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# Jawaharlal Nehru: ARCHITECT OF INDIA'S INDEPENDENCE

Jawaharlal Nehru, born on November 14, 1889, emerged as a prominent leader in India's quest for independence. His journey, marked by dedication to democratic ideals, left an enduring impact on the nation.

## Early Activism and Gandhian Influence

Nehru's foray into politics began in the early 20th century, under the influence of Mahatma Gandhi. Engaging in movements like the Non-Cooperation and Civil Disobedience, he showcased eloquence and connected with the masses, earning the title "Pandit."

## Champion of Communal Harmony and Secularism

Nehru's commitment to communal harmony defined his leadership. He worked tirelessly to bridge religious and cultural divides, a vision enshrined in the Indian Constitution that he played a key role in drafting.

## Inaugural Years as Prime Minister

Assuming office as India's first Prime Minister in 1947, Nehru steered the nation through its formative years. His focus on economic development, industrialization, and social welfare initiatives shaped the trajectory of post-independence India.

## Economic Vision: The Five-Year Plans

Nehru's commitment to economic self-sufficiency was evident in the initiation of the Five-Year Plans. These plans aimed at industrial growth and uplifting the masses, laying the foundation for India's economic progress.

## Education for Nation-building

Passionate about education, Nehru played a pivotal role in establishing premier institutions like the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs). These institutions became key contributors to India's intellectual prowess.

## Global Diplomacy: Non-Alignment and Peace Advocacy

On the international stage, Nehru's commitment to non-alignment during the Cold War era defined India's neutral stance. His advocacy for peace and disarmament earned international acclaim, positioning him as a leading voice in the Non-Aligned Movement.

## Challenges and Criticisms

Despite his achievements, Nehru faced challenges, notably in the handling of the Sino-Indian War of 1962. Criticisms arose concerning the border dispute with China and the aftermath of partition, revealing the complexities of managing a diverse nation.



## Cultural Renaissance: Arts and Literature

Beyond politics, Nehru was an advocate for art and culture. His love for literature and the arts was reflected in his writings, including the seminal work "Discovery of India," emphasizing the importance of cultural exchange.

## Legacy and Conclusion

Jawaharlal Nehru's death in 1964 marked the end of an era, but his legacy endures. His contributions to India's freedom struggle, nation-building, and global diplomacy remain pivotal. Nehru's ideals and vision continue to shape India's identity as a vibrant, democratic, and pluralistic nation.



# READING PLEDGE

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**“Our children are our greatest treasure. They are our future. Those who abuse them tear at the fabric of our society and weaken our nation.”** - Nelson Mandela

With this wonderful quote on this very special day, let us all celebrate the purity of our children as a parent and the spirit of upcoming responsible citizens as a teacher. Let them feel very precious in all the ways that we treat them because they are our future and grow up to be better human beings than us.

14th November and this day is commemorated in fond memories of India’s first Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru as it is his birth anniversary. Jawaharlal Nehru worked very hard to transform the condition of underprivileged children, meanwhile to improve education for all.

Keeping this in mind as a language teacher, I have experimented with the reading skills among the students of Engineering and Technology in the classroom as a warm-up activity because the basics of communication skills are Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing in short it is called LSRW Skills. Listening and Reading stand as Receptive Skills whereas Speaking and Writing stand for Productive Skills. In order to enrich their productive skills and simultaneously encourage their good reading habits, the reading pledge from myGOV APP has been taken as an example.

## READING PLEDGE:

**Today, I pledge to read more mindfully and take the necessary steps to incorporate reading into my daily life**

**Starting this year, I will dedicate time each day to reading books, articles, or any form of literature that enriches my knowledge and broadens my perspective**

**By choosing to read more, I will switch off unnecessary distractions and immerse myself in the world of words, ideas, and imagination**

**The efficient utilization of my reading time will not only expand my horizons but also foster mental growth and cognitive development**

**Hence, I pledge to take responsible actions in committing to read more, not only for personal growth but also for the betterment of society and the world we live in**

**The above pledge is highly recommendable for inculcating the students’ reading habits regularly. Every child is unique so let’ s make them lead a better and the valuable life.**



## Warm-up:

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With love and care

## HAPPY CHILDREN’S DAY!

# "A Day to Cherish: Children's Day Celebrations Bring Joy to Young Hearts"

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In the tapestry of our lives, children are the brightest threads, weaving joy, innocence, and hope into the fabric of our communities. Today, as we celebrate Children's Day, the air is infused with laughter and the promise of tomorrow. This special day is not merely a festivity but a poignant reminder of the responsibilities we bear in shaping the future.

Children's Day is a global observance dedicated to honoring the rights, well-being, and potential of every child. It transcends the ordinary, delving into the realms of education, values, diversity, and inclusivity, creating a space where the young minds of our society can flourish.

At the heart of the celebrations are schools, the crucibles of knowledge and growth. These institutions have taken a proactive approach, organizing a myriad of events and activities that go beyond the conventional boundaries of education. Creative arts and crafts workshops are unfolding, providing a canvas for self-expression and imagination. Educational games, both entertaining and enlightening, are captivating young minds and nurturing a love for learning.

