



**Indian  
Institute of  
Science,  
Bangalore**



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- **10-12 Jan 1917:** Fourth Indian Science Congress (ISC) held in Bangalore under Sir Alfred Bourne's presidency.
- **10 Jan 1940:** Dr. H. J. Bhabha appointed Special Reader in the Department of Physics for Cosmic Rays research.
- **1951:** 38th ISC held at IISc, with Homi Bhabha as President.
- **1 Jan 1987:** Division of Biological Sciences constituted, separating Biological and Chemical Divisions.
- **Jan-Dec 2005:** IISc celebrated the World Year of Physics honoring Einstein's 1905 discoveries.



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# JANUARY

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LIST OF HOLIDAYS / RESTRICTED HOLIDAYS:

- January 1: New Year’s Day (Wednesday)
- January 6: Guru Gobind Singh’s Birthday (Monday)
- January 14: Makar Sankranti (Tuesday)
- January 26: Republic Day (Sunday)





# FEBRUARY 02

- **1 Feb 1911:** Maharaja of Mysore, H. H. Krishna Raja Wodeyar IV, laid the cornerstone of the Central Building, designed by C. F. Stevens, with T. C. W. Skipp as contractor.
- **2 Feb 1959:** Golden Jubilee Celebration inaugurated by Dr. Rajendra Prasad; exhibition opened by Prof. Humayun Kabir.
- **3 Feb 1959:** Wind tunnel inaugurated by Jayachamarajendra Wodeyar Bahadur, Governor of Mysore; constructed under the stewardship of Satish Dhawan.
- **26 Feb 2011:** Talent Development Centre at Challakere inaugurated by Chief Minister B. S. Yediyurappa.



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LIST OF HOLIDAYS / RESTRICTED HOLIDAYS:

- February 2: Basant Panchami/Sri Panchami (Sunday)
- February 12: Guru Ravi Das’s Birthday (Wednesday)
- February 19: Shivaji Jayanti (Wednesday)
- February 23: Birthday of Swami Dayananda Saraswati (Sunday)
- February 26: Maha Shivaratri (Wednesday)



- **3 Mar 1839:** Jamsetji Nusserwanji Tata born in Navsari, Gujarat, to Nusserwanji and Jeevanbai Tata.
- **14 Mar 1907:** Maharaja of Mysore, Krishna Raja Wodeyar IV, officially assigned 371 acres of land for IISc in Bangalore.
- **Mar 1968:** Main Guest House began functioning.
- **10 Mar 1922:** J. N. Tata's statue unveiled by Maharaja of Mysore, Narasimharaja Wodeyar.
- **3 Mar 1977:** Institute observed "Open Day" for high school students, initiating an annual tradition.
- **25 Mar 1977:** Tata Memorial Club celebrated Golden Jubilee; J. R. D. Tata laid the cornerstone for the Golden Jubilee Wing.

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MARCH

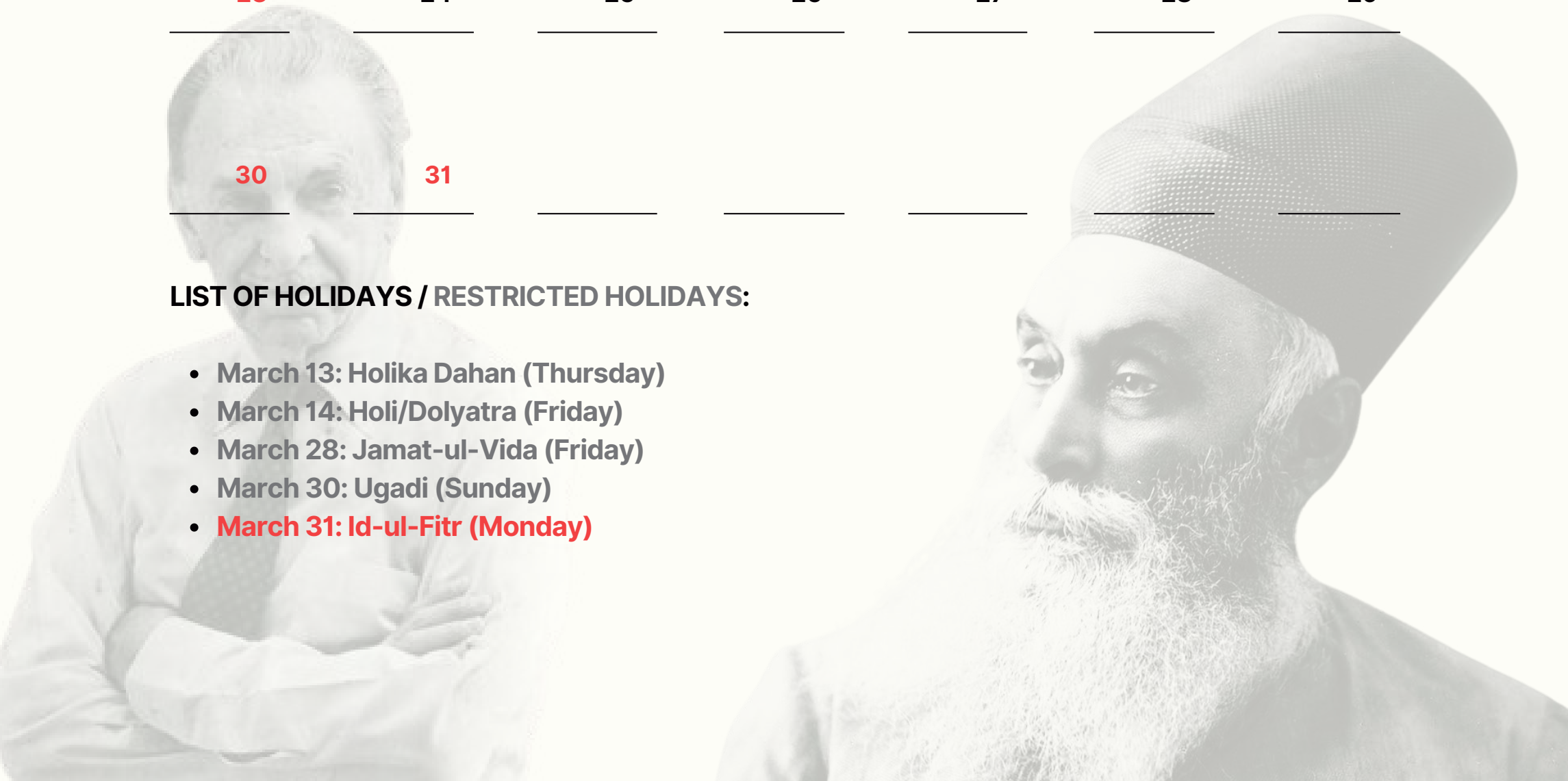


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LIST OF HOLIDAYS / RESTRICTED HOLIDAYS:

- March 13: Holika Dahan (Thursday)
- March 14: Holi/Dolyatra (Friday)
- March 28: Jamat-ul-Vida (Friday)
- March 30: Ugadi (Sunday)
- March 31: Id-ul-Fitr (Monday)





- **10 Apr 1951:** Dr. Rajendra Prasad laid the foundation stone for the Civil and Hydraulic Engineering Laboratory.
- **4 Apr 1952:** Faculties of Engineering and Science formally established; Deans (Prof. K. Sreenivasan and Prof. K. V. Giri) inducted into the Council.



