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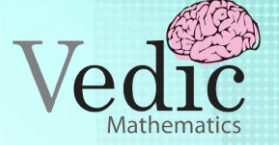
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Significant points in India

Centenary Celebrations of Acharya Vidyanand Ji Maharaj:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to inaugurate the Centenary Celebrations of Acharya Vidyanand Ji Maharaj in New Delhi on June 28, 2025. This marks the formal commencement of a year-long national tribute to the revered Jain spiritual leader and social reformer, celebrating his 100th birth anniversary.

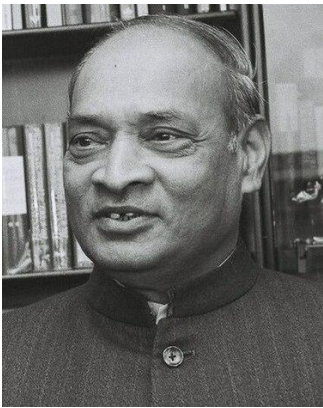
Acharya Vidyanand Ji Maharaj authored more than 50 works on Jain philosophy and ethics. He played an instrumental role in the restoration and revival of ancient Jain temples across India and worked for education, especially in Prakrit, Jain philosophy, and classical languages.

Prior to his premiership, he served as the chief minister of Andhra Pradesh, and later also held high-order portfolios of the union government, such as Defence, Home Affairs and External Affairs. In 1991 Indian general election, the Indian National Congress led by him, won 244 seats, and thereafter, he, along with external support from other parties, formed a minority government with him being the prime minister. As prime minister, Rao adopted to avert the impending 1991 economic crisis, the reforms progressed furthest in the areas of opening up to foreign investment, reforming capital markets, deregulating domestic business, and reforming the trade regime. Trade reforms and changes in the regulation of foreign direct investment were introduced to open India to foreign trade while stabilising external loans.

Birth Anniversaries

P.V. Narasimha Rao:

Pamulaparthi Venkata Narasimha Rao (28 June 1921 – 23 December 2004) was an Indian independence activist, lawyer, and statesman from the Indian



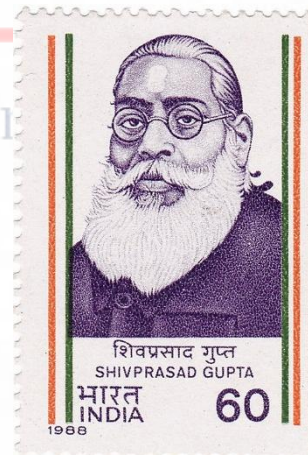
National Congress who served as the prime minister of India from 1991 to 1996. He was the first person from South India and the second person from a non-Hindi speaking background to be prime minister. He is known for his role in initiating

India's economic liberalisation following an economic crisis in 1991, a process that has been sustained and expanded by every successive prime minister of the country.

Shivprasad Gupta (founder of 'Dainik Aaj' newspaper)

Shiv Prasad Gupta (28 June 1883 – 24 April 1944) was a visionary, philanthropist, a leader of the Indian Freedom Movement and the founder of the Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth. Though belonging to a very wealthy industrialist and "Jamindar" family, he devoted his entire life to actively participate, assist and give financial aid to the various movements of the freedom struggle. He was a close associate and

friend of Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Bal Gangadhar Tilak, Mahamana Madan Mohan Malviya and all the other nationalist leaders, who often stayed with him on their visit to Varanasi and relied upon his advice and support.



In Varanasi he established the Kashi Vidyapeeth – a state university; the "Bharat Mata Mandir" – a National





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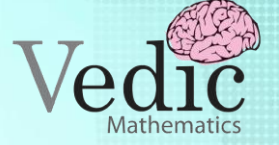
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Heritage monument; "Shiv Prasad Gupta Hospital" – the civil Hospital of Varanasi; the daily Hindi newspaper Aaj – the oldest existing Hindi newspaper, and numerous other projects and activities. At Akbarpur, he gave 150 acres (0.61 km²) of land for setting up the first Gandhi Ashram in India to promote the production and sale of indigenously manufactured Khadi clothes.

