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Birth Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

Harivansh Rai Bachchan (1907 – 2003): 27 November 1907 – 18 January 2003 was an Indian poet and writer



of the Naya Kavita literary movement (romantic upsurge) of early 20th century Hindi literature. He was also a poet of the Hindi Kavi Sammelan. Bachchan is best known for his early work Madhusala. He was

the father of Amitabh Bachchan, and grandfather of Shweta Bachchan Nanda and Abhishek Bachchan. His wife Teji Bachchan was a social activist. In 1976, he received the Padma Bhushan for his service to Hindi literature. Bachchan was born in Babupatti, United Provinces of Agra and Oudh in British India on 27 November 1907 into a Hindu Kayastha family. His family name was Srivastava.

Ganesh Vasudev Mavalankar (1888 – 1956): (27 November 1888 – 27 February 1956) popularly known as Dadasaheb, was an



Indian politician and independence activist who served as the President (from 1946 to 1947) of the Central Legislative Assembly, then Speaker of the Constituent Assembly of India, and later the

first Speaker of the Lok Sabha, the lower house of the Parliament of India. His son Purushottam Mavalankar was later elected to the Lok Sabha twice from Gujarat. Mavalankar hailed from a Marathi family, lived and worked in Ahmedabad, former capital of Gujarat. His family originally belonged to Mavalange in Sangameshwar in the Ratnagiri district of the Bombay

Presidency in British India. After his early education in Rajapur and other places in Bombay Presidency, Mavalankar moved to Ahmedabad in 1902 for higher studies.

Suresh Raina (1986): 27 November 1986 is an Indian former international cricketer. He occasionally served



as stand-in captain for the Indian men's national cricket team as well as in IPL for Chennai Super Kings during the absence

of the main captain, MS Dhoni. He played for Uttar Pradesh (UP) in domestic cricket circuit. He is an aggressive left-handed middle-order batsman and occasional off-spin bowler. He is the second-youngest player ever to captain India. He was the captain of Gujarat Lions in the Indian Premier League (IPL), and he also served as vice-captain of the Chennai Super Kings. He is the first Indian batsman to hit a century in all three formats of international cricket. During his time with India, he won the 2011 Cricket World Cup and the 2013 ICC Champions Trophy.

Kashi Prasad Jaiswal (1881 – 1937): (27 November 1881 – 4 August 1937) was an Indian



historian and lawyer. Jayaswal's works Hindu Polity (1918) and History of India, 150 A.D. to 350 A.D. (1933) are classics of ancient Indian historical literature. Among other things, he is credited with showing

that Indian republics, based on principles of representation and collective decision-making, were among the most democratic polities of the ancient world. K. P. Jayaswal was born in Mirzapur, North-Western Provinces (now in Uttar Pradesh), and graduated from Allahabad University. He went on to Jesus College, Oxford University, where he was awarded the Davis Scholarship in Chinese and graduated with a M.A. in Ancient Indian History in 1909.





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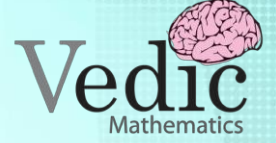
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Death Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

Vishwanath Pratap Singh (V. P. Singh) (1931 – 2008):

(25 June 1931 – 27 November 2008) was an Indian politician who served as the Prime Minister of India from 1989 to 1990 and the Raja Bahadur of Manda. Some Pakistani historians state that Singh's family originated from a village in the Yaqubi area of District Peshawar (present-day Swabi, Pakistan), and that after the Partition of India in 1947 he moved with his mother to live at his uncle's home. He was educated at Allahabad University and Fergusson College in Pune. In 1969, he joined the Indian National Congress party and was elected as a member of the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly. In the Rajiv Gandhi ministry, Singh was given various cabinet posts, including Minister of Finance and Minister of Defence. Singh was also the Leader of the Rajya Sabha from 1984 to 1987.



