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Important Days

United Nations Day: Celebrated globally, this day marks the anniversary of the entry into force of the UN Charter in 1945. India is a founding member of the United Nations.

World Development Information Day: Observed internationally, this day was established by the UN to draw the world's attention to development problems and the need to strengthen international cooperation to solve them.

World Polio Day: Observed globally to raise awareness about polio eradication.

Birth Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

Bahadur Shah Zafar (1775–1862): Bahadur Shah II 24 October 1775 – 7 November 1862, widely known by his



poetic title Bahadur Shah Zafar was the twentieth and last Mughal emperor and an Urdu poet. He was a titular Emperor with his authority limited to the Walled City of Delhi, but was recognised the Emperor of India by rebel forces across the Indian

subcontinent during the Indian Rebellion of 1857. Zafar was exiled to Yangon in British-controlled Burma in December 1857 by the East India Company after rebel defeat in the war. His spouse was Zeenat Mahal. He was the second son and the successor to his father, Akbar II, who died in 1837. After the dissolution of the Mughal Empire following the war, the title of Empress of India was assumed by Queen Victoria (but only after 1876).

Dr. Lakshmi Sehgal (1914-2012): Born Lakshmi Swaminathan; 24 October 1914 – 23 July 2012 was an Indian politician and activist. She was a revolutionary of the Indian independence movement, an officer of the Indian National Army, and the Minister of Women's



Affairs in the Azad Hind government. Lakshmi is commonly referred to in India as Captain Lakshmi, a reference to her rank

when taken prisoner in Burma during the Second World War.Lakshmi Sahgal was born as Lakshmi Swaminathan in 1914 to S. Swaminathan, a lawyer who practiced criminal law at Madras High Court, and A.V. Ammukutty, better known as Ammu Swaminathan, a social worker and independence activist from an aristocratic Nair family known as "Vadakkath" family of Anakkara, Ponnani taluk, Malabar District, British India.She was the elder sister of Mrinalini Sarabhai.Lakshmi studied in Queen Mary's College and later chose to study medicine and received an MBBS degree from Madras Medical College in 1938. A year later, she received her diploma in gynaecology and obstetrics. She worked as a doctor in the Government Kasturba Gandhi Hospital located at Triplicane Chennai.

R. K. Laxman (1921–2015): Rasipuram Krishnaswam Laxman (24 October 1921 – 26 January 2015) was an



Indian cartoonist, illustrator. and humorist. He was best known for his creation The Common Man and for his daily cartoon strip, You Said It in The

Times of India, which started in 1951.R. K. Laxman started his career as a part-time cartoonist, working mostly for local newspapers and magazines. While as a college student, he illustrated his older brother R. I Narayan's stories in The Hindu.[4] His first full-time job was as a political cartoonist for The Free Press Journal in Mumbai. Later, he joined The Times of India, and became famous for The Common Man character,

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which turned out to be the turning point in Laxman's life.

Krishnaswamy Kasturirangan (1940): Krishnaswamy Kasturirangan (24 October 1940 – 25 April 2025) was



an Indian space scientist who headed ISRO from 1994 to 2003.Until his death, he was Chancellor of Central University of Rajasthan and NIIT University. He

was also chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University and the chairman of Karnataka Knowledge Commission. He was a member of the Rajya Sabha (2003-09) and a former member of the Planning Commission of India which was renamed as NITI Aayog in 2015. He was also the director of the National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore, from April 2004 to 2009. He was a recipient of the three major civilian awards from the Government of India: the Padma Shri, the Padma Bhushan and the Padma Vibhushan.

Death Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

Rafi Ahmed Kidwai (1894–1954): Rafi Ahmed Kidwai (18 February 1894 – 24 October 1954) was a politician,



Indian independence activist and a socialist. Kidwai served as a Minister of Communications in the first Cabinet of Independent India (First Nehru Ministry).He hailed from Barabanki District

of Uttar Pradesh, in north India.Rafi Ahmed Kidwai was born on 18 February 1894 in a middle class family in the village of Masauli, in Barabanki district (now in Uttar Pradesh). As a young man, after graduating from the Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental College at Aligarh, he became politically active and was a regular member of

Khilafat Movement in 1920. He also vigorously supported the Non-cooperation movement (1919-1922) in the Barabanki district. In 1946, he became the Home Minister of Uttar Pradesh.

Manna Dey (1919-2013): 1 May 1919 - 24 Octobe 2013), known professionally as Manna Dey, was an



Indian playback singer, music director, and musician. With a strong foundation in classical music, he is widely regarded as one of the most versatile and celebrated vocalists in the Hindi film industry. He is also credited with bringing Indian classical music into mainstream Hindi cinema.Dey was especially

acclaimed for blending classical music elements with popular compositions, a style that played a significant role during the golden era of Hindi cinema. Over a career spanning more than five decades, Dey recorded about 3,047 songs. While most were in Bengali and Hindi, he also sang in 14 other Indian languages, including Bhojpuri, Punjabi, Assamese, Gujarati, Kannada, Malayalam, andChhattisgarhi. His peak popularity was during the mid-1950s to the 1970s.For his contribution to Indian music, Dev received numerous honours. He was awarded the Padma Shri in 1971, the Padma Bhushan in 2005, and the Dadasaheb Phalke Award in 2007.

