

ILLUMINATI

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Dear History enthusiasts!

Greetings from the ILLUMINATI. This is the first edition of our official newsletter.

Historically the Illuminati have had various origins, but the most accepted meaning is one pertaining to a group of enlightened intellectuals.

In the forthcoming editions we look forward to your contributions which will illuminate the path for others to follow.

“Let there be light always”

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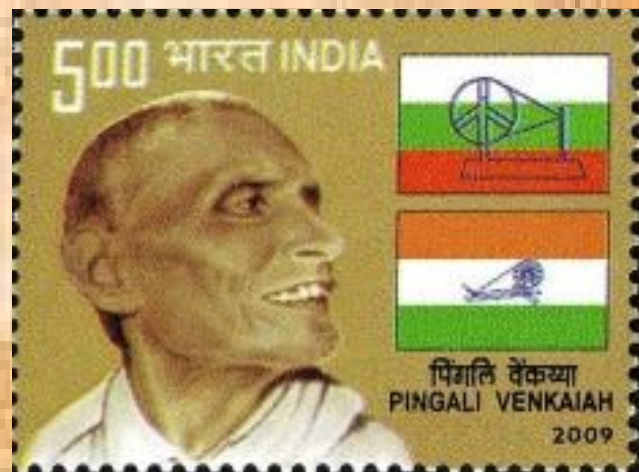
A Date with History

- **13th April** Jallianwalan Bagh Massacre
- **14th April** B.R. Ambedkar Remembrance Day
- **7th May** Rabindranath Tagore Jayanti
- **11th May** National Technology Day
- **8 August** Quit India Movement Day
- **15 August** Independence Day in India

The Bohemian Box

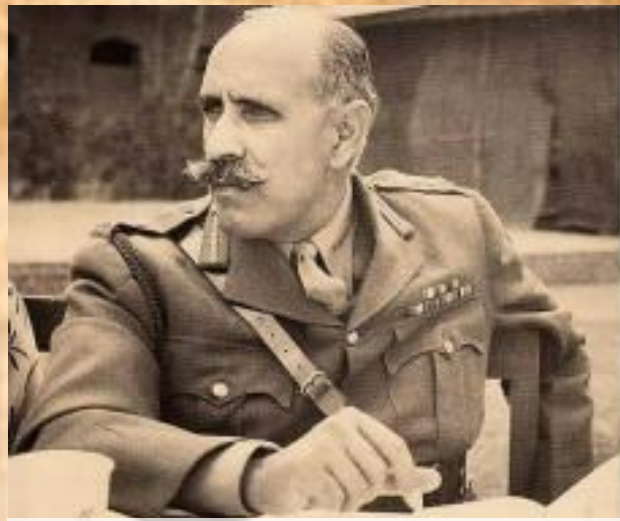
We are familiar with the author of the Indian Constitution and other prominent freedom fighters. But do you know, **Pingali Venkayya**?

He was a fervent freedom fighter who went on to design the national flag of India. He was born in Machilipatnam on August 2, 1876.



Knights of the Mayo Realm

Lt Gen Nathu Singh (an old boy – Batch of 1918) on 22nd November 1946 was informed by Sardar Baldev Singh, Defence Minister that he had been selected to become the 1st C-in-C (Commander in Chief) with command over the three defense services (Army, Navy, Air Force) of free India.



Lt Gen Nathu Singh



Arms presented to the Mayo Museum by Lt Gen Nathu Singh

However this selfless soldier refused this honour since there were officers senior to him. He stood down in favour of General Cariappa who was 6 months his senior. This act remains unique in the annals of military history.

- courtesy
Shatrujeet Singh Rathore OB '81

Big Brain Bang

Most of us are aware that the architect of the Mayo College main building was Major C Mant of the Royal Engineers and was completed in 1885. Here's a question to give you a run for your money.

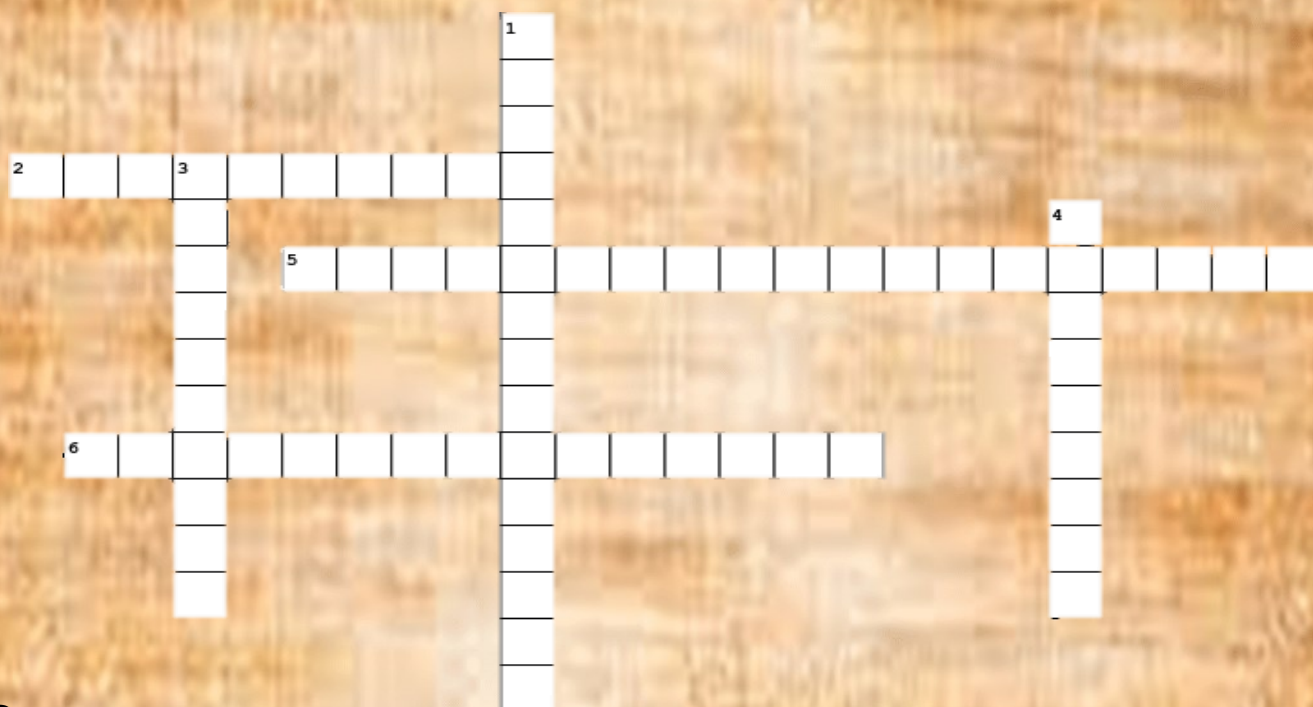
Can you pinpoint the location of the foundation stone that was first laid for the Main Building when construction began in 1877 ?



The Codex

Across

2. An Asian country that shares its Independence day with us
5. The Prince of Patriots
6. The Father of Indian unrest



Down

1. The Grand Old Man of India
3. The Tiger of Mysore
4. He drew the borders of Independent India and Pakistan

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