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- April 6: Ram Navmi (Sunday)
- April 10: Mahavir Jayanti (Thursday)
- April 14: Meshadi (Tamil New Year's Day) (Monday)
- April 15: Vaisakhadi (Bengal)/Bahag Bihu (Assam) (Tuesday)
- April 18: Good Friday (Friday)
- April 20: Easter Sunday (Sunday)



- **19 May 1904:** Jamsetji Nusserwanji Tata passed away, not witnessing the realization of his dream for a research university.
- **27 May 1909:** Government of India published a resolution for the establishment of IISc, with approval from Viceroy Lord Minto.
- **1 May 1923:** Health Centre (Dispensary) established; Captain B. R. Iyengar began service as Medical Officer.
- **12 May 1958:** Government of India notified IISc as a university for awarding degrees, including M.Sc., Ph.D., D.Sc., B.E., and M.E. degrees.
- **8 May 2009:** President Smt. Pratibha Devisingh Patil rededicated IISc to the nation.
- **27 May 2009:** IISc completed 100 years; Centenary celebrations held from May 2008 to May 2009. Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh inaugurated celebrations on 3 Dec 2008.
- **27 May 2009:** Centenary completion function held with Mr. Ratan N. Tata as Chief Guest.

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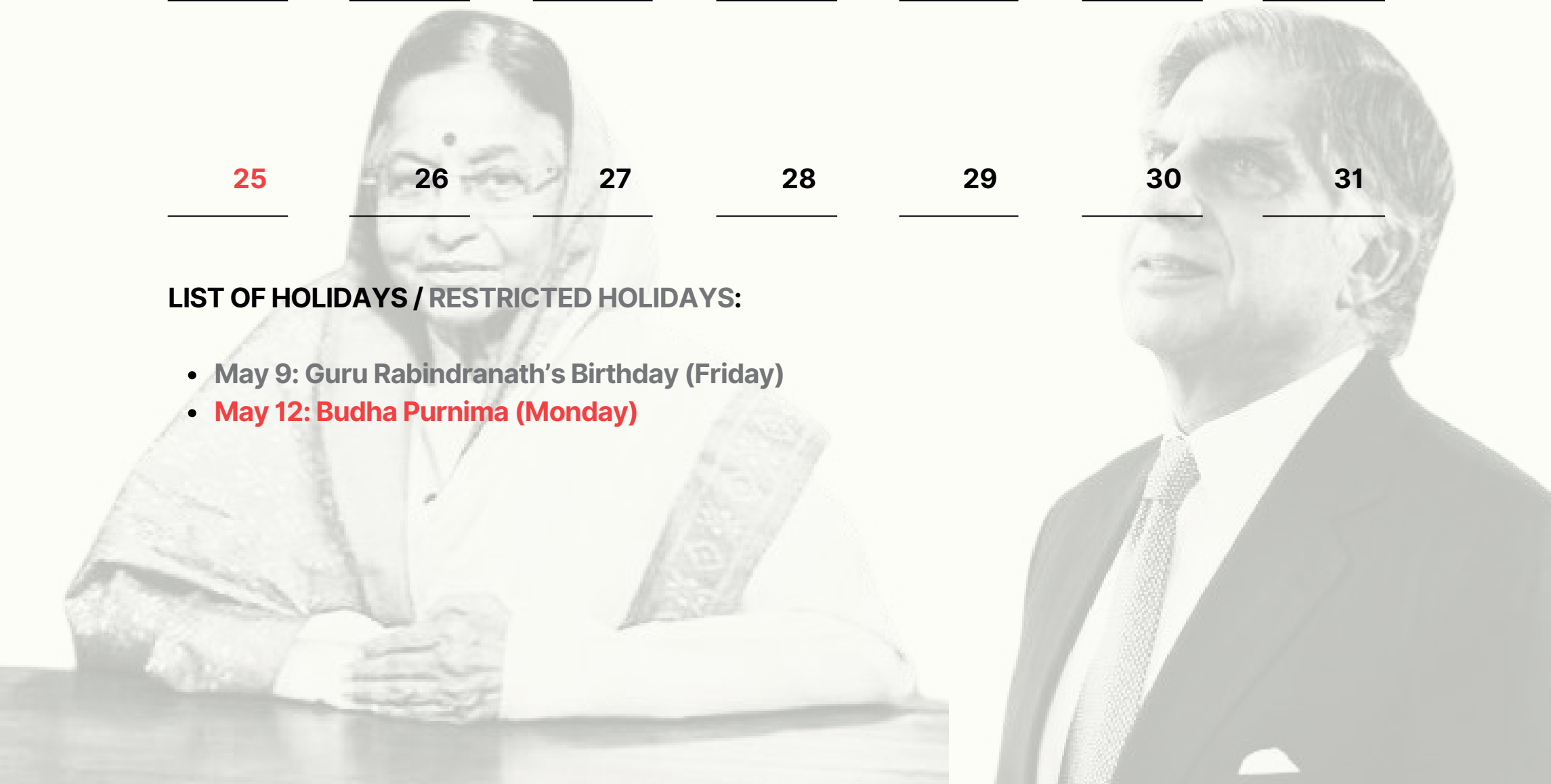
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LIST OF HOLIDAYS / RESTRICTED HOLIDAYS:

- May 9: Guru Rabindranath’s Birthday (Friday)
- May 12: Budha Purnima (Monday)





# JUNE

- **June 1940:** Sir Dorab Tata Trust offered an honorarium of Rs. 1,000 per month (for five months) to Bhabha through IISc for his cosmic ray investigations.