The emphasis on education during Children's Day extends beyond textbooks and classrooms. It is a collective call to ensure quality education is a right, not a privilege, for every child. Communities are mobilizing to bridge gaps in accessibility and inclusivity, working towards a future where no child is left behind. The hope is to create an educational landscape that not only imparts knowledge but also instills critical thinking, curiosity, and a passion for lifelong learning.

Values and ethics take center stage on Children's Day. It is a day to underline the importance of kindness, empathy, respect, and cooperation. As families and communities engage in discussions and activities, the goal is to plant the seeds of responsibility and social awareness in the minds of our youth. By nurturing these values, we contribute to molding not just academically proficient individuals but compassionate and socially responsible citizens.

Diversity is a key theme during these celebrations, highlighting the rich tapestry of cultures, traditions, and perspectives that define our society. Schools are organizing activities that celebrate this diversity, fostering an environment where differences are not just accepted but celebrated. It is a crucial lesson for the younger generation – that understanding and appreciating diversity is essential for building a harmonious and interconnected world.

Children's Day is more than just a day of revelry; it is a call to action for parents, educators, and society at large. It is a call to invest in the well-being, education, and values of our youth, recognizing that they are not just beneficiaries of our efforts but active participants in shaping the world they will inherit.

As we celebrate the laughter echoing in playgrounds, the smiles that light up young faces, and the dreams that sparkle in their eyes, let us remember that Children's Day is a celebration of potential. It is a reminder that within the hearts and minds of our children lies the blueprint for a brighter, more compassionate future. So, here's to the young minds, the dreamers, and the future leaders – **Happy Children's Day!**

## Discovering the Invincible Summer Within

"In the depth of winter, I finally learned that within me there lay an invincible summer." Albert Camus' timeless insight resonates as more than a poetic expression; it reflects a truth many have experienced in their own unique journeys through life's challenges.

Consider the tale of resilience in the face of professional setbacks. A skilled professional, faced with unexpected career turbulence, discovered an invincible summer within. This individual took the opportunity to reassess personal skills, explore new passions, and eventually found a fulfilling path forward, turning a professional winter into a season of growth and opportunity.

Similarly, in the realm of personal loss, another individual confronted the bitter winds of grief. Instead of succumbing to despair, this person found an invincible summer of emotional fortitude. By seeking solace in connections, engaging in introspective practices, and embracing the therapeutic power of creativity, they not only navigated through the icy winds of loss but emerged as a beacon of support for others facing similar winters.

These real stories underscore the tangible nature of the invincible summer. It is the product of resilience, adaptability, and an unwavering hope that resides within individuals, waiting to be discovered during the harshest winters of life.

To tap into this invincible summer during difficult times, consider the following actionable advice:

- 1. Self-Reflection:** Take moments for introspection to understand personal strengths, values, and passions. This self-awareness forms the bedrock of resilience.
- 2. Connection:** Reach out to a support network. Human connections provide warmth and strength during challenging winters.
- 3. Adaptability:** Embrace change and view challenges as opportunities for growth. The invincible summer often emerges when individuals navigate adversity with flexibility and adaptability.
- 4. Mindfulness:** Practice mindfulness to stay present in the moment. It fosters a sense of calm and helps individuals tap into their inner strength.
- 5. Purpose:** Define a sense of purpose. Knowing what one stands for and seeks to achieve provides direction and resilience during difficult times.

In conclusion, the invincible summer is not an abstract concept but a powerful force within, waiting to be discovered and harnessed. Through real stories and practical guidance, we can empower ourselves to recognize and tap into this resilience, navigating life's winters with grace and strength.



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## illuminating Traditions: Exploring the Radiance of Deepavali

### Introduction:

Burst your bad habits not crackers at Diwali. Yes to Celebration; but NO to Pollution."

Deepavali, also known as Diwali, is a festival that resonates with vibrant colors, the warm glow of oil lamps, and the joyous laughter of families coming together. This Hindu festival, celebrated by millions around the world, holds cultural and spiritual significance, marking the triumph of light over darkness and good over evil.

### The Festival of Lights:

**"Carry the light of Diwali with you ,and remember it on your darker days this year."**

At its core, Deepavali is a celebration of light. The festival typically lasts five days, with the main day of festivities falling on the third day. Homes are adorned with oil lamps, candles, and colorful rangoli (decorative art created with colored powders, rice, or flower petals). The brilliance of these lights symbolizes the victory of light over darkness, dispelling ignorance and spreading the glow of knowledge.

### Religious Significance:

**"May you be showered with the divine blessings,of wealth and success."**

Deepavali has various mythological roots, with different regions and communities attributing the festival to different legends. In Northern India, it commemorates the return of Lord Rama to Ayodhya after defeating the demon king Ravana. In Southern India, it honors the victory of Lord Krishna over the demon Narakasura. Regardless of the specific mythological narrative, the common thread is the triumph of good over evil.

### Traditions and Customs:

Preparations for Deepavali begin weeks in advance. Families clean and decorate their homes, buy new clothes, and engage in festive shopping. Traditional sweets and savory snacks are prepared, and the

exchange of gifts is a common practice. Fireworks and sparklers light up the night sky, adding to the festive atmosphere.

