



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

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

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