

7.1.18 Celebration of National Festivals and Birth/Death Anniversaries of Great Indian personalities

Munshi Premchand Jayanti (31st July)



Munshi Premchand, whose original name was *Dhanpat Rai*, was born on 31 July 1880, in village *Lamahi* near Varanasi, here his father was a clerk in the post office. Premchand's parents died young - his mother when he was seven and his father while he was fourteen and still a student. Premchand was left responsible for his stepmother and step-siblings.

His contributions to Hindi Literature are remarkable & deserve respectful tributes and SSMV shows gratitude to this eminent personality every year.

Ranganathan Jayanti (09th August)



Shiyali Ramamrita Ranganathan (S.R.R.) was a mathematician and librarian from India. His most notable contributions to the field were his five laws of library science and the development of the first major faceted classification system, the colon classification. He is considered to be the father of library science, documentation, and information science in India and is widely known throughout the rest of the world for his fundamental thinking in the field.

His birthday is observed every year as the National Librarian's Day in India. SSMV celebrates his birth anniversary every year in its institutional library.



Independence Day (15th August)



This great day in Indian Chronology counts a lot in the heart of every Indian. Every year SSMV celebrates this day with enthusiasm and patriotism at its best. NCC cadets pass march on this day, students and faculties are felicitated by founder milestone of the college, Shri I P Mishra.

Harishankar Parsai Jayanti (22nd August)



Harishankar Parsai (22 August 1924 – 10 August 1995) was a Hindi writer. He was a noted satirist and humorist of modern Hindi literature and is known for his simple and direct style. He wrote *Vyangya* (satire).

He was born in Jamani village near Itarsi in Hoshangabad district, Madhya Pradesh. Parsai died on 15 August 1995 in Jabalpur.

According to *The Hindu*, by the time of his death, Parsai had revolutionized the art of satire writing in Hindi. SSMV celebrates birth anniversary of this eminent personality every year.



Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan Jayanti (Teacher Day: 05th September)



Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan (5 September 1888 – 17 April 1975) was an Indian philosopher, academic, and statesman who served as the first Vice President of India (1952–1962) and the second President of India (1962–1967). Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan was born in a Telugu-speaking Niyogi Brahmin family, in Tiruttani in the erstwhile Madras Presidency. His father's name was Sarvepalli Veeraswami and his mother's name was Sarvepalli Sita (Sitamma).

When he became the President of India, some of his students and friends requested him to allow them to celebrate his birthday, on 5 September. He replied, “Instead of celebrating my birthday, it would be my proud privilege if September 5th is observed as Teachers' Day”. His birthday has since been celebrated as Teacher's Day in India.

Dr. Baldev Prasad Mishra Jayanti (12th September)



Shri Baldev Prasad Mishra was born on 12 September 1898 in Rajnandgaon. He was a genius since childhood. He was interested in literature from the beginning. B. A. L. B and M.A. after passing the Philosophy examination from Maris College Nagpur, he started practicing but he was not successful in it and in 1923 came to Raigarh at the invitation of King Chakradhar Singh. Here he was a Judge, Naib Diwan and Diwan for 17 years and did many important work for which he will always be remembered.

SSMV celebrates his birth anniversary as well.



Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti (02nd October)



Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi (2 October 1869 – 30 January 1948) was an Indian lawyer, anti-colonial nationalist, and political ethicist, who employed nonviolent resistance to lead the successful campaign for India's independence from British Rule, and in turn inspire movements for civil rights and freedom across the world. The honorific Mahatma (Sanskrit: "great-souled", "venerable"), first applied to him in 1914 in South Africa, is now used throughout the world.

SSMV celebrates his birth anniversary every year, and on that day different competitions like poster competition etc are conducted.

National Unity Day (31st October)



Vallabhbhai Jhaverbhai Patel (31 October 1875 – 15 December 1950), popularly known as **Sardar Patel**, was an Indian politician. He served as the first Deputy Prime Minister of India. He was an Indian barrister, a senior leader of the Indian National Congress and a founding father of the Republic of India who played a leading role in the country's struggle for independence and guided its integration into a united, independent nation.

His birthday is celebrated as “**National Unity Day**” every year, & SSMV participates with zeal into this.



Children's Day (Jawahar Lal Nehru Jayanti : 14th November)



Jawaharlal Nehru (14 November 1889 – 27 May 1964) was an Indian independence activist, and subsequently, the first Prime Minister of India and a central figure in Indian politics before and after independence. He emerged as an eminent leader of the Indian independence movement and served India as Prime Minister from its establishment as an independent nation in 1947 until his death in 1964. He has been described by the Amar Chitra Katha as the architect of India. He was also known as **Pandit Nehru** due to his roots with the Kashmiri Pandit community while Indian children knew him as *Chacha Nehru*.

His birth anniversary is celebrated as Children's Day.

Srinivas Ramanujan Jayanti (National Mathematics Day: 22nd December)



Srinivasa Ramanujan (22 December 1887 – 26 April 1920) was an Indian mathematician who lived during the British Rule in India. Though he had almost no formal training in pure mathematics, he made substantial contributions to mathematical analysis, number theory, infinite series, and continued fractions, including solutions to mathematical problems then considered unsolvable.

His remarkable contributions in the field of Mathematics is been given tribute by celebrating National Mathematics Day across the entire nation.



Vivekanand Jayanti (International Youth Day : 12th January)



Swami Vivekananda (12 January 1863 – 4 July 1902), born **Narendranath Datta**, was an Indian Hindu monk, a chief disciple of the 19th-century Indian mystic Ramakrishna. He was a key figure in the introduction of the Indian philosophies of Vedanta and Yoga to the Western world and is credited with raising interfaith awareness, bringing Hinduism to the status of a major world religion during the late 19th century.

Republic Day (26th January)



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