Girija Devi (1929–2017): Girija Devi (8 May 1929 – 24 October 2017) was an Indian classical singer of the



Seniya and **Banaras** gharanas. She performed classical and light classical music and helped elevate the profile of thumri. She

was dubbed as the 'Queen of Thumri' for her contribution in the genre. She died on 24 October 2017. Girija Devi was born in Varanasi, on 8 May 1929, to Ramdeo Rai, a zamindar. Her father played the Page | 2

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harmonium and taught music, and had Girija Devi take lessons in singing khyal and tappa from vocalist and sarangi player Sarju Prasad Misra starting at the age of five. She starred in the movie Yaad rahe aged nine and continued her studies under Chand Misra in a variety of styles

Historical event for India

Major Historical Events

1605: Mughal Ruler Jahangir's Accession The fourth Mughal Emperor, Nur-ud-din Muhammad Salim, assumed the throne in Agra and took the title Jahangir (meaning "Conqueror of the World"). His 22-year reign is noted for its political stability, economic prosperity, and the high achievements of Mughal art and architecture, especially painting.

1947: Declaration of Azad Jammu and Kashmir During the First Kashmir War, as Pakistani-backed Pashtun tribal invaders advanced into the princely state of Jammu and Kashmir, the "Provisional Government of Azad Jammu and Kashmir" (Free Jammu and Kashmir) was formally declared by Sardar Ibrahim Khan on this date. This event was a key development in the ongoing conflict over the region's accession.

Other Notable Events

1577: Founding of Amritsar The foundation of the city of Amritsar was laid by the fourth Sikh Guru, Guru Ram Das. The city was named after the sacred pool, Amrit Sarovar (Pool of Nectar), around which the Harmandir Sahib (Golden Temple) was later built.

1954: Death of Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Indian independence activist and veteran Congress leader Rafi Ahmed Kidwai passed away. He served as the first Communication Minister of India and later as the Minister for Food and Agriculture.

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Birth Anniversaries – International **Personalities**

Antonie van Leeuwenhoek (1632): Dutch scientist, often regarded as the Father of Microbiology and the first to observe bacteria and protozoans.

Bahadur Shah Zafar (1775): The last Mughal emperor of India.

R. K. Laxman (1921): Celebrated Indian cartoonist, best known for his creation "The Common Man".

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Death Anniversaries – International Personalities

Tycho Brahe (1601): Danish astronomer known for his accurate and comprehensive astronomical observations.

Jane Seymour (1537): The third wife of King Henry VIII of England and mother of King Edward VI.

Rosa Parks (2005): American civil rights activist whose refusal to surrender her seat on a public bus to a white in Montgomery, Alabama, spurred Montgomery Bus Boycott.

International Historical Events

The Founding of the United Nations (1945)

The United Nations Charter officially came into force October 24, 1945, marking the formal establishment of the United Nations (UN). This date is now celebrated annually as United Nations Day. The UN was founded in the wake of World War II by 51 countries with the primary goals of maintaining international peace and security, developing friendly relations among nations, achieving international cooperation, and being a center for harmonizing the actions of nations.

The Peace of Westphalia (1648)

The Peace of Westphalia was signed on this day, consisting of a series of treaties that ended both the Thirty Years' War in the Holy Roman Empire (1618-1648) and the Eighty Years' War between Spain and the Dutch Republic (1568-1648). The treaties are considered a foundational moment in modern international relations, establishing the concept of state sovereignty and laying the groundwork for the modern European state system.

Other Notable International Events

1964: Zambia Gains Independence - The African nation of Zambia (formerly Northern Rhodesia) gained independence from the United Kingdom.

1917: Battle of Caporetto Begins - During World War I, a combined German and Austro-Hungarian force launched a successful offensive that crushed the Italian army on the I Italian Front, resulting in the disastrous Battle of Caporetto (also known as the Twelfth Battle of the Isonzo).

1912: First Balkan War Battles - The Battle of Kirk Kilisse concluded with a Bulgarian victory, and the Battle of Kumanovo concluded with a Serbian victory, both against the Ottoman Empire.

1860: Convention of Peking - The Convention of Peking (Beijing) formally concluded the Second Opium War with Qing China ceding the Kowloon Peninsula in perpetuity to the British Empire.

1813: Treaty of Gulistan - The Russo-Persian War of 1804–1813 ended with the signing of the Treaty of Gulistan, under which Qajar Iran ceded a substantia amount of territory in the Caucasus to the Russian Empire.

Sports-related Historical Events Internationally

1992: Toronto Blue Jays Win World Series: The Toronto Blue Jays defeated the Atlanta Braves to become the first team not based in the United States to win the Major League Baseball (MLB) World Series.

1957: Founding of Sheffield F.C.: The club, based in England, was established, making it the oldest existing association football club in the world (not a professional club, but the oldest club playing the "association football" rules).

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1959: Wilt Chamberlain's NBA Debut: NBA legend Wilt Chamberlain made his professional debut with the Philadelphia Warriors, putting up an incredible 43 points and 28 rebounds against the New York Knicks.

1971: Chuck Hughes' Tragic Death: Detroit Lions wide receiver Chuck Hughes collapsed on the field during a game against the Chicago Bears and was later pronounced dead. He remains the only NFL player to die on the field during a game.

2004: Arsenal's Unbeaten Run Ends: Arsenal Football Club lost to Manchester United, ending their historic run of 49 Premier League matches unbeaten, which remains a record for the English top-flight.

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