

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JANUARY 30, 2024

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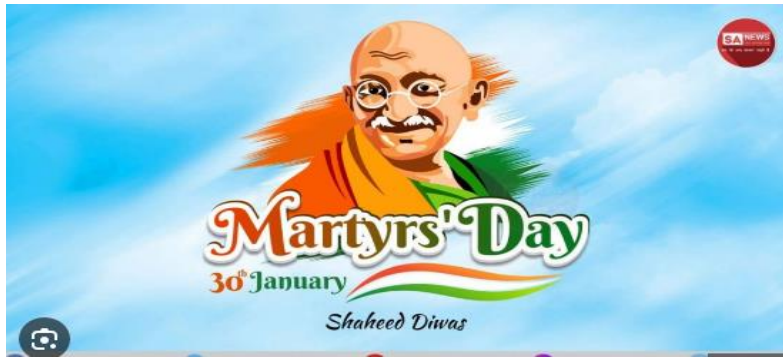
- **Dr. Nitya Anand**
- ✓ Dr Nitya Anand, who discovered India's first oral contraceptive pill 'Saheli', passed away at the age of 99.



- ✓ Anand was also the former director of the Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI) from 1974 to 1984.
- ✓ He was the brain behind the discovery of 'Centchroman', popularly known as 'Saheli.' It was the world's first and only non-steroidal, non-hormonal, once-a-week oral contraceptive pill.
- ✓ It was launched by then Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in 1986.
- ✓ In 2016, Saheli was incorporated in the National Family Programme of India.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **Martyrs Day Or Shaheed Diwas: January 30**
- ✓ India commemorates Martyrs' Day, also known as Shaheed Diwas, on January 30th each year.



- ✓ This day holds a dual significance as it marks the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi, the “Father of the Nation,” and also serves to honour all the brave souls who sacrificed their lives for the country’s freedom and sovereignty.
- ✓ Martyrs’ Day, also referred to as Mahatma Gandhi’s Punyatithi, is marked by various activities across the country.