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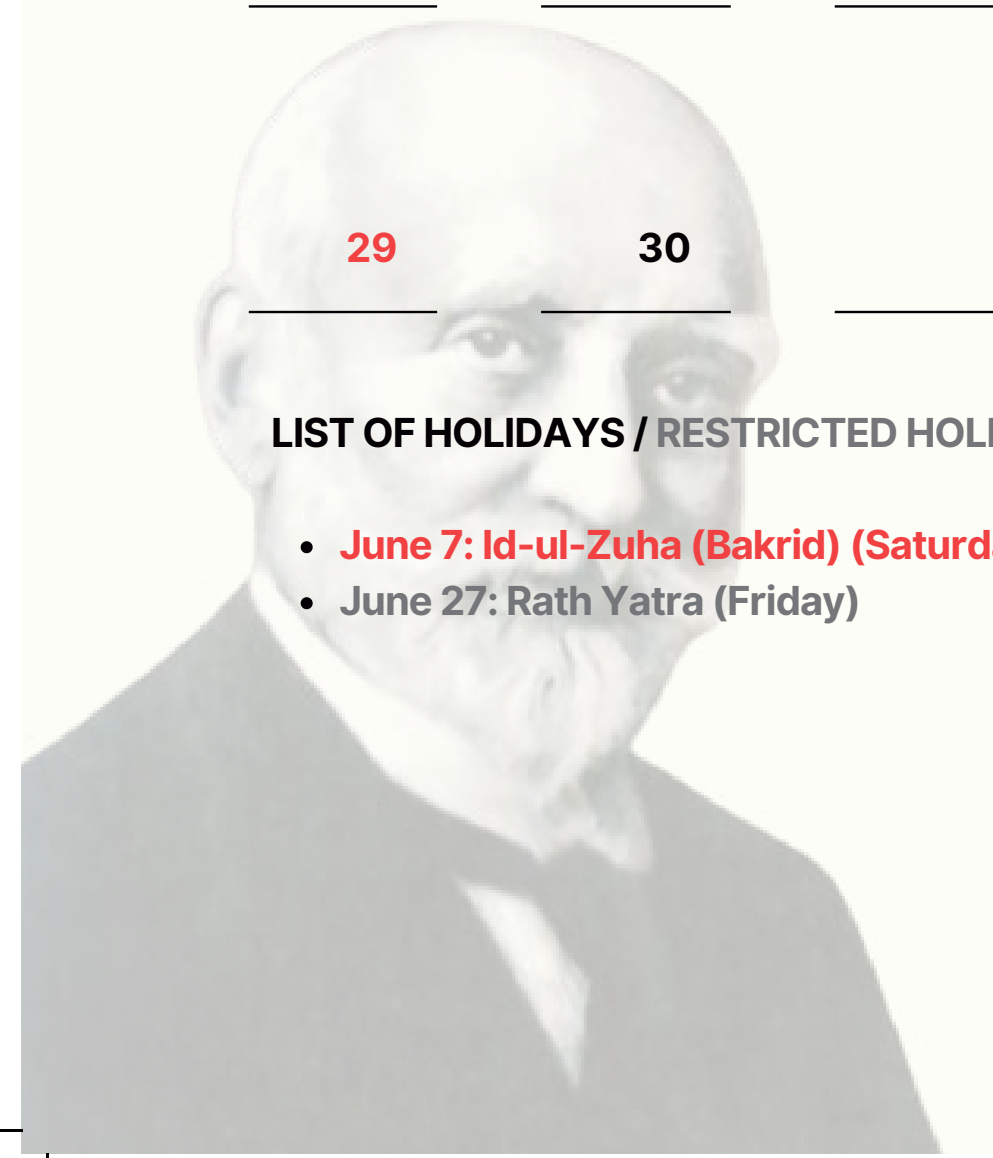


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- June 7: Id-ul-Zuha (Bakrid) (Saturday)
- June 27: Rath Yatra (Friday)





- **14-15 Jul 1910:** First Council meeting of IISc held at Offices of the Institute and Residency, Bangalore.
- **24 Jul 1911:** First batch of 24 students admitted to IISc departments from 500 applicants.
- **1 Jul 1926:** A branch of the post office became operational in the main building.
- **12 Jul 1927:** Mahatma Gandhi made his first visit to IISc, sharing his vision for Indian science.
- **23 Jul 1935:** Central Workshop established for efficiency and economy, based on a Council suggestion.
- **Jul 2007:** Journal of IISc changed to a quarterly format and became "Journal of the Indian Institute of Science – A Multidisciplinary Reviews Journal."

