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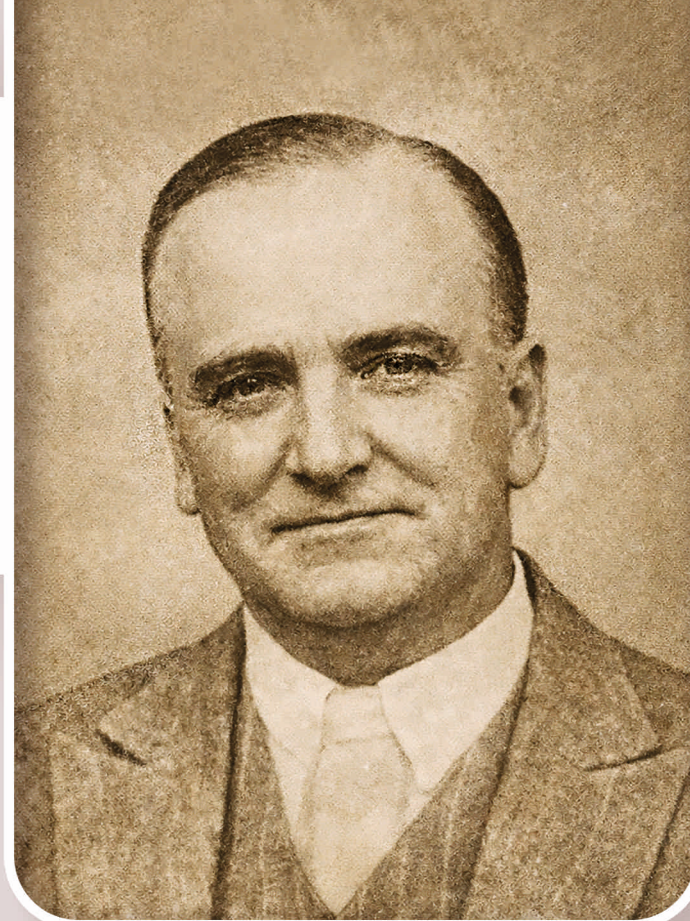
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A. H. HARLEY Esq.
[1882-1951]

Alexander Hamilton Harley, a distinguished scholar and accomplished academic administrator, served as the founding principal of Islamia College. His leadership (1926-1937) established a rigorous academic foundation that shaped the college's enduring role in higher education in Calcutta. Harley's scholarly legacy extended beyond administration through his editorial leadership of *The Muslim Review* and his later teaching at SOAS University of London.

2026
JANUARY

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| • New Year's Day | 1st | Thu | • Saraswati Puja / Netaji's Birthday | 22nd-23rd | Thu-Fri |
| • Birthday of Swami Viveknanda | 12th | Mon | • C.U. Foundation Day | 24th | Sat |
| • Makar Sankranti | 14th | Wed | • Maghotsab | 25th | Sun |
| • Shabemiraj | 16th | Fri | • Republic Day | 26th | Mon |



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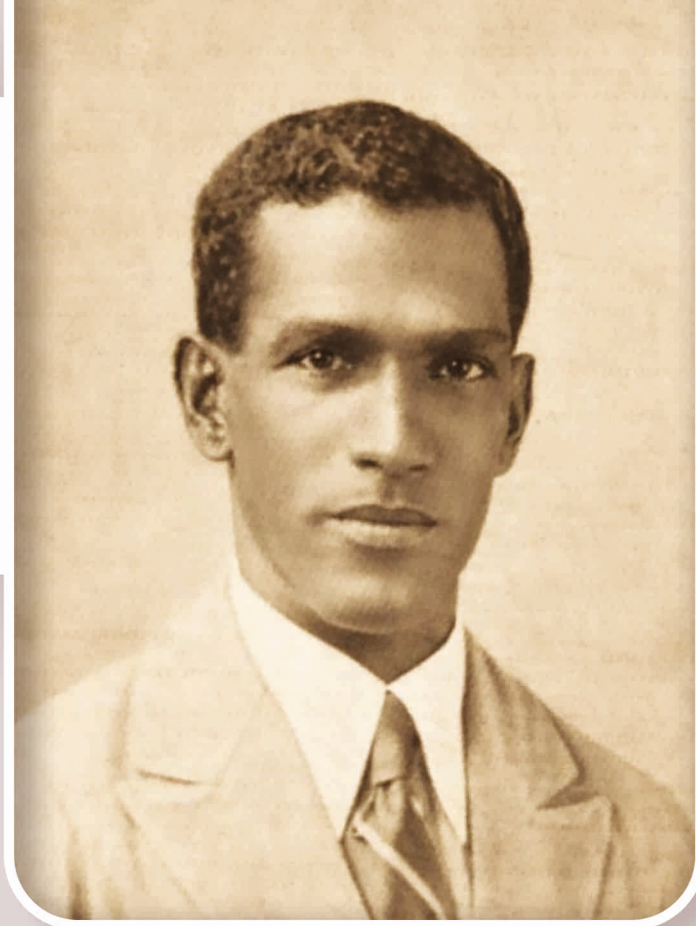
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FEBRUARY

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- Shab-e-barat
- Shivaratri

4th-5th
15th Wed-Thu
Sun



KURUVILLA ZACHARIAH
[1890-1955]

Kuruvilla Zachariah was an eminent educationist and administrator who served as Principal of Islamia College, Calcutta, from 1938 to 1942. He later held senior responsibilities as Director of Public Instruction and Planning Adviser for Education in Bengal. Zachariah also contributed to national governance as a member of the Federal Public Service Commission. From 1949 to 1953, he served as Additional Secretary and Director of Historical Research in the Ministry of External Affairs.