### Feasting and Sweets:

**"Wishing you a Diwali that's as sweet as the treats you'll eat to celebrate it."**

Food plays a crucial role in Deepavali celebrations. Families come together to share delicious meals, with an array of sweets and savories gracing the dining table. Traditional dishes like ladoos, jalebis, and barfis are prepared, showcasing the rich culinary heritage of the festival.

### Community and Togetherness:

**"Let's cherish the moments of togetherness and create beautiful memories that will last a lifetime."**

Deepavali is a time when communities come together, transcending religious and cultural boundaries. Temples are adorned with lights, and prayers and religious ceremonies are conducted. The sense of unity and togetherness is palpable as people open their homes to friends and neighbors, fostering a spirit of goodwill and harmony.

### Modern Celebrations:

In contemporary times, Deepavali celebrations have taken on a global dimension. Cities around the world witness grand festivities, with cultural events, parades, and public gatherings. The festival has become a symbol of multiculturalism, with people from various backgrounds joining in the celebrations, further enriching the diversity of the occasion.

### Conclusion:

Deepavali, with its deep cultural roots and universal message of light triumphing over darkness, continues to be a cherished festival that brings people together. As the lamps flicker and the fireworks light up the night, Deepavali stands as a beacon of hope, radiating joy and positivity into the hearts of millions worldwide.



**Heliolatry:**

Worship of the sun.

**Perfidious:**

Deceitful and untrustworthy, especially in matters of loyalty and fidelity.

**Quidnunc:**

A person who is eager to know the latest news and gossip; a gossipmonger.

**Sesquipedalian:**

Characterized by long words; long-winded. It can also refer to a person who uses long words.

**Obfuscate:**

To deliberately make something unclear or difficult to understand; to bewilder or confuse.

**Nefelibata:**

A cloud walker; someone who lives in the clouds of their own imagination or dreams.

**Effulgent:**

Shining brightly; radiant; emanating joy or goodness

**Yonder:**

Referring to something far away

# BE FAMILIAR WITH THE UNFAMILIAR

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## I wish I would go back to my childhood

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In the 7 stages of life, each and every stage lay the groundwork for the one after it. Here childhood is the best part that every individual will cherish throughout his life, where the small and spry live their lives with full giggles, games and innocence.

Here we learn to walk and learn things under our elder's guidance. Where bedtime stories have no deadlines and biggest decision is choosing between chocolate milk or regular milk. This is the right stage for moulding oneself to a good human being.

We all have grown up somewhere between "Fire in the mountain run run run" to "Life is a race run run run".

The day we fret about the future is the day we leave our childhood behind. As we grow up all we could think about is saving money for our future plans and not for icecreams and chocolates.

In childhood, parents guide us with care.

In age, it is our turn to bear.

Every individual at some point in his life would have definitely thought that

"I wish I would go back to my childhood".



# INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT ROSES AND ITS CULTIVATION

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Some of the interesting and fascinating facts about roses are as follows:

- \* Roses have been symbolized love and beauty since ancient times.
- \* Ancient Greeks associated the rose with Aphrodite, the Goddess of love.
- \* There are over 300 species of roses with different colors and each color has its own significance.
- \* The oldest rose fossil was found in Colorado and is estimated to be about 35 Million years old.
- \* After the bloom fades, roses produce seed pods called rose hips. These are not only visually interesting but also rich in vitamin C and used in herbal teas and skincare.
- \* The worlds largest rosebush is in Tombstone ,Arizona planted in 1885 and it covers 8000 square feet.
- \* Rose is the national flower of United states and United kingdom.
- \* Rose oil extracted from its petals is a key ingredient for variety of perfumes.
- \* Some rose varieties are edible and petals are used in culinary creations like salads, jellies and deserts.
- \* Various countries celebrate rose festivals, featuring parades, exhibits and competitions showing different rose varieties.
- \* The largest display is recorded in the Guinness World Records. It involved over 1 Million roses and was showcased in japan.
- \* Tyler, texas is known as the Rose capital of the world.
- \* Roses belongs to rosaceae family which include apples, strawberries,cherries and almonds.
- \* Rose flavored ice cream is a delicacy in some places, offering a unique and floral twist to this frozen treat.
- \* Some regions host rose fairs or festivals dedicated entirely to roses, celebrating their beauty and cultural significance.

## CULTIVATION OF ROSES:

Cultivating roses involves several key steps to ensure healthy growth and vibrant blooms.

## PROPER SITE SELECTION:

Choose a location with well-draining soil and at least 6 hours of sunlight per day. Good air circulation is important to prevent diseases.

## SOIL PREPARATION:

Slight acidic PH of 6-6.5 soil with organic matter to improve the growth of the plant.

## PLANTING:

Roses are planted during late winter or early spring. Water it after planting in deep dig without bending of roots.

## WATERING AND MULCHING:

Roses need persistent moisture and also should avoid overhead watering.

Apply a layer of organic mulch around the base to retain the moisture. As they also suppress weeds.

## FERTILIZING:

Feed roses regularly during the growing season with balanced fertilizer. Over fertilizing should be avoided.

## PRUNING:

Regular pruning encourages bushy growth and abundant blooms. Each variety of roses require different types of pruning.

