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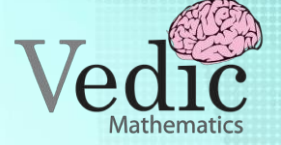
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### Important Days

**Constitution Day (Samvidhan Divas):** This is the most significant observance on November 26th. It commemorates the day in 1949 when the Constituent Assembly of India formally adopted the Constitution of India. The Constitution came into effect on January 26, 1950, which is celebrated as Republic Day. The Government of India officially declared November 26th as Constitution Day in 2015.

**National Law Day:** This day is also often referred to as National Law Day due to the adoption of the Constitution.

**National Milk Day:** Celebrated to mark the birth anniversary of Dr. Verghese Kurien (born November 26, 1921), the "Father of the White Revolution" in India.

**26/11 Mumbai Terror Attacks Anniversary:** November 26, 2008, marks the beginning of the devastating coordinated terrorist attacks in Mumbai, which lasted four days and claimed many lives. This date is a solemn day of remembrance for the victims and the security personnel who were martyred.

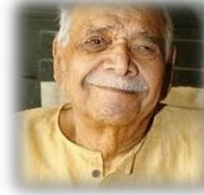
### Birth Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

**Dr. Verghese Kurien (1921–2012):** (26 November 1921 – 9 September 2012) was an Indian dairy engineer and social entrepreneur. He led initiatives that contributed to the extensive increase in milk production in India termed as the White Revolution. Kurien graduated in physics from the University of Madras in 1940 and received his masters in mechanical engineering from the Michigan State University in 1947. In 1949, Kurien was sent by the



Government of India to run its experimental creamery at Anand, where he set up the Kaira District Cooperative Milk Producers' Union in 1950 which later became Amul. Amul organised the dairy farmers in the villages as a part of cooperatives and linked them to the milk consumers directly, eliminating the need for middlemen.

**Ram Sharan Sharma (1919–2011):** (26 November 1919 – 20 August 2011) was an Indian historian and



Indologist who specialised in the history of Ancient and early Medieval India. He taught at Patna University and Delhi University (1973–85) and was visiting faculty at University of

Toronto (1965–1966). He also was a senior fellow at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. He was a University Grants Commission National Fellow (1958–81) and the president of Indian History Congress in 1975. It was during his tenure as the dean of Delhi University's History Department that major expansion of the department took place in the 1970s. The creation of most of the positions in the department were the results of his efforts. He was the founding Chairman of the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) and a historian of international repute.

**Yash Pal (1926–2017):** Yash Pal (26 November 1926 – 24 July 2017) was an Indian scientist, educator and



educationist. He was known for his contributions to the study of cosmic rays, as well as for being an institution-builder. In his later years, he became one of the leading science communicators of

the country. Starting his career at Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), he later remained Chairman of the University Grants Commission from 1986 to 1991. In 2013, he was awarded India's second highest civilian honour, the Padma Vibhushan. Yash Pal





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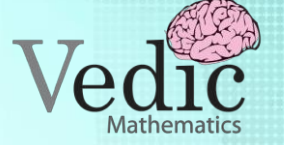
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was born in 1926 in Jhang, Punjab Province, British India, now in Pakistan.

**Nathuram Premi (1881–1960):** (26 November 1881 – 30 January 1960) was an Indian writer, publisher, poet, editor, and linguist in the field



of Jainism as well as Hindi literature. A budding poet, he wrote under the nom de plume of "Premi". Although belonging to the Digambara sect of Jainism, he adopted a non-sectarian attitude and published and translated many Digambara as well as

Śvetāmbara works. Working as a clerk in a firm in Mumbai he rose to establish his own publishing house and bookstore Hindi Granth Ratnākār Kāryālay which published works of many of the biggest names in Indian literature, including Munshi Premchand, Hajariprasad Dvivedi, Jainendrakumar, Yashpal, Swami Satyabhakta, Sharatchandra Chatterjee and Rabindranath Tagore. The bookshop and publishing house now called Hindi Granth Karyalay is now being managed by his grandson and great-grandson 100 years after its establishment.

### Death Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

**Hemant Karkare :** (12 December 1954 – 26 November 2008) was the chief of the Mumbai Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS). He was killed in action during the 2008 Mumbai attacks. In 2009, he was posthumously given the Ashoka Chakra, India's highest peacetime



gallantry decoration. Karkare succeeded K. P. Raghuvanshi as the Chief of ATS in January 2008 and was eventually succeeded by Raghuvanshi after he was shot dead on 26 November 2008. He was credited with solving the serial bombing cases in Thane, Vashi and

Panvel, and led the investigation of the 2008 Malegaon blasts.

**Vijay Salaskar** (5 April 1957 – 26 November 2008) was an Indian police inspector and encounter specialist with the Mumbai police. He was widely credited with killing 75–80 criminals in encounters, most of which were



members of the Arun Gawli gang. Salaskar was killed in action during the 2008 Mumbai attacks, with captured terrorist Ajmal Amir Kasab claiming responsibility for the killing. Before his death Salaskar was head of the Anti-Extortion Cell, Mumbai. His patriotism and bravery was honoured with the Ashoka Chakra on 26 January 2009.

