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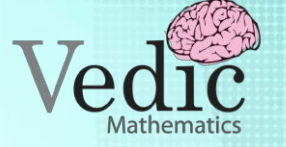
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Important Days

National Service Scheme (NSS) Day: NSS Day is celebrated annually on September 24th. The National Service Scheme, a government-sponsored public service program conducted by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, was formally launched on this day in 1969, the birth centenary year of Mahatma Gandhi. It aims to develop the personality and character of students through community service.



Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM): On September 24, 2014, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully placed its Mars Orbiter Mission (Mangalyaan) spacecraft into Mars' orbit. This made India the first nation in Asia and the first country in the world to successfully reach Mars' orbit in its maiden attempt.

Poona Pact: On September 24, 1932, the Poona Pact was signed between Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar at Yerwada Central Jail in Pune. This agreement reserved seats for the "Depressed Classes" (Dalits) in the provincial legislatures, averting Gandhi's fast unto death and modifying the Communal Award.

Birth Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

Raje Serfoji II Bhosale (1777-1832): Serfoji was born on 24 September 1777 into the Bhonsle royal house, a lineage tracing back to Shivaji I. On 23 January 1787, he was formally adopted by King Thuljaji, the then ruler of Thanjavur. His education was entrusted to the Danish missionary Christian Friedrich Schwarz. Following Thuljaji's death, his half-brother Amar Singh—who had earlier been appointed regent for the young Serfoji—usurped the throne in 1793. During Amar Singh's rule, Serfoji was denied access to formal education. Christian Schwarz intervened and arranged for Serfoji to be sent to Madras, where he continued his education under Wilhelm Gericke of the Lutheran Mission. From 1793 to 1797, Serfoji studied at the Civilian Orphan Asylum (now St. George's School) located on Poonamalle High Road, Chennai. He eventually became proficient in multiple languages, including Tamil, Telugu, Urdu, Sanskrit, French, German, Danish, Greek, Dutch, and Latin.



Bhikaiji Cama (1861-1936): Bhikaiji Rustom Cama (24 September 1861 – 13 August 1936) or simply as, Madam Cama, was one of the prominent figures in the Indian independence movement. She unfurled one of the earliest versions of the flag of independent India on August 22, 1907 and she was the first person to hoist an Indian flag in a foreign nation, at the International Socialist Conference at Stuttgart. Bhikaiji Cama was born in Bombay (now Mumbai) in a large, affluent Parsi Zoroastrian family. Her parents, Sorabji





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Framji Patel and Jaijibai Sorabji Patel, were well known in the city, where her father Sorabji—a lawyer by training and a merchant by profession—was an influential member of the Parsi community. Like many Parsi girls of the time, Bhikhaiji attended Alexandra Girls' English Institution. Bhikhaiji was by all accounts a diligent, disciplined child with a flair for languages. She also excelled at cricket. On 3 August 1885 at Bombay, she married Rustomji Cama, who was the son of K. R. Cama, and from a loyalist family. Her husband was a wealthy, pro-British lawyer who aspired to enter politics. It was not a compatible or happy marriage, and Bhikhaiji spent most of her time and energy in philanthropic activities and social work.

Death Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

Pritilata Waddedar (1911-1932): Pritilata Waddedar (5 May 1911 – 24 September 1932) was a Bengali revolutionary nationalist who was influential in the independence movement. After completing her education in Chattogram (formerly Chittagong) and Dhaka (formerly Dacca), she attended Bethune College in Kolkata (formerly Calcutta). She graduated in philosophy with distinction and became a school teacher. She is praised as "Bengal's first woman martyr". Pritilata joined a revolutionary group headed by Surya Sen. She is known for leading fifteen revolutionaries in the 1932 armed attack on the Pahartali European Club, during which one person was killed and eleven injured. The revolutionaries torched the club and were later caught by the colonial police. Pritilata committed suicide by cyanide. Her suicide was preplanned. She had a suicide



note or a letter with her, where she had penned down the objectives of the Indian Republican Army, Chittagong Branch. In the letter, along with the names of Masterda Surya Sen and Nirmal Sen, she had also mentioned about her experience of meeting Ramkrishna Biswas a number of times in the Alipore Central Jail. Ramkrishna Biswas was waiting his execution by hanging by the British and Pritilata used to meet him in the alias of his cousin sister.

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International Observances

National Punctuation Day (United States): A day dedicated to celebrating and promoting the correct use of punctuation marks.