Jaspal Rana (Indian shooter) : Jaspal Rana (born 28 June 1976) is an Indian sport shooter and coach. Rana has won numerous medals at international competitions, including the Asian Games and Commonwealth Games, and has been instrumental in shaping India's presence in shooting sports. He is India's most successful athlete in Commonwealth Games history, with a



remarkable tally of 15 medals—9 gold, 4 silver, and 2 bronze—won across four editions of the Games: 1994, 1998, 2002 and 2006. He was awarded the Arjuna Award in 1994 and the Padma Shri in 1997 for his contributions to Indian shooting. Beyond his competitive career, he is also known for mentoring young shooters and contributing to the growth of shooting in India, for which he was awarded the Dronacharya Award in 2020. Rana has been credited for helping Manu Bhaker win double bronze medals at the 2024 Paris Olympics.

Mariyappan Thangavelu (Paralympic high jumper) :

Mariyappan Thangavelu (born 28 June 1995) is an Indian Paralympic high jumper. He is a triple Paralympics medalist having won the gold medal at 2016 Rio, the silver medal at 2020 Tokyo and the bronze medal at 2024 Paris. He has also been a double medalist at the World Championships with one gold

and one bronze. Additionally, he is an Asian Para Games silver medallist.

Mariyappan was born in Periavadagampatti village, Salem district, Tamil Nadu, one of six children (four brothers and a sister). His father reportedly abandoned the family early on and his mother, Saroja, raised her



children as a single mother, carrying bricks as a labourer until becoming a vegetable seller, earning ₹100 (US\$1.20) a day. At the age of five, Mariyappan suffered permanent disability in his right leg when he was run over by a

drunk bus driver while walking to school. The bus crushed his leg below the knee, causing it to become stunted. Despite this setback, he completed secondary schooling. He says that he didn't see himself as different from able-bodied kids.

On 25 January 2017, the Government of India conferred him with the Padma Shri award for his contribution towards sports and in the same year, he was also awarded the Arjuna Award. He was awarded with the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna in 2020.

Death anniversaries

Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis : (Indian scientist and statistician, considered the father of modern statistics in India) Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis OBE, FNA, FASc, FRS (29 June 1893 – 28 June 1972) was an Indian scientist and statistician. He is best remembered for the Mahalanobis distance, a statistical measure, and for being one of the members of the first Planning





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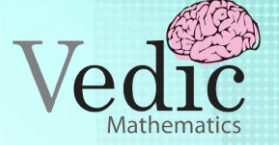
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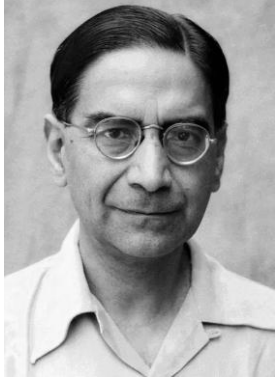
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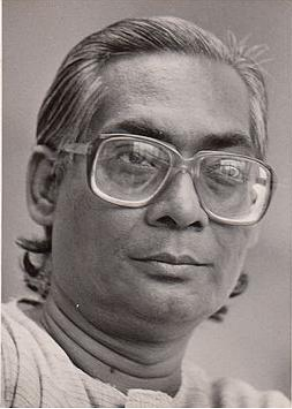
Commission of free India. He made pioneering studies in anthropometry in India. He founded the Indian



Statistical Institute, and contributed to the design of large-scale sample surveys. For his contributions, Mahalanobis has been considered the Father of statistics in India. Since 2007, every year June 29 is celebrated as National Statistics Day in India to

commemorate the birth anniversary of P.C. Mahalanobis and his contributions to statistical science and planning.

Amar Goswami (writer) : Amar Goswami (28 November 1945 – 26 June 2012) was a senior journalist



and one of the prominent fiction writers of Hindi literature. His work includes satires, short stories, poems, novels, novelettes and translations from Bengali to Hindi. He was associated with Kathantar, Vikalp, Aagamikal, Sampa, Manorama, Ganga, Sunday

Observer (Hindi), Bharti Features, Uxhur Bharat, Bharatiya Jnanpith, Remadhav Publications. His stories have been aired on All India Radio and short films have been made on his stories.