Laxmibai Kelkar (1905 – 1978): (5 July 1905 – 27 November 1978), born Kamal Datey, affectionately known as 'Mausiji', was

a prominent Indian social reformer and freedom fighter known for her contributions to women's empowerment and the Indian independence movement. Kamal Datey was born on July 5, 1905, in Nagpur. Her father, Bhaskarrao Datey, worked in the Accountant General's office, and her mother, Yashodabai, was a homemaker. Kamal began her education at a missionary school but left after a disagreement with a nun regarding school prayer. She later attended the Hindu Girls School but had to discontinue her studies due to unavoidable



circumstances. In accordance with the customs of her time, Kamal married lawyer Purshottam Rao Kelkar and was renamed Laxmibai Purshottam Kelkar.

Shivmangal Singh 'Suman' (1915 – 2002): (5 August 1915 – 27 November 2002) was an Indian poet and



academician who wrote in Hindi. Shivmangal Singh 'Suman' was born on 5 August 1915 at Jhagarpur, Unnao district in the United Provinces of Agra and Oudh of British India. He belonged to a Pratihara Rajput family. He was a leading Hindi writer and poet. He earned a M.A. and Ph.D. in Hindi from Benaras Hindu University. The university also honoured him with a D.Litt. in 1950. Suman worked as the Vice Chancellor of Vikram University (Ujjain) during 1968-78; the Vice-President of Uttar Pradesh Hindi Sansthan, Lucknow; Press & Cultural Attache, Indian Embassy, Kathmandu (Nepal) during 1956-61; and the President, Association of Indian Universities (New Delhi) during 1977-78.

Historical event for India

Early History

- **1001 AD: Battle of Peshawar (Approximate Date)** On or around this day, the Hindu Shahi ruler **Raja Jayapala** was defeated by the invading forces of **Mahmud of Ghazni** in a major battle near Peshawar. This defeat was a significant setback for the Hindu Shahi kingdom and opened the door for subsequent invasions into the Indian subcontinent.

Arts and Culture

1795: First Bengali Drama Staged The first public performance of a Bengali drama took place in Calcutta (now Kolkata) on Ezra Street. The play, titled *Chiro* (often cited as an early translation or adaptation) Page | 2





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marked a foundational moment for modern Bengali theatre.

1949: Subhadra Kumari Chauhan Statue Unveiled A life-size statue of the famous Hindi poetess and freedom fighter, Subhadra Kumari Chauhan, was unveiled in the municipal courtyard of Jabalpur. The statue was paid for by public donations, and the ceremony was performed by her childhood friend and fellow poet, Mahadevi Verma.

Science and Space

2019: Cartosat-3 Launch The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully launched the Cartosat-3 satellite, a highly advanced earth observation satellite, from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. Cartosat-3 is designed to provide high-resolution imagery for urban planning, coastal land use, and defence.

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International Observances

Lancashire Day (UK) - Celebrated in the historic county of Lancashire, England, to mark the day in 1295 when Lancashire first sent representatives to Parliament.

National Day of Mourning (United States) - Observed by some Native American people and their supporters in Plymouth, Massachusetts, as a day of remembrance and protest on the same day as the Thanksgiving holiday (which often falls on November 27th).

Birth Anniversaries – International Personalities

Jimi Hendrix, 1942: American musician, singer, and songwriter.

Bruce Lee, 1940: Chinese-American actor, martial artist, and philosopher.

Bill Nye 1955: (The Science Guy), American science educator, comedian, writer, and engineer.

Harivansh Rai Bachchan, 1907: Indian poet of the Nayi Kavita literary movement and father of actor Amitabh Bachchan.

Anders Celsius, 1701: Swedish astronomer, physicist, and mathematician, famous for the Celsius temperature scale.

Ganesh Vasudev Mavalankar, 1888: Indian independence activist and the first Speaker of the Lok Sabha (the lower house of the Indian Parliament).

Death Anniversaries – International Personalities





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2008: V. P. Singh, Indian politician who served as the 7th Prime Minister of India.

