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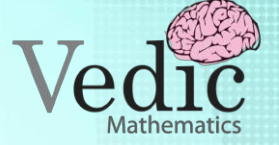
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Birth Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

Dorabji Tata (1859): Sir Dorabji Tata (27 August 1859 –



3 June 1932) was an Indian industrialist and philanthropist of the British Raj, and a key figure in the history and development of the Tata Group. He was knighted in 1910 for his contributions to industry in British India.

He was the elder son of Jamsetji Tata, the founder of the Tata Group. He played a pioneering role by guiding India to the Olympics even before the establishment of an independent National Olympic Association.

The Great Khali (Dalip Singh Rana) (1972): Dalip Singh Rana (born 27 August 1972), better known by his ring



name The Great Khali, is an Indian-born American former professional wrestler, promoter, and actor. He is best known for his tenure with WWE, where he became the first Indian-born world champion. Standing over 7 feet tall due to acromegaly, Khali gained

attention for his imposing stature and was prominently featured in WWE storylines throughout the mid-2000s to early 2010s.

Rana began his professional wrestling career in 2000, competing in the United States for All Pro Wrestling (APW), followed by appearances in World Championship Wrestling (WCW), New Japan Pro-Wrestling (NJPW), and other international promotions.

He signed with WWE in 2006, where he was involved in high-profile feuds with The Undertaker, John Cena, Batista, and Triple H, and participated in major events such as WrestleMania and SummerSlam. Outside the ring, Khali appeared in films including The Longest Yard (2005) and Get Smart (2008), and finished as runner-up on the reality television show Bigg Boss 4 in 2011.

Death Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

Louis Mountbatten (1979): Admiral of the Fleet Louis Francis Albert Victor Nicholas Mountbatten, 1st Earl Mountbatten of Burma (25 June 1900 – 27 August 1979), commonly known as Lord Mountbatten, was a British statesman, Royal Navy officer and close relative of the British royal family. He was born in the United Kingdom to the prominent Battenberg



family. He was a maternal uncle of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, and a second cousin of King George VI. He joined the Royal Navy during the First World War and was appointed Supreme Allied Commander, South East Asia Command, in the Second World War. He later served as the last Viceroy of India and briefly as the first Governor-General of the Dominion of India.

Hrishikesh Mukherjee (2006): Hrishikesh Mukherjee (30 September 1922 – 27 August 2006) was an Indian film director, editor and writer. He is regarded as one of the greatest filmmakers of Indian cinema. Popularly known as Hrishi-da, he directed 42 films during his career spanning over four decades, and is named the pioneer of the 'middle cinema' of India. Renowned for





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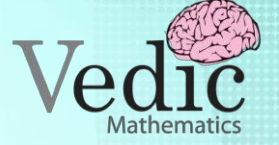
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his social films that reflected the changing middle-class ethos, Mukherjee "carved a middle path between the extravagance of

mainstream cinema and the stark realism of art cinema".

Historical Events in India

Early History and Colonial Period

1604: The **Guru Granth Sahib**, the sacred scripture of Sikhism, was established in the Golden Temple of Amritsar. This event marked a crucial moment in Sikh history, giving the community a centralized and revered holy book.

1781: The **Battle of Pollilur** was fought between the forces of Hyder Ali of Mysore and the British East India Company. The battle was a significant event in the Second Anglo-Mysore War, showcasing Hyder Ali's military tactics.

1870: The **Shramjivi Sangha**, one of India's earliest labor unions, was established in Calcutta (now Kolkata) by Sashipada Banerji. This organization was a key precursor to the organized labor movement in the country.

20th Century

1958: India officially introduced the **metric system** of weights and measures. This change brought the country in line with international standards and streamlined trade and commerce.

1976: Major-General (Kumari) Gertude Ali Ram was appointed as the first woman general in the Indian Army. She was also the first Director of Military Nursing Services at the Army Headquarters, a significant achievement for women in the Indian armed forces.

1979: Louis Mountbatten, the last Viceroy of India and the first Governor-General of independent India, was assassinated in an explosion near Ireland. Although the event did not happen on Indian soil, it was a pivotal moment for a figure who played a crucial role in India's partition and independence.

1990: The Cabinet Committee on political affairs decided to propose a 5 to 10 percent reservation in Central Government jobs for economically weaker sections, a major policy decision impacting social equity in India.

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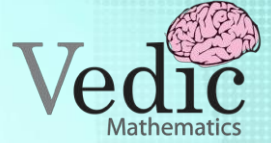
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International Observances

National Just Because Day (United States): A day to do something "just because." This encourages random acts of kindness or doing something spontaneous without a specific reason.

