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Important Days

World Tourism Day : Celebrated annually to raise awareness about the importance of tourism, its social, cultural, political, and economic value, and the contribution it makes towards achieving global sustainable development goals. India's Ministry of Tourism and state tourism departments actively celebrate this day.



Birth Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

Bhagat Singh (1907-1931): Bhagat Singh (27 September 1907 – 23 March 1931) was an Indian anti-colonial revolutionary who participated in the mistaken murder of a junior British police officer in December 1928 in what was intended to be retaliation for the death of an Indian nationalist. He later took part in a largely symbolic bombing of



the Central Legislative Assembly in Delhi and a hunger strike in jail, which—on the back of sympathetic coverage in Indian-owned newspapers—turned him into a household name in the Punjab region, and, after his execution at age 23, a martyr and folk hero in Northern India. Borrowing ideas from Bolshevism and anarchism, the charismatic Bhagat Singh electrified a growing militancy in India in the 1930s and prompted urgent introspection within the Indian National Congress's nonviolent, campaign for India's independence. In December 1928, Bhagat Singh and an associate, Shivaram Rajguru, both members of a small revolutionary group, the Hindustan Socialist

Republican Association (also Army, or HSRA), shot dead a 21-year-old British police officer, John Saunders, in Lahore, Punjab, in what is today Pakistan, mistaking Saunders, who was still on probation, for the British senior police superintendent, James Scott, whom they had intended to assassinate. They held Scott responsible for the death of a popular Indian nationalist leader Lala Lajpat Rai for having ordered a lathi (baton) charge in which Rai was injured and two weeks thereafter died of a heart attack. As Saunders exited a police station on a motorcycle, he was felled by a single bullet fired from across the street by Rajguru, a marksman. As he lay injured, he was shot at close range several times by Singh, the postmortem report showing eight bullet wounds. Another associate of Singh, Chandra Shekhar Azad, shot dead an Indian police head constable, Channan Singh, who attempted to give chase as Singh and Rajguru fled.

Vithalbhai Patel (1873) : Vithalbhai Patel (27 September 1873 – 22 October 1933) was an Indian legislator and political leader, co-founder of the Swaraj Party and elder brother of Sardar Patel. Born in Nadiad, in the Indian state of Gujarat, Vithalbhai Jhaverbhai Patel was the third of five Patel brothers, two years elder to Vallabhbhai Patel, raised in the village of Karamsad.



According to Gordhanbhai Patel, a mistake on Vitalbhai's birthdate has crept into many modern accounts. His birthdate is clearly stated as 27 September 1873 on his last passport but the confusion arose from obituary notices after his death listing it incorrectly as 18 February 1871. Based on that, he is only two years elder to his younger brother Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. He was son of Jhaverbhai and Ladbhai





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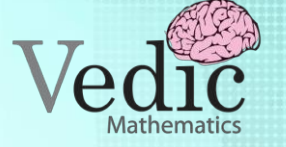
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Patel, who were both devout followers of the Swaminarayan sect of Vaisnava Hinduism, a sect which emphasizes the purity of personal life as essential to the life of devotion. The rare idealism the religion impressed on his parents likely had a significant impact on the minds of Vithalbhai and his renowned brother Vallabhai Patel. Vithalbhai educated himself in Nadiad and in Bombay, and worked as a pleader (a junior lawyer) in the courts of Godhra and Borsad. At the age of 9, he was married to a girl from another village, Diwaliba.

Death Anniversaries – Indian Personalities

Raja Ram Mohan Roy (1772-1833): Raja Ram Mohan Roy (22 May 1772 – 27 September 1833) was an Indian

reformer and writer who was one of the founders of the Brahmo Sabha in 1828, the precursor of the Brahmo Samaj, a socio-religious reform movement in the Indian subcontinent. He has been dubbed



the "Father of Indian Renaissance." He was given the title of Raja by Mughal emperor Akbar II (r. 1806–1837). His influence was apparent in the fields of politics, public administration, education and religion. He was known for his efforts to abolish the practices of sati and child marriage. Roy wrote Gaudiya Vyakaran which was the first complete Bangla grammar written book. Ram Mohan Roy was born in Radhanagar, Hooghly District, Bengal Presidency. His great-grandfather Krishnakanta Bandyopadhyay was a Rarhi

