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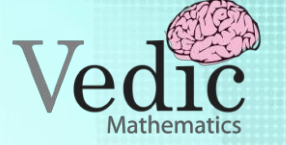
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Birth Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

Bhairon Singh Shekhawat (1923): Bhairon Singh Shekhawat (23 October 1923 – 15 May 2010) was an Indian politician who served as the vice president of India. He served in that position from August 2002, when he was elected to a five-year term by the electoral college following the death of Krishan Kant, until he resigned on 21 July 2007, after losing the presidential election to Pratibha Patil.



Bhairon Singh Shekhawat was a member of the Bharatiya Janata Party. He served as the Chief Minister of Rajasthan three times, from 1977 to 1980, 1990 to 1992 and 1993 to 1998. He represented several constituencies in Rajasthan Vidhan Sabha from 1952 to 2002. He was awarded Padma Bhushan in the year 2003.

Aravind Adiga (1974): Aravind Adiga (born 23 October 1974) is an Indian writer and journalist. His debut novel, *The White Tiger*, won the 2008 Man Booker Prize. Aravind Adiga was born in Madras (now Chennai), the capital of Tamil Nadu, on 23 October 1974. His parents Usha Adiga and Dr. K. Madhava Adiga hailed from Mangalore, Karnataka. His paternal grandfather was K. Suryanarayana Adiga, former



chairman of Karnataka Bank, and maternal great-grandfather, U. Rama Rao, was a popular medical practitioner and politician from Madras. Adiga grew up in Mangalore and studied at Canara High School and later at St. Aloysius College, Mangaluru, where he completed his SSLC in 1990.

Death Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

Nellie Sengupta (1973): 12 January 1886 – 23 October 1973) was an English-Indian politician and social worker who fought for Indian Independence. She was the first woman Alderman for Calcutta and was elected president of



the Indian National Congress at its 48th annual session at Calcutta in 1933. Edith was the daughter of Frederick and Edith Henrietta Gray. She was born and brought up in Cambridge, where her father worked at a club. As a young girl, she fell in love with Jatindra Mohan Sengupta, a young Bengali student at Downing College who lodged at her parental home. Despite parental opposition, she married Jatindra Mohan in 1909 and returned to Calcutta with him. Nellie, as she became known, and Jatin had two sons Sishir and Anil.

Subedar Joginder Singh (1962): (26 September 1921 – 23 October 1962), was an Indian soldier and posthumous recipient of India's highest military award, the Param Vir Chakra. Singh joined the British Indian Army in 1936 and served in the 1st battalion of the Sikh Regiment. During the 1962 Sino-Indian War, he was commanding a platoon at the



Bum La Pass in the North-East Frontier Agency. Though heavily outnumbered, he bravely led his troops against a Chinese assault and defended his post until he was wounded and captured. Singh died from his injuries while in Chinese custody.





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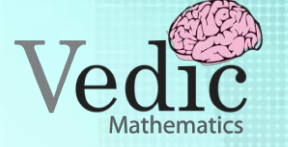
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Bishan Singh Bedi (2023): Bishan Singh Bedi (25 September 1946 – 23 October 2023) was an Indian cricketer who was primarily a slow left-arm orthodox bowler. He played Test cricket for India from 1966 to 1979 and formed part of the famous Indian spin quartet. He played a total of 67 Tests and took 266 wickets. He also captained the national side in 22 Test matches. Bedi wore a colourful patka and was always known for his outspoken and forthright views on cricketing matters. He was awarded the Padma Shri award in 1970 and the C. K. Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award in 2004.



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Historical event for India

1990: BJP withdraws support from the National Front Government: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) withdrew its support for the V. P. Singh-led National Front government after the arrest of its president, L. K. Advani, in Samastipur, Bihar. Advani was leading a *Rath Yatra* (chariot journey) toward Ayodhya to build a Ram Temple. This withdrawal of support led to the collapse of the government.

1943: Formation of the 'Rani Jhansi Brigade': Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose inaugurated the 'Rani of Jhansi Regiment' (also known as the Rani Jhansi Brigade) of the Azad Hind Fauj (Indian National Army) in Singapore. This was a historically significant moment as it was one of the very few all-female combat regiments of the Second World War.

1959: Sino-Indian Border Clash in Aksai Chin: A confrontation between Indian and Chinese military forces in the Kongka Pass area of Ladakh (Aksai Chin) resulted in the deaths of several Indian soldiers. This incident was a precursor to the full-scale Sino-Indian War three years later.