Republic Day (Trinidad and Tobago): Celebrates the day in 1976 when Trinidad and Tobago became a





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republic, replacing the British monarch with a president.

Constitution Day (Cambodia): Commemorates the adoption of the current constitution of Cambodia in 1993.

Heritage Day (South Africa): A day for South Africans to celebrate their culture, diversity, and traditions.

Birth Anniversaries – International Personalities

F. Scott Fitzgerald (1896-1940): A celebrated American novelist and short-story writer, widely regarded as one of the greatest American writers of the 20th century. His most famous work is *The Great Gatsby*.

Jim Henson (1936-1990): An iconic American puppeteer, animator, and filmmaker, best known as the creator of the Muppets.

Jim McKay (1921-2008): An American television journalist and sportscaster. He is best known for hosting ABC's *Wide World of Sports*.

Death Anniversaries – International Personalities

Dr. Seuss (1904-1991): The pen name of Theodor Geisel, a beloved American children's author, political cartoonist, and animator. His works include *The Cat in the Hat* and *Green Eggs and Ham*.

International Historical Events

Political and Social Events

1789: The Judiciary Act is Passed (United States) The United States Congress passed the Judiciary Act of 1789, a landmark piece of legislation that established the federal judiciary system, including the Supreme

Court. This act also created the office of the Attorney General.

1869: "Black Friday" (United States) A stock market crash known as "Black Friday" occurred in the United States. It was caused by a plot by two financiers, Jay Gould and James Fisk, to corner the gold market. The crash was averted when President Ulysses S. Grant ordered the U.S. Treasury to sell a large amount of gold, causing prices to plummet and the scheme to fail.

1957: Little Rock Crisis (United States) President Dwight D. Eisenhower sent the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division to Little Rock, Arkansas, to enforce the desegregation of Central High School. This action was taken to protect the "Little Rock Nine," a group of African American students who were being prevented from attending the school by a white mob and the state's National Guard.

1973: Independence of Guinea-Bissau Guinea-Bissau declared its independence from Portugal. The declaration, which followed a long and armed struggle for liberation, was a major step in the decolonization of Africa.

1993: Monarchy Restored in Cambodia After a 23-year interregnum, Norodom Sihanouk was crowned king of Cambodia for the second time, marking the official restoration of the monarchy.

1996: Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) Signed Representatives from 71 nations signed the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty at the United Nations. The treaty prohibits all nuclear weapon test explosions and other nuclear explosions.

Scientific and Technological Advancements

1852: First Powered Airship Flight The Giffard dirigible, the first powered and passenger-carrying airship, traveled 17 miles from Paris to Trappes, France. This was a significant step in the history of aviation.

1948: Honda Motor Company Founded Soichiro Honda founded the Honda Motor Company in Japan. Page | 3





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The company would go on to become a global leader in the production of automobiles and motorcycles.

1960: USS Enterprise Launched The United States launched the USS Enterprise, the world's first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier.

Sports-related Historical Events In India

2007: India Wins Inaugural T20 World Cup This is arguably the most famous sports-related event in India on this date. On September 24, 2007, a young Indian cricket team, led by a newly appointed MS Dhoni, defeated arch-rivals Pakistan in a thrilling final to win the first-ever ICC T20 World Cup in Johannesburg, South Africa. This victory marked a new era for Indian cricket and solidified the T20 format's popularity in the country.

Sports-related Historical Events Internationally

1920: Babe Ruth Hits 50th Home Run (Baseball) Babe Ruth, a legendary figure in baseball, made history on this day in 1920 when he became the first player in Major League Baseball (MLB) history to hit 50 home runs in a single season. This achievement solidified his status as a sports icon and changed the approach to hitting in the game.

1957: Final Game at Ebbets Field (Baseball) The Brooklyn Dodgers played their final game at the historic Ebbets Field, losing 2-0 to the Pittsburgh Pirates. This game marked the end of an era for the Dodgers in Brooklyn before their move to Los Angeles.

1988: Jackie Joyner-Kersey Sets World Record (Athletics) American heptathlete Jackie Joyner-Kersey set a new world record in the heptathlon with a score of 7,291 points at the Seoul Olympics. This incredible

performance secured her the gold medal and remains a major milestone in track and field history.

2016: Arnold Palmer's Death (Golf) The world of golf mourned the loss of one of its most charismatic and influential figures, Arnold Palmer, who passed away on this day at the age of 87. Known as "The King," Palmer's aggressive style and down-to-earth personality made him a beloved sports celebrity.

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