These are the common cultivation method of rose cultivation. So its essential to understand the needs of the specific type of the variety.



## WORLD TOILET DAY- NOV-19



Public defecation is still practiced by many people in rural areas and still in most urban areas. It is a matter of regret that there is still no general awareness among them about the need to use the toilet.

No matter how much money the Central and State Governments allocate and implement related awareness and planning, the above things continue to fall on deaf ears in most places. 2.5 billion People in the world do not maintain sanitation. 1.1 million People use open toilets. As a result, two lakh children suffer from the disease every year. To protect them, the United Nations declared November 19 as World Toilet Day in 2013 to protect global health.

According to UNICEF, Indian villages have the highest number of open defecation in the world. Open defecation is a public health hazard. Open defecation also creates opportunities for physical assault on women and girls. Adequate toilets and water facilities due to lack of hygiene awareness, toilet use remains incomplete in rural areas. It is very easy for us to know whether a person or a family is a healthy and hygiene family just by looking at someone's kitchen and toilet, we can clearly come

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across their hygiene. NSO is also made survey in it.

According to 76th NSO survey conducted between July and December 2018, 68.1 percent of households had exclusive access to toilets, while 20 percent of households across the country had no access to any kinds of toilets. Although the Indian government has built more toilets, Indians do not necessarily use them, and continue to open defecate for a variety of reasons. Despite having access to a toilet, about 522 million people practiced open defecation in India in 2014. Kerala, Mizoram, and Lakshadweep have a higher number of households having toilet facilities in both 2001 and 2011 in comparison to other states. Lakshadweep has the highest households having toilet facilities. Bihar, Odisha, Assam, Goa, and Tripura are below in the national audit as 25.21% in 2019.

Indian government launched the Swatch Bharat Abhiyan ("Clean India") campaign on October 2, 2014 with the goal of eliminating open defecation and manual scavenging within five years. Every one of us can do something to tackle the sanitation crisis .We are now counting down to 2030 to achieve sustainable development .The main focus is on safe toilets and water for all by 2030. We too, put our hands together to achieve this target as much as possible. 19th nov the World Toilet Day, on this day, we take an oath to learn about the issues and share it through the campaign as well...

## EYES

Amidst the stars, your eyes alight.  
In their depths, secrets take flight.  
Time's passage becomes pure delight.  
In your gaze, my world feels right  
In those eyes, a universe unfurls,  
Our lives entwined like precious pearls,  
A vast ocean of dreams in these swirls.  
I drown in fantasies where love twirls.

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# Important Days in November 2023

## 1 World Vegan Day

On November 1st each year, World Vegan Day is celebrated to promote the benefits of a vegan lifestyle. This observance began in 2023, marking the 51st anniversary of the UK Vegan Society.



## 1 All Saints' Day

All Saints' Day, also known as All Hallows' Day or Hallowmas, is observed on November 1st. It's a day for Christians to honor all saints and martyrs, known and unknown, throughout history.



## 1 Rajyotsava Day (Karnataka Formation Day)

Rajyotsava Day, also known as Karnataka Rajyotsava or Kannada Rajyotsava, is celebrated on November 1st. This day commemorates the formation of the state of Karnataka on November 1, 1956.



## 2 Parumala Perunnal

Parumala Perunnal is a celebrated festival in Kerala, known for its grandeur and accessibility, making it easier for tourists to participate in this cultural event.



## 3 World Jellyfish Day

World Jellyfish Day, observed on November 3rd, coincides with the migration of jellyfish to the northern hemisphere shores during the springtime in the southern hemisphere.



## 3 World Sandwich Day

World Sandwich Day, on November 3rd, pays homage to John Montagu, the 4th Earl of Sandwich, who is credited with inventing the sandwich. This day celebrates the diverse flavors found in this popular meal.



## 5 World Tsunami Awareness Day

World Tsunami Awareness Day on November 5th highlights the dangers of tsunamis and emphasizes the importance of early warning systems in minimizing their impact.



## 6 International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict

Observed on November 6th, this day aims to prevent the environmental consequences of war and armed conflict, declared by the United Nations General Assembly in 2001.



## 6 National Nachos Day

November 6th is National Nachos Day, celebrating the popular snack of tortilla chips topped with melted cheese, salsa, and more, often enjoyed at sporting events.



## 7 Melbourne Cup Day

Melbourne Cup Day, observed on the first Tuesday of November, hosts one of the world's most famous horse races and is a notable event in Australia.



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## 7 Infant Protection Day

On November 7th, Infant Protection Day raises awareness about the importance of protecting and nurturing infants, recognizing them as the future citizens of the world.



## 7 National Cancer Awareness Day

November 7th is National Cancer Awareness Day, established in 2014 to globally prioritize awareness about cancer and its impact on public health.



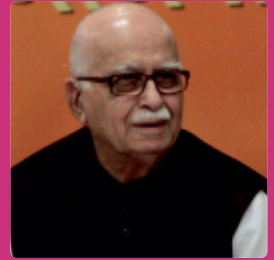
## 7 Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman Birthday

Celebrating the birth of C.V Raman on November 7th, this Nobel laureate made significant contributions to physics, particularly the discovery of the Raman effect.