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JULY

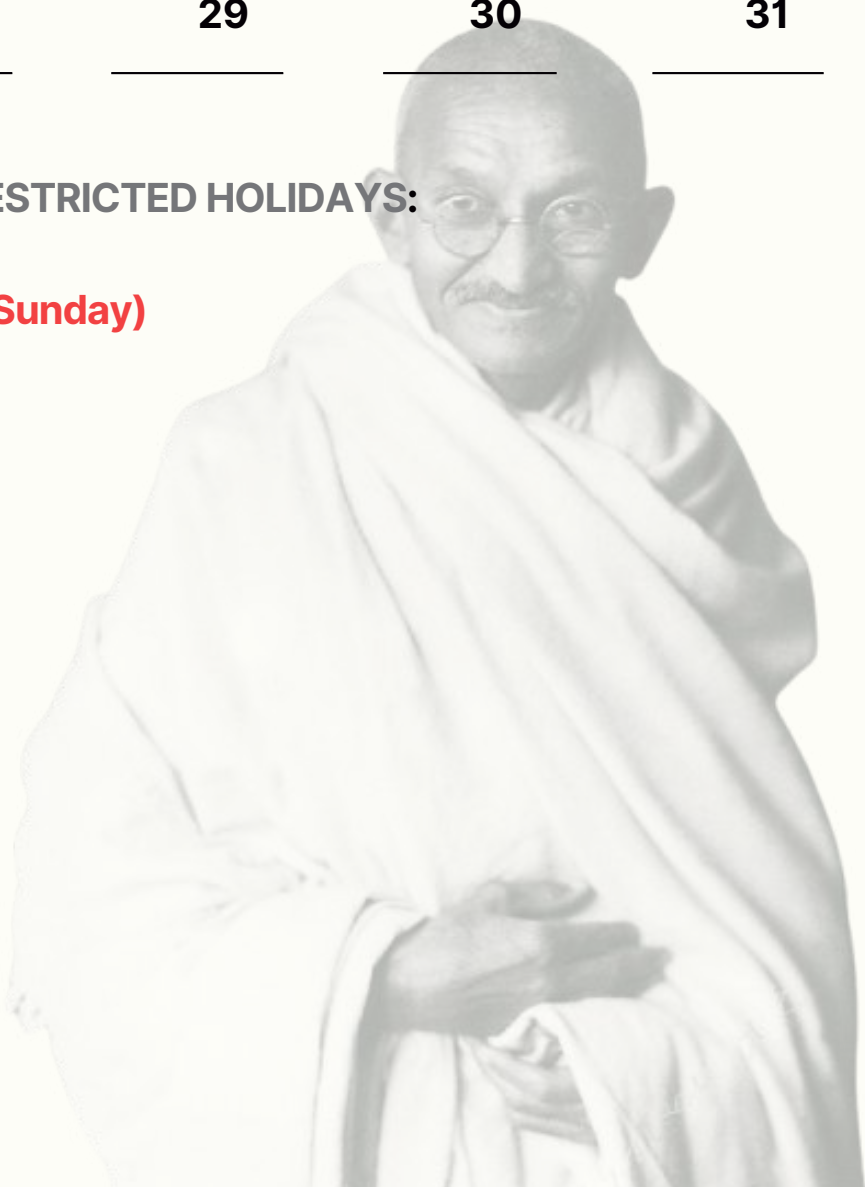


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- July 6: Muharram (Sunday)



# AUGUST 08

- **Aug 1914:** Department of Applied Chemistry conducted soap manufacturing experiments at the request of the Mysore Government; soap sent to troops in Mesopotamia during World War I.
- **World War I:**
  - Bulk production of chemicals like ethyl chloride and sodium acetate supplied to Madras and Mysore Governments.
  - Temporary office of Government Acetone Factory hosted in Bungalow No. 9 at IISc for Rs. 120/month rent.
  - Collaboration with Indian Munitions Board for utilizing local resources for war purposes.
- **World War II:**
  - Institute leased land for military workshops behind Lecturer Quarters.
  - Facilities provided for training skilled artisans (electricians, machinists, turners, fitters, etc.).
- **15 Aug 1947:** Free India Day celebrations held at IISc.





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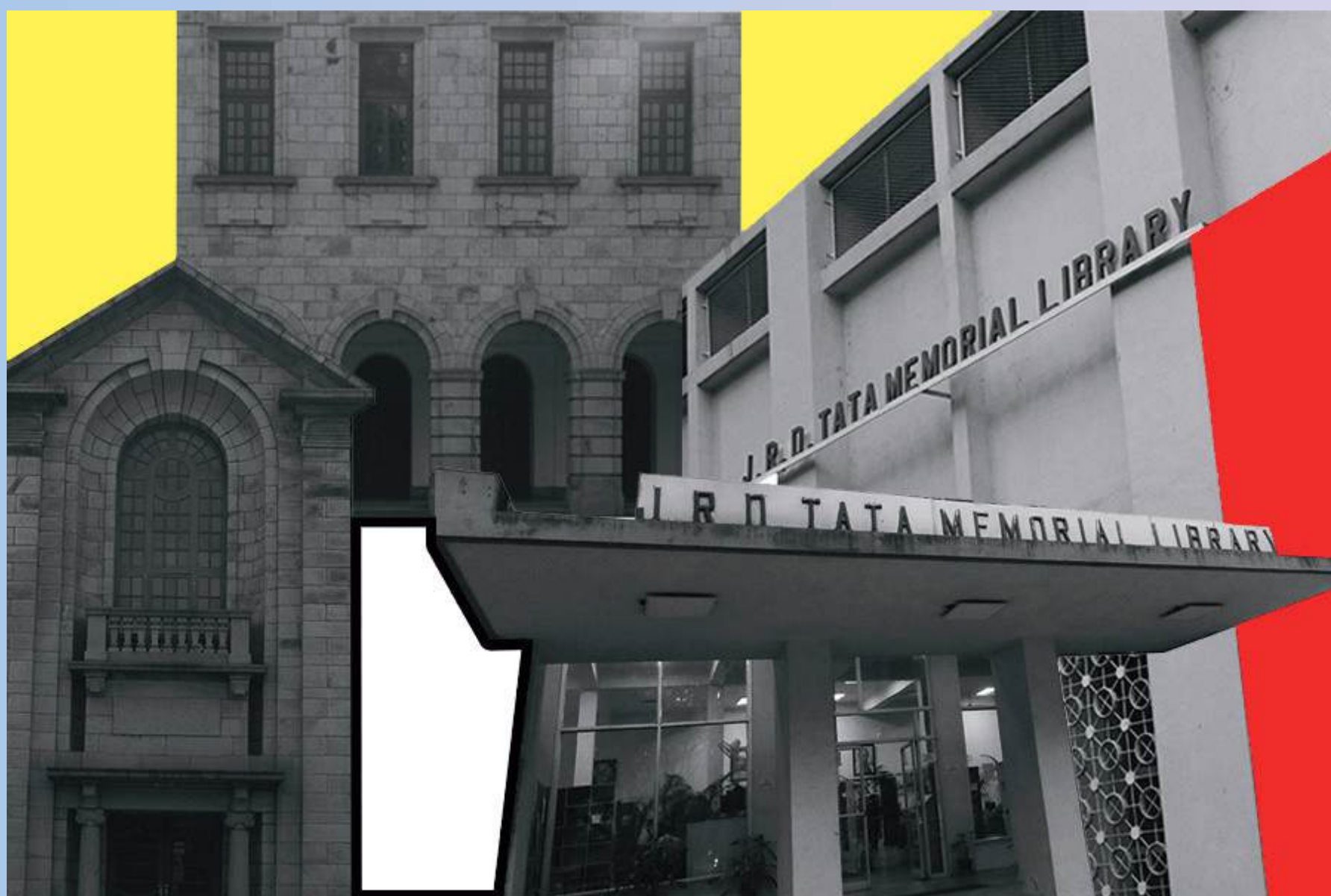
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LIST OF HOLIDAYS / RESTRICTED HOLIDAYS:

- August 8: Varamahalakshmi Festival (Friday)
- August 9: Raksha Bandhan (Saturday)
- August 15: Independence Day (Friday)
- August 16: Janmashtami (Saturday)
- August 27: Ganesh Chaturthi (Wednesday)

# SEPTEMBER

- **Sep 1893:** Jamsetji Nusserwanji Tata sailed with Swami Vivekananda from Japan to Vancouver aboard SS Empress; recalled in a letter by Tata on 23 Nov 1898.
- **28 Sep 1898:** Jamsetji N Tata announced a donation of Rs. 30 lakhs for establishing a research institute, aiming to promote research on tropical diseases, chemistry, history, and Indian philology.

