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Important Days in India

Kargil Vijay Diwas (Kargil Victory Day): This is the most significant observance on July 26th in India. It commemorates India's victory over Pakistan in the Kargil War in 1999. On this day, the nation pays tribute



to the brave soldiers of the Indian Armed Forces who sacrificed their lives to reclaim the strategic positions in the

Kargil sector of Jammu and Kashmir. It's a day of national pride, remembrance, and honoring the valor of the Indian Army.

Significance of Kargil Vijay Diwas

- It marks India's decisive military victory over Pakistan in a challenging high-altitude conflict.
- It is a day of national pride and remembrance, honoring the valor, sacrifice, and supreme courage of the Indian Armed Forces personnel who laid down their lives defending the nation's sovereignty.
- The war highlighted the importance of border security and strategic preparedness.
- It also reinforced the Line of Control (LoC) as the de facto border between India and Pakistan in the eyes of the international community.

Death Anniversaries in India

Ahmedabad Bombings Victims (2008): On July 26, 2008, a series of 21 bomb blasts rocked Ahmedabad, Gujarat, resulting in the deaths of 56 people and injuring over 200. This tragic event is remembered on this day.

Historical significance in India

1509: Krishnadevaraya's Ascension to the Vijayanagara Throne: While much older, it's noted that on July 26, 1509, Krishnadevaraya ascended to the throne of the Vijayanagara Empire. He is considered one of the most powerful and influential Hindu rulers in Indian history, under whom the empire saw its zenith.

1897: Anglo-Afghan War: On July 26, 1897, a Pashtun fakir named Saidullah led a large army to begin a siege of the British garrison in the Malakand Agency of the North West Frontier Province of India (present-day Pakistan), during the Anglo-Afghan War.

Important International Observances

National Disability Independence Day: Commemorates the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in the United States, which provided civil rights protections to individuals with disabilities.

National Aunt and Uncle's Day: A day to appreciate and honor aunts and uncles.

One Voice Day: Encourages people to read the Universal Peace Covenant simultaneously to promote global improvement.

Historical Events (International)

1775: United States Postal System Established: The Second Continental Congress established the first United States Post Office, with Benjamin Franklin as its first Postmaster General.





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1788: New York Ratifies the U.S. Constitution: New York became the 11th state to ratify the United States Constitution.

1847: Liberia Declares Independence: The Republic of Liberia, a West African nation founded by freed American slaves, declared its independence from the United States.

1945: Potsdam Declaration Signed: Towards the end of World War II, the Potsdam Declaration was issued by the U.S., U.K., and China, outlining the terms for Japan's surrender.

1947: U.S. National Security Act Signed: President Harry S. Truman signed the National Security Act, which created the CIA, the Department of Defense, the U.S. Air Force, and the National Security Council, significantly restructuring the U.S. national security apparatus during the Cold War.

1948: U.S. Military Desegregated: President Harry S. Truman signed Executive Order 9981, abolishing racial segregation in the United States Armed Forces.

1953: Cuban Revolution Begins (Moncada Barracks Attack): Fidel Castro led a small group of rebels in an attack on the Moncada military barracks in Santiago de Cuba. Though unsuccessful, it is considered the beginning of the Cuban Revolution.

1956: Egypt Nationalizes the Suez Canal: Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser announced the nationalization of the Suez Canal, previously controlled by British and French interests, sparking an international crisis.

1965: Maldives Gains Independence: The Republic of Maldives achieved independence from British rule.

1990: Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Signed into Law: U.S. President George H.W. Bush signed this

landmark legislation, prohibiting discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

International Birth Anniversaries

1856: George Bernard Shaw: Irish playwright and critic, Nobel Prize laureate.

1875: Carl Jung: Swiss psychiatrist and psychotherapist who founded analytical psychology.

1894: Aldous Huxley: English writer and philosopher, best known for his dystopian novel *Brave New World*.

1956: Dorothy Hamill: American figure skater, Olympic gold medalist.

International Death Anniversaries

1863: Sam Houston: American soldier and politician, first and third President of the Republic of Texas.

1952: Eva Perón: Argentinian political figure, First Lady of Argentina from 1946 until her death, and a powerful advocate for labor rights and women's suffrage.

1984: George Gallup: American pioneer of survey sampling techniques and inventor of the Gallup poll.

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2000: Air France Flight 4590 (Concorde) Crash: A Concorde supersonic jet, Air France Flight 4590, crashed shortly after takeoff from Paris, killing all on board and some on the ground. This tragic event contributed to the eventual retirement of the Concorde fleet.

2016: Solar Impulse 2 Completes First Solar-Powered Round-the-World Flight: The Solar Impulse 2 aircraft, powered solely by solar energy, completed its historic circumnavigation of the Earth, demonstrating the potential of renewable energy in aviation.

Sports-Related Historical Events in India

2021: Indian Athletes Progress at Tokyo Olympics: On July 26, 2021 (during the Tokyo Olympics which were held in 2021), India saw positive results. For example, badminton star **P.V. Sindhu** and table tennis player **Manika Batra** both secured wins in their respective matches, advancing further in the Games.

2024: Paris Olympics Opening Ceremony and India's Start: July 26, 2024, marked the official **Opening Ceremony of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games**. This was the start of India's participation in the Games, with its contingent aiming for medals. India went on to win six medals at these games (a silver and five bronze), including three in shooting, one in men's hockey, one in javelin (Neeraj Chopra's silver), and one in wrestling.





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Sports-Related Historical Events in Globally

1745: First Recorded Women's Cricket Match: On July 26, 1745, the first recorded women's cricket match took place near Guildford, England. This was a pioneering moment for women's involvement in organized sports.

1952: Bob Mathias Wins Second Olympic Decathlon Gold: At the Helsinki Olympics on July 26, 1952, American athlete **Bob Mathias** successfully defended his Olympic decathlon gold medal, becoming the first person to win the event twice consecutively. He also set a new world record.

1971: Nicolette Milnes-Walker Sails Across the Atlantic Alone: British psychologist **Nicolette Milnes-Walker** completed a historic solo, non-stop journey across the Atlantic Ocean, docking her boat at Port O'Call Marina. This was a remarkable feat of endurance and navigation in the world of sailing.

1998: Tragic Incident at Michigan Speedway: On July 26, 1998, a tragic incident occurred at Michigan Speedway in Brooklyn, Michigan, during the U.S. 500 race, when flying debris from a car crash killed three spectators and injured six others.