## 8 L.K Advani's Birthday

Lal Krishna Advani, born on November 8, 1927, was a key Indian politician and founding member of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), serving as India's deputy prime minister from 2002 to 2004.



## 8 World Radiography Day

On November 8th, World Radiography Day promotes the role of radiography in healthcare and encourages public awareness of diagnostic imaging and radiation therapy.



## 8 Guru Nanak Dev's Birth Anniversary

Guru Nanak Jayanti on November 8th commemorates the birth of Sikh founder Guru Nanak Dev, emphasizing his contributions and teachings.



## 9 National Legal Services Day

November 9th marks National Legal Services Day in India, raising awareness about legal literacy in areas where it is lacking.



## 9 Uttarakhand Foundation Day

Uttarakhand Foundation Day on November 9th observes the formation of the state on November 9, 2000, formerly known as Uttaranchal.



## 9 Kartarpur Corridor Inauguration

On November 9, 2019, the Kartarpur Corridor was inaugurated, connecting religious sites for Sikhs in India and Pakistan.



## 9 World Usability Day (2nd Thursday in November)

World Usability Day, observed on the second Thursday in November, emphasizes creating a better world through improved usability.



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## 10 World Science Day for Peace and Development

November 10th is World Science Day for Peace and Development, recognizing the importance of science in society and encouraging public engagement with scientific issues.



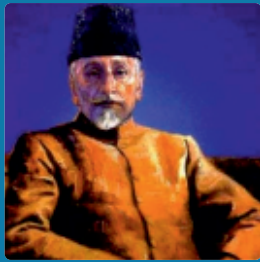
## 11 Armistice Day (Remembrance Day)

November 11th, observed as Armistice Day or Remembrance Day, commemorates the end of World War I and honors those who sacrificed their lives.



## 11 National Education Day

November 11th is National Education Day in India, commemorating the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the country's first Education Minister.



## 12 Diwali

Diwali, celebrated on November 12th, is the festival of lights and marks the return of Rama to Ayodhya, associated with the goddess Lakshmi and the god Ganesha.



## 12 World Pneumonia Day

World Pneumonia Day on November 12th raises awareness about pneumonia, the leading infectious disease globally, affecting children under five the most.



## 13 World Kindness Day

November 13th is World Kindness Day, promoting reflection on and practice of this essential human principle through small acts of kindness.



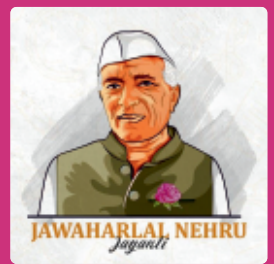
## 14 Children's Day

India celebrates Children's Day on November 14th, honoring the birth anniversary of its first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, and promoting children's rights.



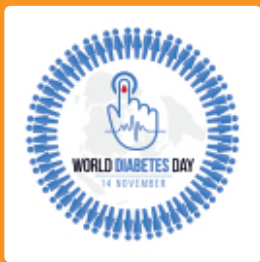
## 14 Jawaharlal Nehru Jayanti

Jawaharlal Nehru Jayanti on November 14th commemorates the birth of India's first Prime Minister and aligns with Children's Day celebrations.



## 14 World Diabetes Day

World Diabetes Day on November 14th raises awareness about diabetes prevention and education, emphasizing its global impact.



## 15 Jharkhand Foundation Day

Jharkhand Foundation Day on November 15th marks the state's formation in 2000, known as "Dev Bhumi" or "Land of Gods."



# Important Days in November 2023

## 15 Birsa Munda Jayanti

Birsa Munda Jayanti on November 15th honors the birth of Birsa Munda, a tribal freedom fighter and significant figure in India's independence movement.



## 16 International Day for Tolerance

International Day for Tolerance on November 16th promotes mutual understanding among cultures and peoples, encouraging tolerance worldwide.



## 16 National Press Day

National Press Day on November 16th recognizes and celebrates the role of a free and responsible press, particularly honoring the Press Council of India.



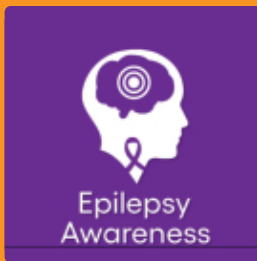
## 17 International Students Day

International Students Day on November 17th commemorates student leaders' bravery in 1939 and promotes awareness of educational issues globally.



## 17 National Epilepsy Day

National Epilepsy Day on November 17th aims to raise awareness about epilepsy, its symptoms, and prevention, addressing the challenges faced by those affected.



## 17 World Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Day

World COPD Day on November 17th raises awareness about chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and promotes lung health.



## 19 World Toilet Day

World Toilet Day on November 19th addresses global sanitation issues, emphasizing the importance of proper sanitation and the UN's Sustainable Development Goal 6.



## 19 International Men's Day

International Men's Day on November 19th focuses on men's and boys' health, addressing key issues affecting them.



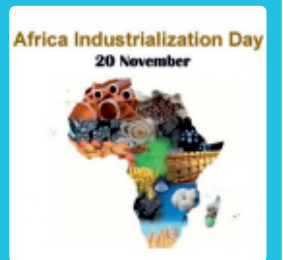
## 20 Universal Children's Day

Universal Children's Day on November 20th promotes international cooperation, awareness of children's rights, and improvements in their welfare.