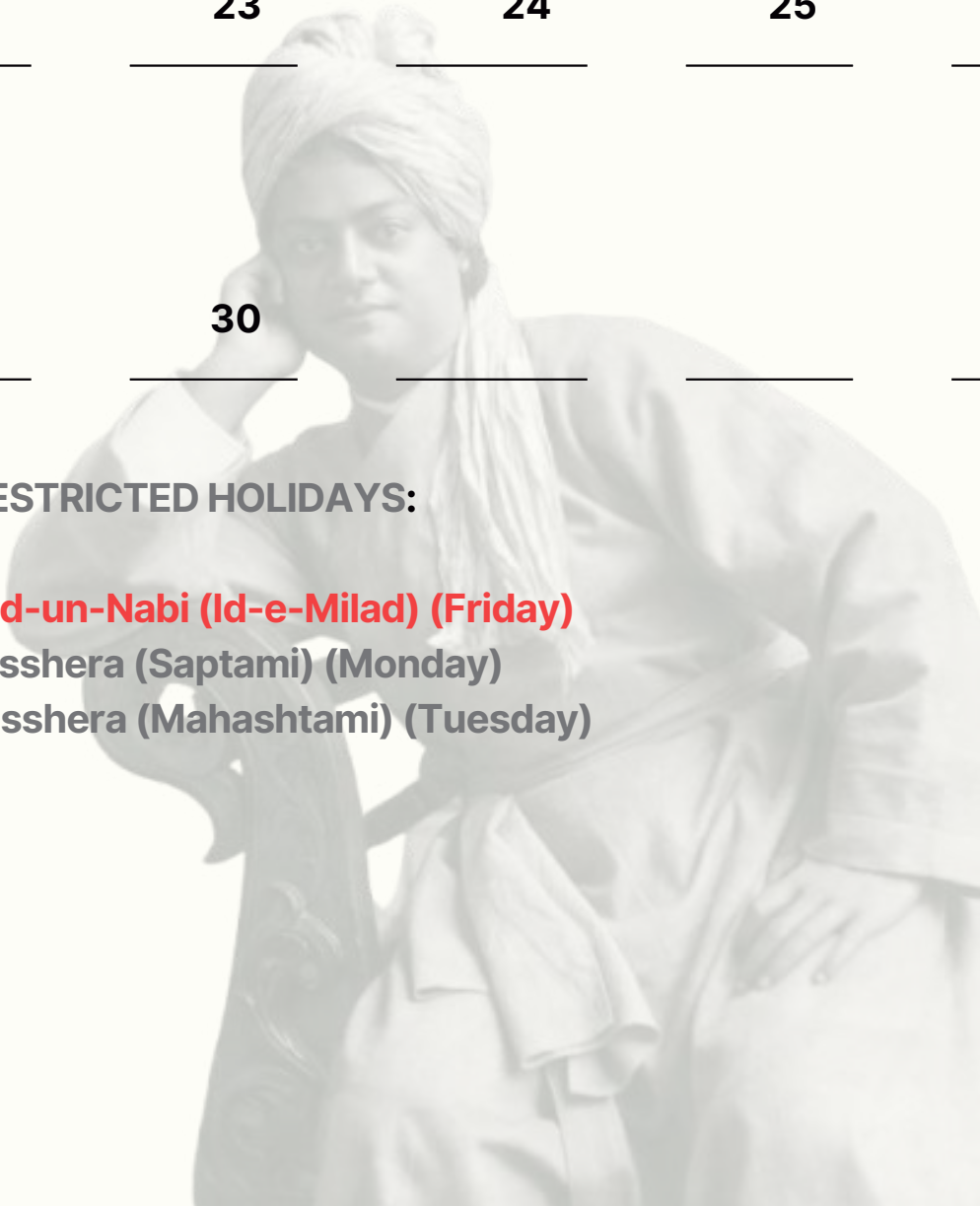


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- September 5: Milad-un-Nabi (Id-e-Milad) (Friday)
- September 29: Dusshera (Saptami) (Monday)
- September 30: Dusshera (Mahashtami) (Tuesday)







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OCTOBER

- **5 Oct 1898:** Amrita Bazar editorial praised Tata's Rs. 30 lakh donation, calling it a historic and noble act.
- **Oct 1899:** J. N. Tata and Mr. Padshah attended the Simla conference to submit a scheme for Tata's endowment.
- **Oct 1944:** Mysore Dasara Exhibition awarded a Gold Medal to the Dept. of Chemistry for work on rubber-lined articles.
- **6 Oct 1952:** Design for IISc's crest approved in a council meeting; redesigned in 2019.
- **16 Oct 1992:** J. N. Tata Auditorium, part of the National Science Seminar Complex, inaugurated under Prof. C. N. R. Rao.