Kulin (noble) Brahmin. Among Kulin Brahmins – descendants of the five families of Brahmins, migrated from Kannauj by Ballal Sen in the 12th century as per popular myth – those from the Rarhi district of West Bengal were notorious in the 19th century for living off dowries by marrying several women. Kulinism was a synonym for polygamy and the dowry system, both of which Ram Mohan campaigned against. His father, Ramkanta, was a Vaishnavite, while his mother, Tarini Devi, was from a Shaivite family. He was a great scholar of Sanskrit, Persian and English languages and also knew Arabic, Latin and Greek. One parent prepared him for the occupation of a scholar, the Shastri, while the other secured for him all the worldly advantages needed to launch a career in the laukik or worldly sphere of public administration. Torn between these two parental ideals from early childhood, Ram Mohan vacillated between the two for the rest of his life.

Historical event for India

1958: Mihir Sen Swims the English Channel (England to France) – Mihir Sen became the first Indian to swim the English Channel, completing the challenging feat in 14 hours and 45 minutes. This was a significant achievement that was celebrated as a moment of national pride for a newly independent India.

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Birth Anniversaries – International Personalities

Samuel Adams (1722): An American statesman, political philosopher, and one of the Founding Fathers of the United States.

Death Anniversaries – International Personalities

Edgar Degas (1917): A French Impressionist artist famous for his paintings, sculptures, prints, and drawings.

Sylvia Pankhurst (1960): A prominent English suffragette and activist.

International Historical Events

1066: The Norman Conquest of England began. William, Duke of Normandy, and his army set sail for

England, starting the invasion that would change the course of English history.

1540: The Society of Jesus (Jesuits) received its charter from Pope Paul III. This Catholic religious order would go on to play a major role in the Counter-Reformation and missionary work globally.

1822: The Rosetta Stone was deciphered. French scholar Jean-François Champollion officially announced that he had cracked the code of the Egyptian hieroglyphs using the Rosetta Stone.

1940: The Tripartite Pact was signed in Berlin by representatives from Germany, Italy, and Japan. This formally established the **Axis Powers** during World War II.

1962: The Yemen Arab Republic was established after a coup deposed King Muhammad al-Badr, marking the start of a civil war.

1996: The Taliban took control of Kabul, Afghanistan, establishing the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan.

2008: Chinese astronaut Zhai Zhigang became the first Chinese person to perform a spacewalk during the Shenzhou 7 mission.

Sports-related Historical Events In India

IN India: 2025 World Para Athletics Championships Begins

The most significant event for India on September 27th is the start of the 2025 World Para Athletics Championships in New Delhi, running from September 27 to October 5, 2025.

Significance: This marks the first time India is hosting the prestigious World Para Athletics Championships and is the largest Para-sport gathering the nation has ever held.

Context: Over 2,200 para-athletes from more than 100 nations are set to compete at the Jawaharlal Nehru





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Stadium. This event highlights India's growing commitment to para-sports and inclusivity.

Sports-related Historical Events Internationally

Key historical events on this date, particularly in the United States, often involve the conclusion of the Major League Baseball (MLB) regular season.

Baseball Milestones

1927: Baseball great **Lou Gehrig** of the New York Yankees hit the first of his 493 career home runs. It came off Bill Piercy of the Boston Red Sox.

1930: **Hack Wilson** of the Chicago Cubs hit his 56th home run of the season, setting a National League (NL) record that stood for 68 years. His 191 runs batted in (RBIs) that season still stand as the all-time MLB record.

1931: **Chick Hafey** of the St. Louis Cardinals secured the National League batting title with an average of .3488, winning a tightly contested race by just two ten-thousandths of a point over Bill Terry of the New York Giants (.3486).

1917: A benefit baseball game was played by the Red Sox against an American League All-Star team to raise money for the family of deceased sportswriter Tim Murnane. Babe Ruth and Rube Foster combined for a shutout, and Ruth won the fungo hitting contest with a 402-foot drive.

Other Sports

1965: Birthday of Steve Kerr, American basketball player and coach, who won multiple NBA championships as a player with the Chicago Bulls and San Antonio Spurs, and as a head coach with the Golden State Warriors.

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