## 20 Africa Industrialization Day

Africa Industrialization Day on November 20th highlights challenges and efforts to stimulate industrialization in various African countries.



# Important Days in November 2023

## 20 World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims

World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims, observed on the third Sunday of November, emphasizes road safety and remembers those affected by traffic accidents.



## 21 World Television Day

World Television Day on November 21st acknowledges television's role in presenting global issues and its impact on communication.



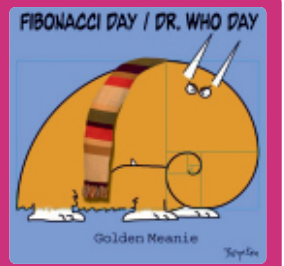
## 21 World Hello Day

World Hello Day on November 21st encourages resolving conflicts through communication rather than force.



## 23 Fibonacci Day

Fibonacci Day on November 23rd honors mathematician Leonardo Bonacci, known as Fibonacci, for his influential contributions to mathematics.



## 23 National Espresso Day

National Espresso Day on November 23rd celebrates the strong and flavorful beverage enjoyed by many in the United States.



## 23 National Cashew Day

National Cashew Day on November 23rd applauds the delicious cashew seed and recognizes the hard work of cashew farm laborers.



## 24 Thanksgiving Day (Fourth Thursday in November)

Thanksgiving Day, observed on the fourth Thursday of November, is a national holiday in the United States, celebrating the annual harvest and blessings.



## 24 Lachit Diwas

Lachit Diwas commemorates the birth of Ahom General Lachit Borphukan and honors the victory at the Battle of Saraighat.



## 25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women on November 25th raises awareness about gender-based violence and advocates for prevention.



## 26 National Milk Day

National Milk Day on November 26th commemorates the birth anniversary of Dr. Verghese Kurien, known as the father of India's White Revolution.





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## 26 Constitution Day of India

Constitution Day of India on November 26th observes the adoption of the Indian Constitution in 1949, which came into effect on January 26, 1950.



## 27 World Tourism Day

World Tourism Day on September 27th promotes the benefits of tourism and its contributions to social, cultural, political, and economic development.



## 28 Red Planet Day

Red Planet Day on November 28th commemorates the launch of the Mariner 4 spacecraft in 1964, contributing to the study of Mars.



## 29 International Day of Solidarity with Palestinian People

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People on November 29th recognizes and supports the Palestinian cause, designated by the UN General Assembly.



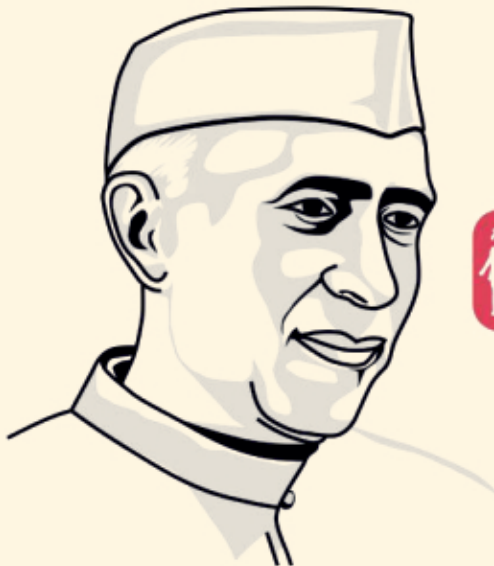
## 29 International Jaguar Day

International Jaguar Day on November 29th honors the jaguar as an emblem of sustainable development, biodiversity preservation, and cultural heritage in Central and South America.



## 30 Saint Andrew's Day

Saint Andrew's Day on November 30th is celebrated in Scotland and other countries as a feast day honoring Andrew the Apostle, marking the start of Scotland's Winter Festival.



NOVEMBER 14

HAPPY  
CHILDREN'S  
DAY

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### Introduction:

Oxymorons, figures of speech that combine contradictory terms, are linguistic gems that add depth and irony to language. These juxtaposed elements create a subtle tension, inviting readers to ponder the intricacies of meaning. Let's explore the world of oxymorons and unravel the beauty within this literary device.

### Definition:

An oxymoron occurs when two seemingly contradictory words are combined to create a new, paradoxical meaning. The juxtaposition of these terms often reveals a deeper truth or irony, challenging conventional thought.

### Examples:

#### 1. Deafening Silence:

- The stadium fell into a deafening silence after the final whistle.

#### 2. Jumbo Shrimp:

- The menu featured an array of dishes, including jumbo shrimp and petite filet.

#### 3. Living Dead:

- The horror movie depicted a world overrun by the living dead.

#### 4. Seriously Funny:

- The comedian's seriously funny anecdotes had the audience in stitches.

#### 5. Virtual Reality:

- The game provided a virtual reality experience that felt surprisingly real.

### 6. Original Copy:

- The library housed an extensive collection of original copies of classic literature.

### 7. Bitter Sweet:

- Graduation day was a bittersweet moment for the students as they bid farewell to familiar faces.

