



# Shaheed Diwas

## Why in News?

On January 30, 2023, India observes **Martyrs' Day** or [Shaheed Diwas](#) to pay tribute to all the **freedom fighters** who sacrificed their lives for the country. The day is also marked as the **death anniversary of the nation's 'Bapu', Mahatma Gandhi.**

- Martyrs' Day or Shaheed Diwas or Sarvodaya Day is **celebrated in India several times a year.**

## What is there to Know about Shaheed Diwas?

- **In Remembrance Of:**
  - Mahatma Gandhi, who was born on October 2, 1869, was one of the most influential leaders of India and **played a significant role in the independence of the country.**
  - On this day in 1948 Mahatma Gandhi **was assassinated in the Birla House in New Delhi by Nathuram Godse.**
- **Way of Celebrating:**
  - India celebrates Martyrs' Day **by paying tribute to Mahatma Gandhi's Samadhi at Raj Ghat in Delhi.**
    - The [President](#), [Vice President](#), Prime Minister, Defense Minister, and the three Service Chiefs ([Army](#), [Air Force](#), and [Navy](#)) pay their respects to the **'Father of the Nation'.**
- **Significance:**
  - The significance of Shaheed Diwas lies in the fact that Mahatma Gandhi who **led major movements against British rule through a non-violent approach.**
    - His philosophy was **based on the principles of non-violence**, the fight for truth ([satyagraha](#)), and political and individual freedom (**Swaraj**) and inspired millions of people with his principles.

## Other Martyrs' Days in India: What are they?

Days	About
March 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ On this day <a href="#">Bhagat Singh</a>, <a href="#">Shivaram Rajguru</a>, and <a href="#">Sukhdev Thapar</a> were hanged to death by the British in Lahore Jail.</li></ul>
May 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ It is <b>celebrated in Assam</b> to remember the people who were killed by the state police on May 19, 1961.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ The day was designated as <b>Bhasha Shaheed Diwas or Language Martyrs' Day.</b></li></ul></li></ul>
July 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Jammu and <b>Kashmir celebrates</b> July 13 as Kashmir Martyr's Day to remember people who were killed, when <b>demonstrating against the rule of <a href="#">Maharaja Hari Singh</a> of Kashmir.</b></li></ul>
November 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Odisha celebrates this day</b> to remember famous freedom fighter <a href="#">Lala Lajpat Rai</a> <b>on his death anniversary.</b></li></ul>
November 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Jhansi celebrate this day</b>, the <b>birth anniversary of <a href="#">Rani</a></b></li></ul>

	<p><a href="#">Lakshmibai</a>, as Martyrs' Day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ The day celebrates the <b>contribution of all who passed away in the <a href="#">Revolt of 1857</a></b>.</li></ul>
<b>November 24</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ It is celebrated as Martyrs' Day <b>by the Sikh community</b> as it is the <b>death anniversary of ninth Sikh <a href="#">Guru Tegh Bahadur</a></b>.</li><li>◦ He <b>resisted the forced conversions of non-Muslims</b> and was executed publicly in 1675 by <b>Mughal emperor Aurangzeb</b>.</li></ul>

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