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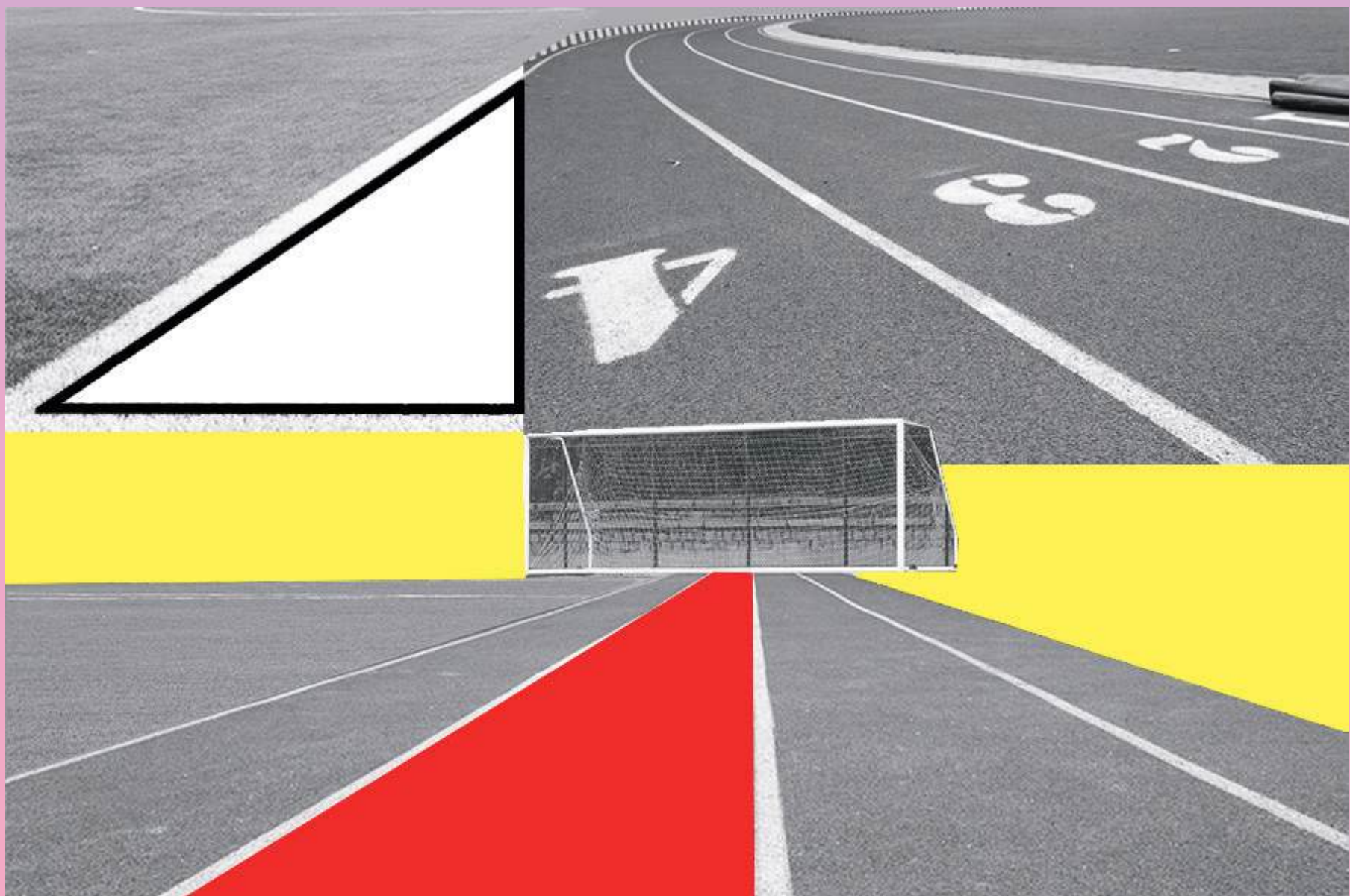
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- **October 1: Dussehra (Wednesday)**
- **October 2: Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday (Thursday)**
- **October 7: Maharishi Valmiki's Birthday (Tuesday)**
- **October 10: Karaka Chaturthi (Karwa Chauth) (Friday)**
- **October 20: Diwali (Deepavali) (Monday)**
- **October 22: Govardhan Puja (Wednesday)**
- **October 23: Bhai Duj (Thursday)**
- **October 28: Pratihara Shashthi (Chhat Puja) (Tuesday)**

- **Nov 1896:** J. N. Tata wrote to Lord Reay, emphasizing the need for improving university education as key to all educational progress.
- **6 Nov 1924:** Student's Gymkhana Clubhouse, funded by Sir D. J. Tata, was informally opened by Mr. C. W. E. Cotton.
- **16 Nov 1961:** Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan laid the foundation stone for the Golden Jubilee Library building.