### 8. Civil War:

- The nation endured a period of civil war, tearing families apart.

### Significance:

Oxymorons serve as linguistic tools to convey complexity and nuance in expression. They engage the reader's intellect, prompting contemplation and inviting them to explore the layers of meaning within seemingly contradictory phrases.

### Usage in Literature:

Writers often employ oxymorons to inject wit, humor, or drama into their works. Shakespeare, for instance, masterfully used oxymorons in his plays to capture the intricacies of human emotions. In "Romeo and Juliet," he coined the famous phrase "Parting is such sweet sorrow," encapsulating the contradictory feelings of joy and sadness when bidding farewell.

### Conclusion:

Oxymorons, with their paradoxical charm, enrich language and literature. By blending opposing elements, they offer a unique lens through which to view the complexities of human experience. Next time you encounter an oxymoron, take a moment to appreciate the subtle artistry behind the fusion of contradictory terms.



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I am remembering my teenage years. Very often, I had quarrels with my mom. Sometimes it ended with cries. The very next moment, when she left me, I used to go to the garden and start singing merrily. My dad noticed it for many days, and one day he asked me about what I was doing. I replied that shouting at me was her nature, and I too responded to her, but when I entered the garden, I surrendered myself to the happiness of nature. The reply made my dad stare at me, and he hugged me with tears. He said, "You are my mom's gift". It happened before the age of 23. When the years rolled on, I was overwhelmed by the problems of marriage and career. I forgot about nature, which was appreciated by my dad.

Yes, I find most people are like me. Wherever we go, we can find many centres for meditation and yoga. Some of them earn money out of it. As one step ahead, many visit a psychologist or psychiatrist. Once I was too one of them. I visited some of the centres too, but I didn't get my peace. I found some people like me. Then, "Why do we have these types of training?" I asked myself. Yoga gives fitness to our body; there is no doubt about it. Many take medication too. However, they become addicted to it. Even meditation will give relaxation to our mind, but there is no realization or understanding. I was confused with these. Why was I unable to find my inner happiness?

On a fine Sunday, I was in bed to take a nap. My mind was filled with thoughts about these. Whenever I

heard some unpleasant words, I was upset and began to weep in silence, but my Ph.D. guide used to say it was just gossip out of jealousy. Till that Sunday, I didn't analyse it. I think that Sunday was my day of wisdom. I compared my guide's words with my dad's. My dad used to say that whenever we find jealous people around us, we must understand we are before them. We are succeeding. I connected these three matters: happiness even after an unpleasant event; gossip at work; and jealousy of others. The last two are done by others, but the first is in my hands, for which I got appreciation from my dad. I cleared my mind. The happiness is in my heart. When I thought everything was in its nature, I was happy. I begin to see the nature of everything and let it go as it comes. For example, one day my head of department criticised and insulted me before others. I just smiled at him and said "I am happy where I am". He stood for a minute and saw my next action, which I acknowledged. I return to my place and say I have regained peace. I conclude my search by finding my nature.

One thing is true. We may be in any type of lifestyle, but the problem knocks at our door. The matter is how we are taking it. After my reply, the head should accept my mental maturity, and he should respect me thereafter. Everybody would have lovely memories like mine, which would make us happy forever. These enjoyable memories and past appreciation from our beloved are the only seeds for inner happiness.

# LIFE

Life is a journey between birth and death. We come with nothing and we go with nothing but one thing that we achieve here is a little remembrance in someone's mind and a small place in someone's heart. But why is that struggle throughout? For a piece of cake and a place to live or something beyond that. Human beings try to satisfy their greed more than their needs which makes Life a difficult task to accomplish. Life is about enjoying every little thing and being grateful for what you have. There will be dust and storms to face throughout your journey but once you overcome it you will enjoy the clear sky. Be positive in all situations and accept challenges but most importantly cherish every moment.

Childhood is the most adorable stage in life as you are free from responsibilities and live in your own fantasy world. You have your parents, teachers, and elders to take care of you, where one plus one is equal to two and A for apple doesn't bother you, where you travel to space at night and wake up and run just to share your dream with the entire class.

But what happens when you come out of this stage and reach a place where you are supposed to take responsibility? That's when Life becomes difficult for every one of us.

All of us try to create our own identity in this competitive world where some are behind us and some ahead of us. But in this competition, we travel towards a successful life more than a satisfied life. We are more focused on finishing the line and forget to admire the beautiful things that we pass by.