National Insurance Awareness Day: National Insurance Awareness Day is observed annually on June 28th to highlight the importance of insurance for financial security and to encourage individuals to review their existing policies. It serves as a reminder to understand the different types of insurance available

and how they can protect against unforeseen events like accidents, illness, or loss.

Key aspects of National Insurance Awareness Day

Focus on awareness :

The day aims to educate the public about the various insurance options, including health, life, home, and car insurance.

Importance of regular reviews:

It emphasizes the need to regularly review existing insurance policies to ensure they are up-to-date and adequately cover current needs and circumstances.

Financial security:

Insurance provides a safety net, protecting individuals and families from the financial burdens associated with unexpected events.

Bridging the gap:

The day also aims to address the gap in insurance coverage among the population, encouraging more people to consider and adopt insurance as a crucial part of their financial planning.

Historically, June 28, 1975, is remembered for the implementation of one of the **toughest press censorship**s in India during the Emergency, which was protested by various media outlets.

International observances

Major Historical Events

1914: Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand - This is arguably the most famous and impactful event of June 28th. Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and his wife Sophie were assassinated in Sarajevo by Gavrilo





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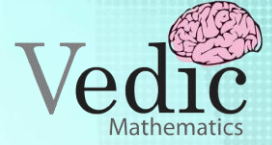
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Princip, a Bosnian Serb nationalist. This act is widely considered the casus belli (trigger) of World War I, which reshaped the 20th century.

1919: Signing of the Treaty of Versailles - Five years to the day after the Archduke's assassination, the Treaty of Versailles was signed, officially ending World War I. This treaty imposed harsh reparations and territorial losses on Germany, a factor often cited as contributing to the rise of Adolf Hitler and the outbreak of World War II.

1969: Stonewall Riots Begin - In New York City, a series of spontaneous and violent demonstrations by members of the LGBTQ+ community against a police raid at the Stonewall Inn began. The Stonewall Riots are considered a watershed moment and the catalyst for the modern LGBTQ+ rights movement worldwide.

Other Notable Historical Events

1838: Coronation of Queen Victoria - Queen Victoria of the United Kingdom was crowned at Westminster Abbey in London. Her long reign had a profound impact on the British Empire.

1841: Premiere of Giselle - The Paris Opera Ballet premiered Giselle, one of the most celebrated and enduring classical ballets.

1861: Paul Broca's Discovery - French physician Paul Broca identified the area of the brain responsible for speech production (now known as Broca's area), a pivotal discovery in neurology.

1940: Hitler's Tour of Paris - Adolf Hitler surveyed notable sites in the French capital, which was then German-occupied territory, during his first and only visit to Paris.

1948: Tito-Stalin Split - The League of Communists of Yugoslavia was expelled from the Cominform, marking a significant break between Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union during the Cold War.

1976: First Women Enter U.S. Air Force Academy - A significant step forward for women in the military.

International Observances and Anniversaries

International LGBT Pride Day / Stonewall Riots Anniversary: International LGBT Pride Day, also known as Stonewall Riots Anniversary, is celebrated on June 28th each year to commemorate the Stonewall riots, a



series of spontaneous demonstrations by members of the LGBTQ+ community against a police raid that took place in New York City on June

28, 1969. These riots are widely considered a turning point in the fight for LGBTQ+ rights and are the reason why June is recognized as LGBTQ+ Pride Month.

Tau Day: Tau Day is an unofficial mathematical holiday celebrated on June 28th (6/28) each year, in recognition of the mathematical constant tau (τ), which

τ

is equal to 2π (approximately 6.28). It's essentially a celebration of tau as an alternative to pi (π) for circle calculations, with proponents arguing that tau, representing the ratio of a circle's

circumference to its radius, is more natural and simplifies many mathematical formulas.