International Observances

International Snow Leopard Day: This day raises awareness about the conservation and protection of the endangered snow leopard and its fragile mountain ecosystem.

National Mole Day (International Observance among chemists): Celebrated from 6:02 a.m. to 6:02 p.m. on 10/23, this unofficial holiday honors Avogadro's number (6.02×10^{23}), which is the number of particles (atoms or molecules) in one mole of a substance.





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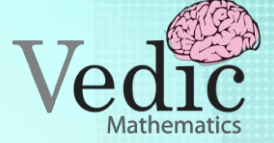
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Birth Anniversaries – International Personalities

Pelé (1940–2022): Brazilian professional footballer, widely regarded as one of the greatest players of all time.

Michael Crichton (1942–2008): American author, screenwriter, and filmmaker, known for creating *Jurassic Park* and *ER*.

Death Anniversaries – International Personalities

Nellie Sengupta (1886–1973): English-born Indian freedom fighter who participated in the Non-Cooperation Movement.

Historical event for India

1983: Beirut Barracks Bombing **LBUSFR** Suicide truck bombs simultaneously struck the barracks of the U.S. Marines and the French paratroopers in Beirut, Lebanon, killing 241 U.S. servicemen and 58 French paratroopers. These forces were part of an international peacekeeping mission during the Lebanese Civil War.

2002: Moscow Theater Hostage Crisis **RU** Chechen separatist militants seized a crowded Moscow theater (the Dubrovka House of Culture) during the performance of a musical, taking approximately 800 people hostage and demanding the withdrawal of Russian forces from Chechnya. The three-day siege ended when Russian special forces stormed the building after releasing a chemical gas, resulting in the deaths of all the militants and at least 170 hostages, many due to the gas.

1956: Hungarian Revolution Begins **HU** The Hungarian Revolution (or Hungarian Uprising) against Soviet-backed Communist rule began with a massive student-led demonstration in Budapest. The revolt was violently suppressed by Soviet forces in early November, but it remains a pivotal moment in Cold War history.

1946: UN General Assembly Convenes **UN** The United Nations General Assembly convened in New York for the first time, marking a major step in the establishment of the international body created after World War II to promote peace and cooperation.

1944: Battle of Leyte Gulf Begins **SPH** The Battle of Leyte Gulf, often cited as the largest naval battle in history, began during World War II in the waters near the Philippine islands of Leyte, Samar, and Luzon. It involved massive U.S. and Australian Allied forces engaging the Imperial Japanese Navy and was a decisive victory for the Allies.

Other Notable International Events

1989: The Hungarian Republic replaced the communist Hungarian People's Republic, formally marking the end of the Soviet-backed regime.

1964: French existentialist philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre was announced as the winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature but declined the award, stating he did not want to be "transformed" by such an institution and wished to maintain his independence.

1956: The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) was established with the purpose of promoting the peaceful use of nuclear energy and inhibiting its use for military purposes.

1942: World War II: Allied forces under British General Bernard Montgomery commenced the Second Battle of El Alamein in Egypt, a major turning point in the North African campaign.





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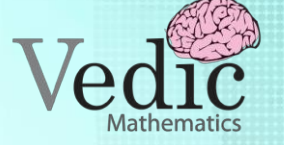
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1912: The First Balkan War began in the Balkans, with the commencement of the Battle of Kumanovo between Serbian and Ottoman armies.

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Sports-related Historical Events Internationally

1993: Joe Carter's Walk-Off World Series Home Run:

In one of the most famous moments in baseball history, Joe Carter of the Toronto Blue Jays hit a walk-off, three-run home run in the bottom of the ninth inning of Game 6 of the World Series against the Philadelphia Phillies. This gave the Blue Jays an 8-6 victory and clinched their second consecutive World Series title.

1945: Jackie Robinson Signed: The Brooklyn Dodgers signed Jackie Robinson to a contract with their Triple-A minor league affiliate, the Montreal Royals. This was a critical step in breaking the color barrier in Major League Baseball, as Robinson would go on to debut with the Dodgers in 1947.

1994: Dale Earnhardt Ties Richard Petty's Record: NASCAR driver Dale Earnhardt clinched his seventh Winston Cup (now NASCAR Cup Series) season championship, tying the all-time record held by Richard Petty.

1874: First Intercollegiate Rugby-Style Football Game in Canada: Harvard University played against McGill University in Montreal, in a game that was a pivotal step in the evolution of what would become North American football (a sport distinct from soccer/association football).

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