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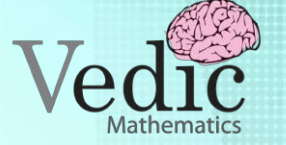
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Important Days

Accession Day (Jammu and Kashmir, India): This day commemorates the signing of the Instrument of Accession by Maharaja Hari Singh, the ruler of the princely state of Jammu and Kashmir, on October 26, 1947, merging the state with the Dominion of India.

Birth Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

Ganesh Shankar Vidyarthi (1890 – 1931): Ganesh Shankar Vidyarthi (26 October 1890 – 25 March 1931) was an Indian journalist, a leader of the Indian National Congress and an independence movement activist. He was an important figure in the non-cooperation movement and the freedom movement of India, who once translated Victor Hugo's novel *Ninety-Three*, and is mostly known as the founder-editor of the Hindi language newspaper, *Pratap*. Ganesh Shankar was born on 26 October 1890 in a Hindu Kayastha family at Allahabad, the then capital of North-Western Provinces. His father Munshi Jai Narain, also spelled as Jainarayan, was a teacher in a middle school namely Anglo-Vernacular School in Mungaoli which is now the tehsil of Ashoknagar district of Madhya Pradesh. He was poor but a deeply religious Hindu and dedicated to high ideals.



Godavarish Mishra (1886 – 1956): Pandit Godabarish Mishra (26 October 1886 – 26 July 1956) was a poet and notable socialist from Odisha, India. He is known for his contribution to Odia literature. Godabarish Mishra was born to Lingaraj Mishra and Apsara Devi in a Brahmin family in Srinibaspur Sasan, near Banapur, Khordha district. His primary education was from

the village school and then received his higher education from the Puri District School in 1906 and enrolled in Ravenshaw College. He used to take tuition to cover the college fees. He received his B.A. in philosophy in 1910. He obtained his M.A. in economics from University of Calcutta in 1912.

S. Bangarappa (1932 – 2011): Sarekoppa Bangarappa (26 October 1933 – 26 December 2011) was an Indian politician who was the 6th Chief Minister of Karnataka from 1990 to 1992. He served as a Member of the Legislative Assembly for Karnataka between 1967 and 1996, before contesting a series of six elections for the Lok Sabha from 1996 to 2009, of which he lost two. He founded both the Karnataka Vikas Party and the Karnataka Congress Party during a 44-year career in which his supporters called him Solillada Saradara (a leader who cannot be defeated). As well as these two parties, Bangarappa was at various times a member of the Indian National Congress, the Bharatiya Janata Party, the Samajwad Party and Janata Dal (Secular), and his critics described him as a party-hopper because of this.



Death Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

Manmath Nath Gupta (1908 – 2000): (7 February 1908 – 26 October 2000) was an Indian Marxist revolutionary writer and author of autobiographical, historical and fictional books in Hindi, English and Bengali. He joined the Indian independence movement at the age of 13 and was an active member of the Hindustan Republican Association. He participated in the famous Kakori train robbery in 1925





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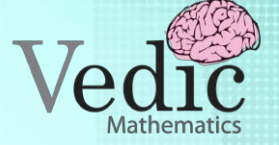
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and was imprisoned for 14 years. On release from jail in 1937, he started writing against the British government. He was sentenced again in 1939 and was released in 1946 just a year before India's independence in 1947. He has written several books on the history of the Indian struggle for independence from a revolutionary's point of view, including They Lived Dangerously – Reminiscences of a Revolutionary. He was also the editor of the Hindi literary magazine Aajkal.

Historical event for India

Key Historical Event

1947: Accession of Jammu and Kashmir to India On October 26, 1947, Maharaja Hari Singh, the ruler of the princely state of Jammu and Kashmir, signed the Instrument of Accession with the Dominion of India. This was done in response to an invasion by Pakistani tribal militias, and the signing officially integrated the state into India. This event is a foundational point for the subsequent political and military history of the Kashmir conflict.

Other Notable Events

1934: Formation of the All India Rural Industries Association (A.I.V.I.A.) Under the patronage of Mahatma Gandhi, the All India Village Industries Association was established in Wardha, with the aim of promoting and developing village industries and rural self-sufficiency, forming a core part of the Constructive Programme of the independence movement.

1950: Mother Teresa Founded the Missionaries of Charity Saint Mother Teresa (now Saint Teresa of Calcutta) officially founded the Missionaries of Charity in Kolkata (Calcutta). The Roman Catholic religious congregation is dedicated to serving the "poorest of the poor."

1969: Apollo 11 Astronauts Visit Mumbai Astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin, the first two men to walk on the moon, arrived in Mumbai (Bombay) as part of their global goodwill tour after the successful Apollo 11 mission.

2006: The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, Comes into Force The landmark Indian law, designed to provide more effective protection to the rights of women guaranteed under the Constitution who are victims of violence of any kind occurring within the family, officially came into effect on this day.