La Tomatina (Spain): While the festival takes place on the last Wednesday of August, it often falls on or around August 27. It's a massive tomato-throwing festival in the town of Buñol.

International Lottery Day: This day is meant to be a reminder of the power of dreams and the excitement of taking a chance.

Birth Anniversaries – International Personalities

Lyndon B. Johnson (1908): The 36th President of the United States was born on this day. He is known for signing the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Man Ray (1890): An influential American visual artist, he was a significant contributor to the Dada and Surrealist movements.

Don Bradman (1908): Widely regarded as the greatest batsman of all time, the Australian cricketer's career batting average of 99.94 is an unmatched record.

Death Anniversaries – International Personalities

Titian (1576): A leading artist of the Italian Renaissance, Titian was known for his mastery of color and his portraits, mythological, and religious paintings.

W. E. B. Du Bois (1963): An influential American sociologist, historian, civil rights activist, and author. He was a co-founder of the NAACP.

International Historical Events

410 CE: Sack of Rome: The Visigoths, led by Alaric I, ended their three-day sack of the city of Rome. This event is often cited as a symbolic end to the Western Roman Empire.

1859: First Commercial Oil Well: Edwin Drake successfully drilled the first commercial oil well in Titusville, Pennsylvania. This discovery kicked off the American oil industry and had a profound global impact.

1928: Kellogg-Briand Pact: Fifteen nations signed this international agreement to outlaw war as a means of national policy. While it ultimately proved ineffective, it was a major post-WWI effort to prevent future conflicts.

1939: First Jet Aircraft Flight: The Heinkel He 178, the world's first turbojet-powered aircraft, made its maiden flight in Germany, marking a new era in aviation.

1962: Mariner 2 Launch: NASA launched the Mariner 2 space probe, which became the first robotic spacecraft to successfully fly by another planet, Venus.

1991: Moldova's Independence: Following the collapse of the Soviet Union, the Republic of Moldova declared its independence.

International Historical Events

1576: Death of Titian: The great Italian Renaissance painter, known for his masterful use of color, passed away.





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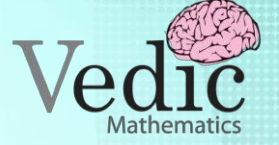
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1776: Battle of Long Island: During the American Revolutionary War, British forces under General William Howe defeated the American Continental Army led by George Washington.

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1883: Eruption of Krakatoa: The volcanic eruption in Indonesia reached its catastrophic climax. The explosion was one of the loudest sounds ever recorded and led to a "volcanic winter" that lowered global temperatures.

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2003: Mars Makes Its Closest Approach to Earth: On this day, Mars made its closest approach to Earth in nearly 60,000 years.

Other Notable Events

1979: Assassination of Louis Mountbatten: The last Viceroy of India and the first Governor-General of independent India, Louis Mountbatten, was assassinated by the Provisional Irish Republican Army (IRA) in Ireland.

1985: Military Coup in Nigeria: A bloodless military coup led by Major General Ibrahim Babangida overthrew the government of General Muhammadu Buhari.

International Sports-related Historical Events

1859: The first commercial oil well was drilled in Titusville, Pennsylvania. While not a direct sports event, this landmark discovery had a massive impact on the development of transportation and industries, which in turn fueled the growth of sports teams and leagues around the world.

1920: The Games of the VII Olympiad opened in Antwerp, Belgium. These games were the first to feature the Olympic flag and the Olympic oath.

1939: The first televised Major League Baseball (MLB) game. This was a landmark moment in sports broadcasting. The game, a doubleheader between the Cincinnati Reds and the Brooklyn Dodgers, marked the beginning of live televised sports as we know it today.

1982: Rickey Henderson breaks the single-season stolen base record. The legendary baseball player stole his 119th base of the season, breaking the previous record held by Lou Brock. Henderson finished the year with 130 stolen bases, a record that still stands.





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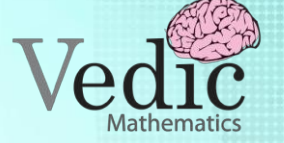
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1995: Tiger Woods wins his third consecutive U.S. Amateur Championship. This victory solidified his status as a golf prodigy and marked a key moment in his transition from a dominant amateur to a professional legend.

2016: Colin Kaepernick's national anthem protest begins. The San Francisco 49ers quarterback sat during the national anthem before a preseason game to protest racial injustice and police brutality. His actions sparked a nationwide conversation about activism in sports and led to a wave of protests across various leagues.

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