# NOVEMBER 11



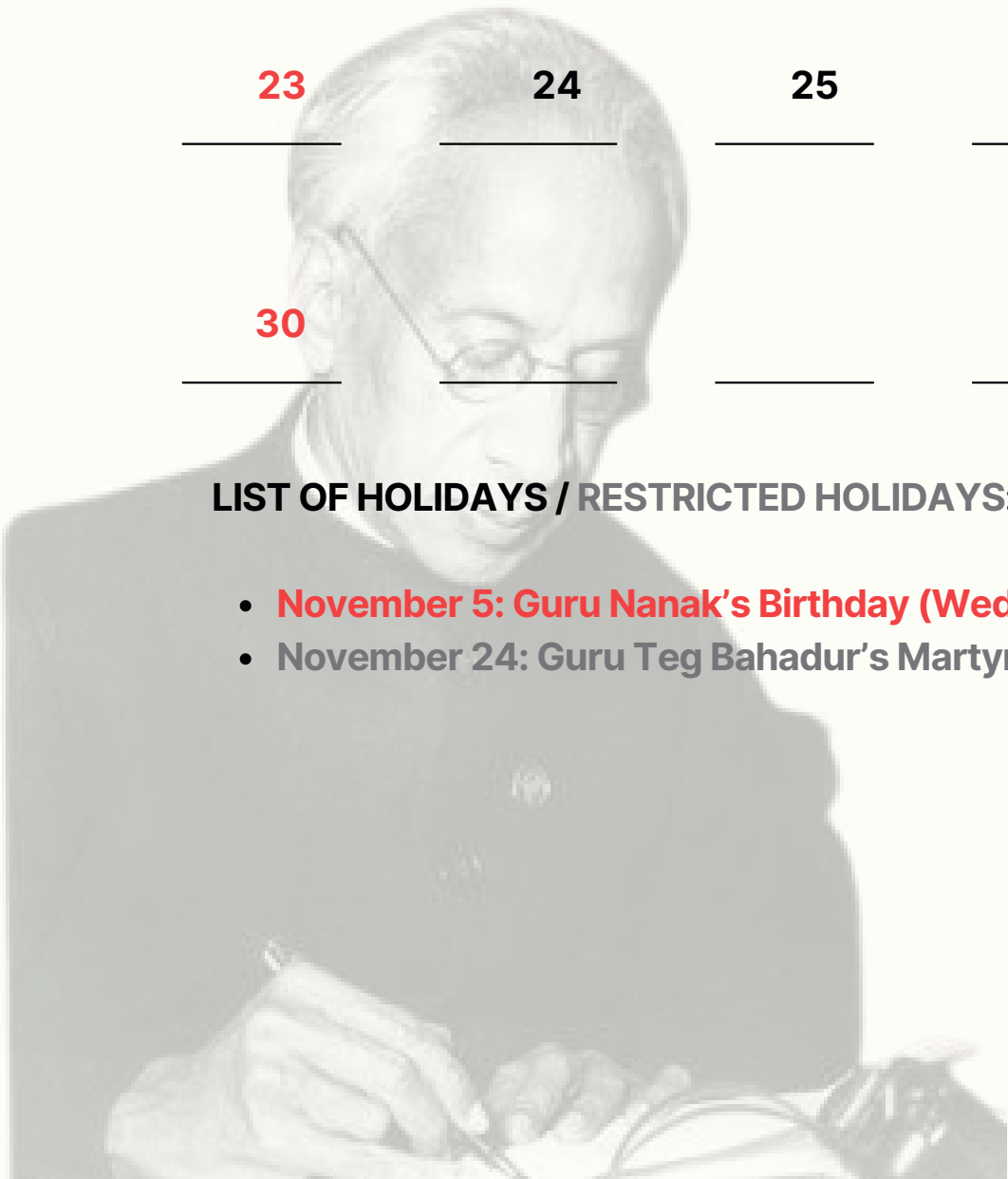


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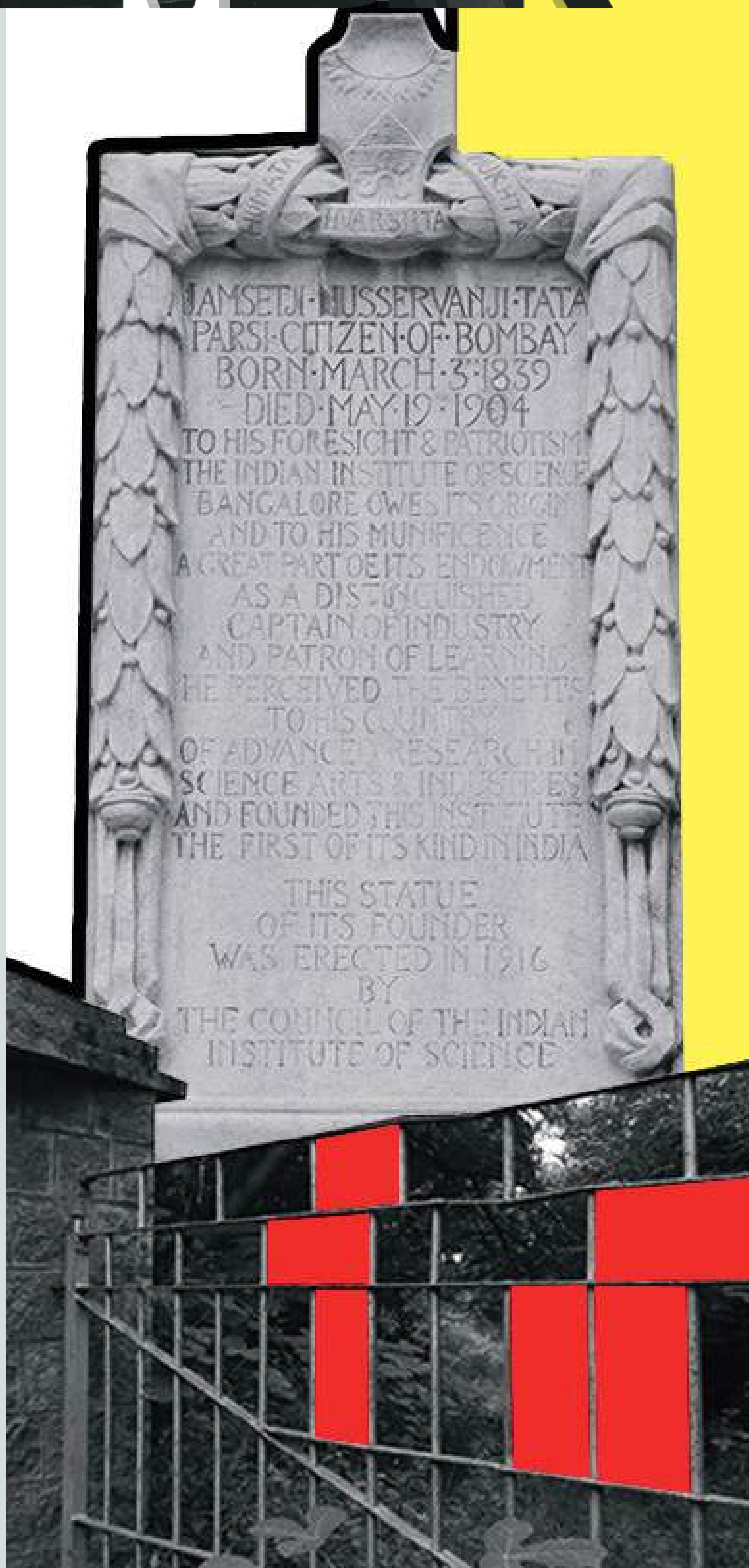
- November 5: Guru Nanak’s Birthday (Wednesday)
- November 24: Guru Teg Bahadur’s Martyrdom Day (Monday)



# DECEMBER

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- **Dec 1984:** Life-size painting of J. N. Tata commissioned for the reception hall, completed before the Platinum Jubilee; J. R. D. Tata praised the painting.
- **10 Dec 1984:** Platinum Jubilee celebrations of IISc; Jubilee Garden inaugurated by J. R. D. Tata.
- **14 Dec 2008:** Release of two postage stamps marking IISc Centenary, depicting the Institute's iconic tower and notable contributors.
- **16-18 Dec 2016:** IISc hosted its first annual alumni meet, organized in collaboration with various alumni associations.

