chennai. This day is now celebrated annually as **Madras Day** to commemorate the city's founding.

1894: Formation of the Natal Indian Congress While it took place in South Africa, this event is directly related to India's struggle for independence. On August 22, 1894, Mahatma Gandhi founded the **Natal Indian Congress (NIC)**. The organization was established to fight against the discrimination faced by Indian traders and immigrants in South Africa, marking an early and crucial step in Gandhi's political activism.

2017: Supreme Court Verdict on Triple Talaq In a landmark decision on August 22, 2017, the Supreme Court of India declared the practice of instant triple talaq (a form of verbal divorce for Muslim men) to be unconstitutional. This historic ruling was a major step towards gender justice and equality for Muslim women in India.

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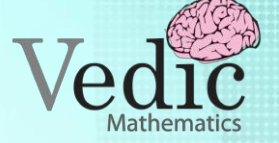
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Birth Anniversaries – International Personalities

Claude Debussy (b. 1862): The birth anniversary of the renowned French composer, a key figure in the Impressionist movement in music.

Dorothy Parker (b. 1893): The birth anniversary of the American poet, writer, critic, and satirist, known for her wit and sharp social commentary.

Deng Xiaoping (b. 1904): The birth anniversary of the Chinese revolutionary and politician who served as the paramount leader of the People's Republic of China from 1978 to 1989.

International Observances and Events

International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief: This day, designated by the United Nations, aims to honor and support the victims of violence and persecution on the basis of their religion or belief.

World Plant Milk Day: An annual observance that promotes the consumption of plant-based milk alternatives and raises awareness of their environmental and health benefits.

National Be an Angel Day: While it originated in the United States, this day encourages people around the world to perform small acts of kindness and generosity to "be an angel" to others.

Rainbow Baby Day: This observance honors parents and families who have experienced pregnancy or infant loss and have gone on to have a child afterward. The term "rainbow baby" symbolizes a new life that brings hope and light after a period of loss.

Death Anniversaries – International Personalities

Michael Collins (d. 1922): The death anniversary of the Irish revolutionary leader who was a key figure in Ireland's struggle for independence and the Irish Civil War.

Warren Hastings (d. 1818): The death anniversary of the first Governor-General of India.

International Historical Events

1485: The Battle of Bosworth Field This battle marked the final major conflict of the Wars of the Roses in England. On this day, Henry Tudor's forces defeated and killed King Richard III, ending the Plantagenet dynasty and ushering in the Tudor era with Henry VII taking the throne.

1642: Beginning of the English Civil War On August 22, King Charles I raised his royal standard at Nottingham, formally signaling the start of the conflict between the





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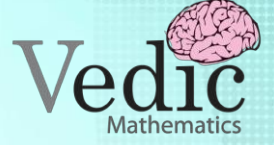
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Royalists (Cavaliers) and Parliamentarians (Roundheads). This war would ultimately lead to the execution of the king and a brief period of a republican government under Oliver Cromwell.

1864: The First Geneva Convention Representatives from 12 nations signed the First Geneva Convention on this date. This foundational treaty established a set of rules for the treatment of wounded soldiers and prisoners of war, providing for nonpartisan aid and protection in times of armed conflict. It also led to the creation of the International Red Cross.

1911: The Mona Lisa is Stolen In one of the most famous art heists in history, Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece, the *Mona Lisa*, was stolen from the Louvre museum in Paris. The thief, Vincenzo Peruggia, was an Italian handyman who had previously worked at the museum. The painting was recovered two years later, and the publicity from the theft contributed to its immense global fame.

1922: Assassination of Michael Collins Michael Collins, a key figure in the Irish struggle for independence and commander-in-chief of the Irish Free State Army, was assassinated in an ambush during the Irish Civil War. His death was a major blow to the fledgling Irish state.

1962: Charles de Gaulle Survives Assassination Attempt French President Charles de Gaulle and his wife narrowly escaped an assassination attempt by a far-right organization known as the OAS (Organisation de l'armée secrète). The attempt, which involved machine-gun fire at their car, was dramatized in the novel *The Day of the Jackal*.

Historical Sports Events

1851: The First America's Cup On August 22, 1851, the first America's Cup yacht race took place around the

Isle of Wight in England. The American yacht *America* defeated 14 British yachts to win the race, establishing a long-standing tradition in international sailing.

1989: Nolan Ryan's 5,000th Strikeout Nolan Ryan, one of the greatest pitchers in baseball history, became the first pitcher to reach 5,000 career strikeouts on this day in 1989. The milestone came against the Oakland Athletics when he struck out Rickey Henderson.

1999: Jenny Thompson Breaks a Swimming Record At the Pan Pacific Swimming Championships, American swimmer Jenny Thompson broke Mary T. Meagher's 18-year-old world record in the 100-meter butterfly.

2007: Texas Rangers Set MLB Scoring Record The Texas Rangers baseball team set a modern-era American League record for most runs in a single game, defeating the Baltimore Orioles 30-3.

Birth and Death Anniversaries

Indian Athletes

Paramjit Singh (b. 1971): The birth anniversary of this Indian sprinter who competed in the 400m at the 2000 Olympics. He famously broke Milkha Singh's 38-year-old national record in the 400m in 1998.

International Athletes

Carl Yastrzemski (b. 1939): The birth anniversary of the American baseball Hall of Famer who played his entire 23-year career with the Boston Red Sox.

Mats Wilander (b. 1964): The birth anniversary of the Swedish tennis legend and former world No. 1 who won seven Grand Slam singles titles.





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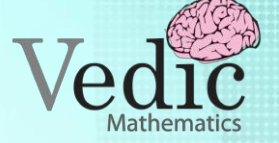
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Steve Davis (b. 1957): The birth anniversary of the English snooker player who dominated the sport in the 1980s, winning six World Championships.

Paul Molitor (b. 1956): The birth anniversary of the American baseball Hall of Famer and World Series MVP.

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