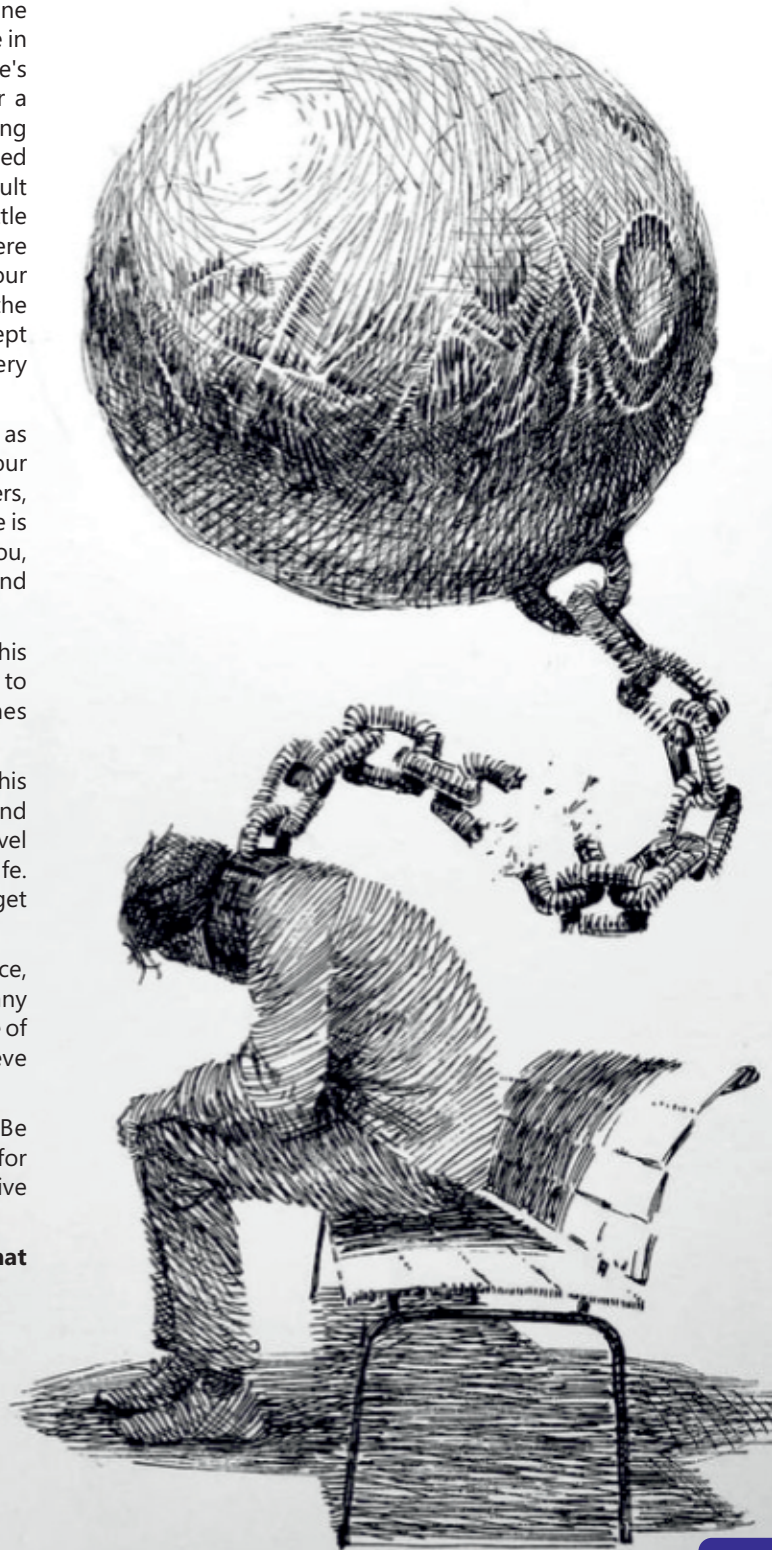
What is Life without any happiness and peace, without any friends and neighbours, without any love and cherishing moments, nothing but a piece of paper to write about your struggle to achieve success?

Find success in someone's happiness, Be positive, and have hope throughout your journey for every day holds a miracle. Live the moment and live for the moment.

**"In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years"** -Lincoln.

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### About us:

#### Nurturing literature and fine arts:

Ilakkiya sangamam is a trust that has taken up the commendable task of developing and promoting the various literature fields and fine arts. This is a visionary trust that serves as a vibrant platform for the writers and artists. It recognises the emerging writers in the path of literature. Through this, it paves the way for shaping the public vision of arts and literature. The trust also encourages and honours the contributors.

Understanding the importance and accessibility, Ilakkiya sangamam promotes public participation in the world of fine arts and literature. This will grab the attention of young arbiters and they could get knowledge immensely. The trust also organises exhibitions, literary events, workshops and seminars and invites student's interest and enthusiasm in this. As Ilakkiya sangamam paves a way forward, it remains dedicated towards literature sector and fine arts. In order to achieve its objectives, Ilakkiya sangamam welcomes collaborations and partnerships with like-minded organisations which also seek the benefit of spreading the knowledge of literature and arts. Through all these, it creates a new artistic line from which everybody could be benefitted and get themselves stuck into the area of fine arts. The trust also ensures the take away for the young generation by promoting and honouring their contribution for this.

With deep sense of responsibility and a profound belief in the power of arts, the trust endeavours to make a lasting and a meaningful contribution to the society of fine arts and literature. To form a vibrant artistic community there must be an initiator. Ilakkiya sangamam acts as a powerful initiator for the emerging writers. Recognising that fine arts (music and dance) and literature, that are prominent in the history and tradition, the trust takes active measures to conserve the arts and manuscript through the writers. Ilakkiya sangamam is a visionary trust that passionately promotes and celebrates the heritage of our tradition in the form of creativity in fine arts and literature. This immensely takes our students to a better understanding of fine arts and literature.

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