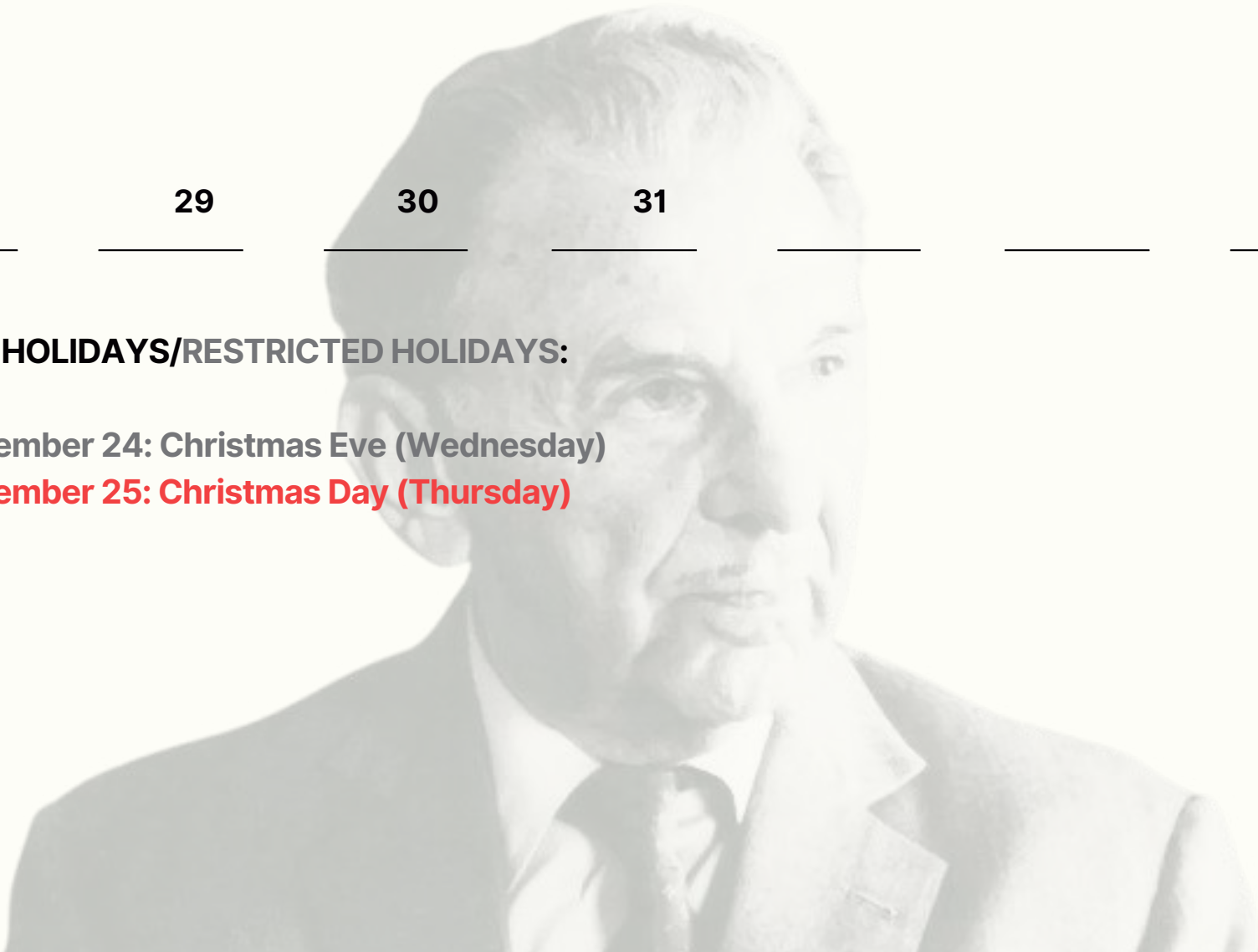


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- December 24: Christmas Eve (Wednesday)
- December 25: Christmas Day (Thursday)





- Aeronautical Engineering: 1942 - Renamed as Aerospace Engineering in 1968.
- Biochemistry (BC): March 1921 - Established.
- Central Animal Facility (CAF): March 1971 - Established.
- Centre for Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences (CAOS): 1982 - Renamed from Centre for Atmospheric Sciences in 1996.
- Bioengineering (BE): June 2015 - Originally Centre for Biosystems Science and Engineering, renamed in 2024.
- Centre for Brain Research (CBR): February 18, 2015 - Foundation stone unveiled.
- Centre for Campus Management and Development (CCMD): 1997 - Established.
- Centre for Continuing Education (CCE): 1975 - Established.
- Centre for Cryogenic Technology (CCT): 1971 - Renamed from Central Cryogenic Facility in 1999.
- Centre for Earth Sciences (CEaS): July 11, 2007 - Established.
- Centre for Ecological Sciences (CES): 1982 - First Centre of Excellence by Ministry of Environment and Forests.
- Centre for High Energy Physics (CHEP): 1972 - Renamed from Centre for Theoretical Studies in 2004.
- Centre for Infectious Disease Research (CIDR): 2014 - Established.
- Centre for Infrastructure, Sustainable Transportation and Urban Planning (CiSTUP): 2009 - Established.
- Centre for Nanoscience and Engineering (CeNSE): 2010 - Established.
- Centre for Neuroscience (CNS): 2009 - Focused on understanding brain functions.
- Centre for Scientific and Industrial Consultancy (CSIC): 1975 - Established.
- Centre for Sponsored Schemes and Projects (CSSP): 2006 - Established.
- Centre for Sustainable Technologies (CST): 1974 - Originally ASTRA, renamed later.
- Talent Development Centre, Challakere: 2008 - Second home of IISc.
- Chemical Engineering (CE): 1943 - Renamed in 1961 after independence from Pure and Applied Chemistry.
- Civil Engineering (CiE): 1950 - Renamed from Civil and Hydraulic Engineering in 1983.
- Computational and Data Sciences (CDS): December 2015 - Established.
- Computer Science and Automation (CSA): 1969 - Renamed from School of Automation in 1987.
- Design and Manufacturing (DM): 1935 - Renamed from Central Workshop in 2023.
- Developmental Biology and Genetics (DBG): 1997 - Renamed in 2024 from Molecular Reproduction, Development, and Genetics (MRDG).
- DIGITS: 2015 - Set up for IT and networking excellence.
- Divecha Centre for Climate Change (DCCC): 2009 - Established with support from Divecha and Grantham Foundations.
- Electrical Communication Engineering (ECE): 1923 - Foundation stone laid by Jawaharlal Nehru in 1948.
- Electrical Engineering: 1911 - Renamed from Electrical Technology in 1963.
- Electronic Systems and Engineering (ESE): 1975 - Renamed from CEDT in 2012.
- Foundation for Science, Innovation and Development (FSID): 1991 - Renamed from SID in 2024.
- Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE): 1983 - Adopted for M.E./M.Tech admissions.
- IIScPress: 2008 - Institute publication activities initiated.
- Inorganic and Physical Chemistry (IPC): 1911 - Renamed in 1951 from General and Applied Chemistry.
- Instrumentation and Applied Physics (IAP): 1983 - Renamed from Instrumentation in 2010.
- IPTeL: 2004 - Intellectual Property Cell renamed in 2015.
- Interdisciplinary Centre for Energy Research (ICER): 2012 - Established.
- Interdisciplinary Centre for Water Research (ICWaR): April 2015 - Established.
- J. R. D. Tata Memorial Library: 1911 - Renamed in 1994.
- Management Studies: 1947 - Renamed in 1986 from Industrial Management.
- Materials Engineering: 1945 - Renamed in 2006 from Metallurgy.
- Materials Research Centre: 1978 - Renamed in 1988 from Materials Research Laboratory
- Mathematics: 1911 - Renamed in 1990 from Applied Mathematics.
- Mechanical Engineering (ME): 1945 - Unified in 1970.
- Microbiology and Cell Biology (MCB): 1941 - Renamed in 1988.
- Molecular Biophysics Unit (MBU): 1971 - Established.
- Office of Communications (OoC): 2007 - Renamed in 2018 from Archives and Publications Cell.
- Office of Development and Alumni Affairs (ODAA): 2014 - Established.
- Office of International Relations (OIR): 1998 - Renamed from IRC.
- Office of Research Grants (ORG): 2020 - Established.
- Official Language Unit (OLU): 1973 - Renamed in 2004.
- Organic Chemistry (OC): 1911 - Established.
- Physics (PHY): April 1933 - Established.
- Robert Bosch Centre for Cyber-Physical Systems (RBCCPS): 2011 - Established.
- Solid States and Structural Chemistry Unit (SSCU): November 1976 - Established.
- Supercomputer Education and Research Centre (SERC): 1970 - Renamed in 1990.

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