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Birth Anniversaries – International Personalities





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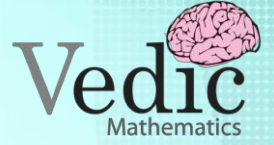
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Hillary Clinton (1947) - American politician, diplomat, and former First Lady.

Keith Urban (1967) - New Zealand-Australian country music singer, songwriter, and guitarist.

François Mitterrand (1916) - French statesman who served as President of France from 1981 to 1995.

Mohammad Reza Pahlavi (1919) - The last Shah of Iran.

Domenico Scarlatti (1685) - Italian composer, famous for his keyboard sonatas.

Death Anniversaries – International Personalities

Alfred the Great (899) - King of Wessex (and effectively all of England) who defended his kingdom against the Vikings.

Ito Hirobumi (1909) - Japanese statesman, first Prime Minister of Japan, assassinated by a Korean nationalist.

Park Chung-hee (1979) - South Korean President assassinated in office.

International Historical Events

1994: Israel-Jordan Peace Treaty: Israel and Jordan signed a full peace treaty, officially ending the state of war that had existed between the two countries since 1948.

1979: Assassination of Park Chung Hee: Park Chung Hee, the President of South Korea and an authoritarian ruler since 1961, was assassinated by Kim Jae-gyu, the head of the Korean Central Intelligence Agency.

1977: Last Natural Smallpox Case: Ali Maow Maalin, a hospital cook in Somalia, developed a rash, marking the

last naturally occurring case of the variola major strain of smallpox. This event is a milestone in the global effort toward the successful eradication of the disease.

1955: Austria Declares Neutrality (National Day): Austria's parliament passed a constitutional law declaring the country's "perpetual neutrality." This followed the withdrawal of the Allied occupation forces after World War II and is celebrated as Austrian National Day.

1947: Kashmir's Accession to India: The Maharaja of the princely state of Jammu and Kashmir, Hari Singh, signed the Instrument of Accession to the Dominion of India. This event is a key point in the beginning of the Indo-Pakistani War of 1947–1948 and the ongoing Kashmir conflict.

1918: German General Ludendorff Resigns: Near the end of World War I, Erich Ludendorff, the quartermaster-general of the Imperial German Army and a leading figure in its command, was dismissed by Kaiser Wilhelm II for refusing to cooperate with peace negotiations. His resignation was a step towards the armistice.

1905: Norway's Separation from Sweden Recognized: King Oscar II formally recognized the dissolution of the union between Norway and Sweden, making Norway fully independent.

1863: The Football Association (FA) is Founded: The world's oldest governing body for football (soccer) was established in London, instrumental in formalizing the rules of the game.

1597: Battle of Myeongnyang: During the Imjin War, Korean Admiral Yi Sun-sin achieved a stunning victory over the much larger Japanese fleet with only 13 ships.

Sports-related Historical Events In India





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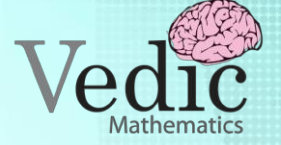
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While a long-standing historical breakthrough from a previous century on October 26th is less prominent in available records, in a more contemporary context, the date is often part of ongoing major tournaments:

Football (Soccer): October 26th has been a fixture date for the AIFF Super Cup (India's domestic knockout football competition) group stage matches in recent years.

Athletics: Major regional events like the South Asian Senior Athletics Championships have had their concluding or crucial days around October 26th, with Indian athletes often claiming numerous gold medals and setting meet records.

Note: For a specific, decades-old, singular event like "India won Olympic gold on October 26th, 1948," you may need to search more specialized archives, as general historical timelines often focus on world-defining events.

1990: Wayne Gretzky Reaches 2,000 Points Ice hockey great Wayne Gretzky became the first player in NHL history to reach the 2,000-point plateau on October 26, 1990, when he recorded an assist for the Los Angeles Kings against the Winnipeg Jets.

2000: New York Yankees Win Three Straight World Series The New York Yankees beat the New York Mets 4-2 to win the 2000 World Series on October 26, becoming the first team in over a quarter-century to win three consecutive World Series championships (1998, 1999, 2000).

2014: Serena Williams Wins Fifth WTA Finals Title Serena Williams won the WTA Tour Finals for the third straight year and fifth time overall on October 26, 2014, defeating Simona Halep.

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Sports-related Historical Events Internationally

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1863: Founding of The Football Association (The FA)

On October 26, 1863, representatives from several football clubs and schools met at the Freemasons' Tavern in London to form The Football Association (The FA). This event is widely considered the birth of modern association football (soccer), as The FA was instrumental in creating and codifying the first set of universally accepted rules.

1970: Muhammad Ali's Return to the Ring Following an absence of over three years due to his refusal to be inducted into the U.S. Army, American boxing legend Muhammad Ali returned to the ring on October 26, 1970, defeating Jerry Quarry with a TKO in the third round.