1978: Harvey Milk, American politician and first openly gay elected official in California (assassinated on this day).

2014: P. D. James, acclaimed British crime novelist.

1975: Ross McWhirter, co-founder of the Guinness Book of Records (assassinated on this day).

1953: Eugene O'Neill, American playwright and Nobel laureate.

International Historical Events

Landmark Foundations

1895: Nobel Prizes Established: Alfred Nobel, the Swedish chemist and inventor of dynamite, signed his last will and testament in Paris, dedicating the bulk of his estate to the establishment of the Nobel Prizes. These prizes were created to honor individuals who confer the greatest benefit on humankind in the fields of Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Literature, and Peace.

1095: The First Crusade Called: At the Council of Clermont in France, Pope Urban II gave a powerful speech urging Christians to launch a holy war—the First Crusade—to reclaim the city of Jerusalem and the Holy Land from Muslim control. This event marked a major turning point in the history of the Middle East and Europe.

World War Era Events

1943: The Tehran Conference Begins

The first World War II meeting of the "Big Three" Allied leaders—U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, and Soviet Premier Joseph Stalin—began in Tehran, Iran. They discussed the final strategy for the war, including the opening of

a second front against Nazi Germany (Operation Overlord/D-Day).

1942: French Fleet Scuttled at Toulon: During World War II, the French navy, under orders from the Vichy French government's Admiralty, scuttled its ships and submarines in the port of Toulon. This dramatic act was done to prevent the Germans, who were occupying Vichy France, from seizing the fleet for their own use.

Notable Tragedies & Independence

1989: Avianca Flight 203 Explosion: Avianca Flight 203, a Boeing 727, exploded in mid-air over Colombia, killing all 107 people on board and three people on the ground. The bombing was later attributed to the Medellín Cartel, led by drug lord Pablo Escobar, who was attempting to assassinate a presidential candidate who had missed the flight.

1960: Mauritania Gains Independence: The Islamic Republic of Mauritania formally declared its independence from French rule, becoming a sovereign nation.

1807: Portuguese Royal Family Flees to Brazil: Fearing Napoleon's invading French forces, the Portuguese Royal Family and the royal court fled Lisbon for Brazil, transforming Rio de Janeiro into the temporary capital of the Portuguese Empire.

Science and Politics

2005: First Partial Face Transplant: In a medical breakthrough, the world's first successful partial face transplant was completed in Amiens, France, on Isabelle Dinoire, whose face had been mauled by a dog.

1999: Helen Clark Becomes New Zealand PM: Following a successful election, Helen Clark became the first elected female Prime Minister of New Zealand.

1971: First Man-Made Object Reaches Mars: The Soviet space program's Mars 2 lander (part of the Mars 2 orbiter mission) released its descent module. Although the module malfunctioned and crashed, it





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became the first human-made object to impact the surface of Mars.

Sports-related Historical Events Internationally

1968: Penny Ann Early breaks a major barrier

Penny Ann Early became the first woman to play in a major professional men's basketball league. She appeared for the Kentucky Colonels in an American Basketball Association (ABA) game against the Los Angeles Stars. This was largely a publicity stunt organized by the team's owner, but it was a groundbreaking symbolic moment for women in professional sports.

Baseball Honors (USA)

November is a common time for Major League Baseball (MLB) awards:

1941: Joe DiMaggio was named the American League Most Valuable Player (MVP) for his remarkable season which included his legendary 56-game hitting streak, edging out Ted Williams.

1953: Al Rosen (Indians) and Roy Campanella (Dodgers) were named the American and National League MVPs, respectively. Rosen was a unanimous choice, a rare feat.

Tragedy in Boxing (1982)

1982: The tragic death of Kim Duk-koo

South Korean boxer Kim Duk-koo died on this day following injuries he sustained four days earlier during a world lightweight title fight against Ray Mancini in Las Vegas. The tragedy led to significant reforms in the sport, including the reduction of championship bouts from 15 rounds to 12.

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