**Ashok Kamte** (23 February 1965 – 26 November 2008) was an Indian police officer, serving as the Additional Commissioner of the Mumbai Police



supervising the Eastern region. He was killed in action during the 2008 Mumbai attacks. He was posthumously given the Ashoka Chakra on 26 January 2009. The son of Lieutenant-Colonel Marutirao Narayanrao Kamte (August 22, 1929 – 13 January 2014) and his first wife Perm Kamte, Ashok Kamte was born on 23 February 1965 in a Marathi family with a long tradition of police service. His great-grandfather, Rao Bahadur Marutirao Kamte KPM IPM, had served in the Indian Imperial Police from 1895 to 1923, while his grandfather Narayanrao Kamte MBE KFSM also joined the Imperial Police in 1923, eventually serving as the first Indian Inspector-General (Director-General) of the Maharashtra Police from 1947 to 1955.

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### Historical event for India







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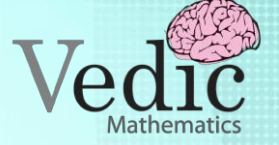
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**1960: Introduction of STD Service:** The first Subscriber Trunk Dialing (STD) service in India was commercially inaugurated between Kanpur and Lucknow. This was a significant step in the history of Indian telecommunications.

**1948: Establishment of NCC:** The **National Cadet Corps** (NCC), the youth development wing of the Indian Armed Forces, was established.

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## International Observances

### **World Sustainable Transport Day (International)**

Designated by the United Nations, this day highlights the importance of environmentally sound transportation systems and promoting sustainable modes of transport.

**Republic Day (Mongolia):** Commemorates the proclamation of the Mongolian People's Republic in 1924.

## Birth Anniversaries – International Personalities

**Charles M. Schulz 1922:** (American cartoonist, creator of the *Peanuts* comic strip, featuring characters like Charlie Brown and Snoopy).

**Verghese Kurien 1921:** (Indian social entrepreneur known as the "Father of the White Revolution" in India for his work in dairy farming and cooperative movements).

**Willis Carrier 1876:** (American engineer, inventor of modern air conditioning).

**Sarah Moore Grimké 1792:** (American abolitionist and women's rights advocate).

## Death Anniversaries – International Personalities

**Sojourner Truth 1883:** (African-American abolitionist and women's rights activist).

**Isabella I of Castile 1504:** (Queen of Castile and León, known for uniting Spain with her husband Ferdinand II of Aragon and for financing Christopher Columbus's voyage).

## International Historical Events

### Archaeology and Discovery

**1922: Opening of Tutankhamun's Tomb** English archaeologist Howard Carter and Lord Carnarvon became the first people to enter the inner chambers of





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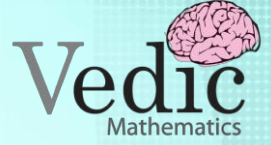
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the tomb of Pharaoh Tutankhamun in Egypt's Valley of the Kings in over 3,000 years. This discovery was one of the most important archaeological finds of the 20th century.

**1778: European Discovery of Maui** British explorer Captain James Cook became the first European to sight and visit the island of Maui in the Hawaiian archipelago.

#### War and Conflict

**2008: Mumbai Terror Attacks** A series of coordinated terrorist attacks, lasting four days, were launched across several locations in Mumbai, India, resulting in a significant loss of life and becoming a major international security event.

**1950: China Enters the Korean War** Communist Chinese forces launched a massive counterattack against the United Nations and South Korean forces, dramatically escalating the Korean War.

**1941: The Hull Note and Pearl Harbor Prelude** U.S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull delivered the Hull Note to the Japanese ambassador, demanding that Japan withdraw from China and French Indochina, an ultimatum that led to Japan's decision to go to war. On the same day, Japan's 1st Air Fleet departed for its attack on Pearl Harbor.

**1939: Shelling of Mainila** : The Soviet Army orchestrated the Shelling of Mainila, an incident they used to justify the start of the Winter War against Finland four days later.

#### Culture and Technology

**2003: Concorde Retirement** : The supersonic passenger airliner Concorde was officially retired from service after 27 years of flight, with its last commercial flight from New York City to Bristol, England.

**1966: World's First Tidal Power Station**

The Rance Tidal Power Station in Brittany, France, the world's first and currently one of the largest tidal power stations, was opened.

**1965: France Launches Astérix** France launched its first satellite, Astérix, becoming the sixth country in the world to put an artificial satellite into orbit using its own launcher.

**1942: Casablanca Premieres** The classic film *Casablanca*, starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman and set during World War II in Morocco, premiered in New York City.

#### Politics and Diplomacy

**1998: Blair Addresses Irish Parliament** British Prime Minister Tony Blair became the first British Prime Minister to address the Oireachtas, the parliament of the Republic of Ireland.

**1979: China Re-admitted to IOC** The International Olympic Committee (IOC) voted to re-admit the People's Republic of China after an absence of 21 years.

**1924: Mongolian People's Republic Established** The Mongolian People's Republic was officially established with the adoption of its first constitution, abolishing the monarchy.

#### Sports-related Historical Events Internationally

**1932: Don Bradman Reaches 10,000 First-Class Runs:** The legendary Australian cricketer, Sir Donald Bradman, reached a momentous milestone by scoring his 10,000th run in first-class cricket. This accomplishment further cemented his status as one of the greatest batsmen in the history of the sport.

**1917: National Hockey League (NHL) is Formed:** One of the world's premier professional sports leagues, the National Hockey League (NHL), was officially formed in





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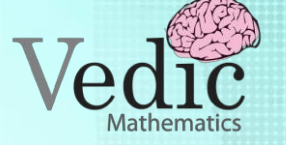
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Montreal, Canada. Its initial teams were the Montreal Canadiens, Montreal Wanderers, Ottawa Senators, Quebec Bulldogs, and Toronto Arenas.

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