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MARCH 2026

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- Dolyatra, Holy 3rd-4th Tue-Wed
- Birthday of Shri Shri Harichand Thakur / Shab-e-Qadar 17th Tue
- Juma-ul-Wida / Eid-ul-Fitr 20th-23rd Fri-Mon
- Ram Navami 26th Thu
- Mahabir Jayanti 31st Tue



F. J. FRIEND PEREIRA
[1907-1957]

F. J. Friend-Pereira was an Anglo-Indian scholar, poet, and educationist who significantly shaped post-Independence higher education in Kolkata. Pereira was the Principal of Central Calcutta College from 1947 to 1956, guiding the institution during the transition from Islamia College after Independence. Educated at Christ's College, Cambridge and European universities, he combined literary scholarship with academic administration. His literary contribution includes the poetry volume *Mind's Mirror*, reflecting his humanistic and cosmopolitan intellectual vision.



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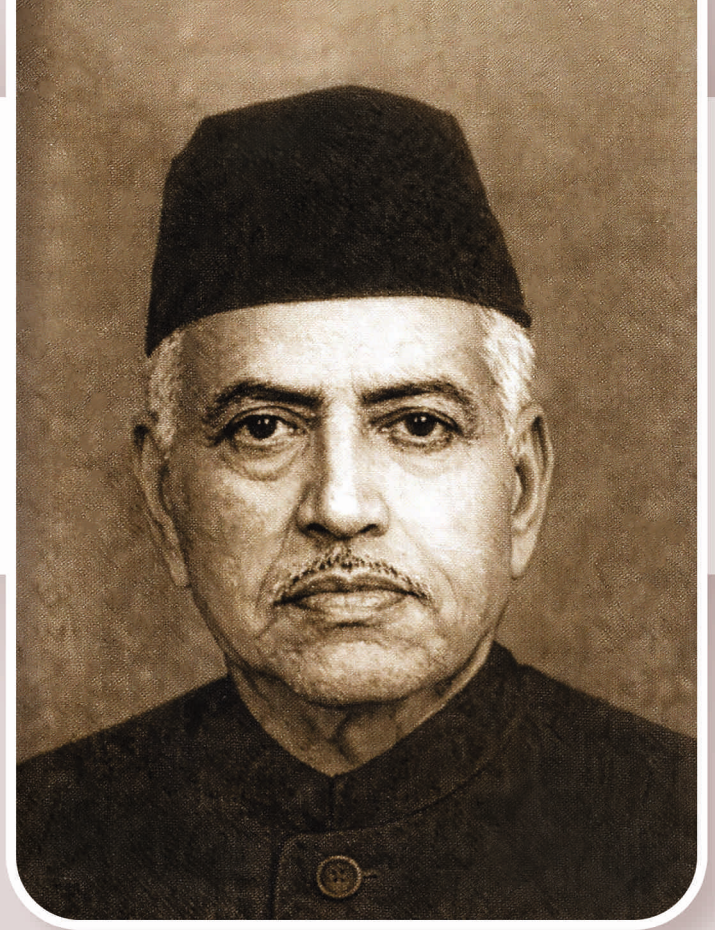
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APRIL

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| • Good Friday | 3rd | Fri | • Chaitra Sankranti /
Birthday of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar | 14th | Tue |
| • Easter Saturday | 4th | Sat | • Bengali New Year | 15th | Wed |



KHAN BAHADUR RAZA ALI WAHSHAT
[1891-1956]

Khan Bahadur Raza Ali Wahshat was a noted Urdu poet and scholar grounded in the classical tradition through his education at Madrasa-i-Aliya, Kolkata. He served as professor of Urdu and Persian at Islamia College from its establishment in 1926 until 1936, contributing significantly to the institutionalization of Urdu studies in Bengal. Beyond academia, he played a key role in sustaining Kolkata's Urdu literary culture by organizing annual mushairas. His major poetic works, including Diwan-e-Wahshat and Taraana-e-Wahshat, secure his position in early twentieth-century Urdu literary history.



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- May Day / Buddha Purnima
- Summer Vacation
(Including Rabindra Jayanti 9th,
Id-Ud-Zoha 26th-28th)

1st Fri
9th May- Sat-Tue
30th June



ALI ABBAS KHAN BEKHUD

[1906-1969]

Ali Abbas Khan known by his pen name **Bekhud**, was a distinguished poet of modern Urdu ghazal rooted in the classical Urdu-Persian tradition. Educated in Urdu and Persian at the University of Calcutta, he joined Islamia College in 1935 and later retired as Head of the combined departments of Urdu, Persian, and Arabic. His poetry, reflecting a comprehensive literary vision, is collected in the anthology *Jaam-e-Bekhudi*.

MAY 2026



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- Summer Vacation
(Including Muharram 26th-27th)

9th May-
30th June Sat-Tue



BISHNU DEY
[1909-1982]

Bishnu Dey was a leading figure of Bengali literary modernism, whose poetry and essays articulated the cultural and political anxieties of the interwar and post-independence periods. His seminal work *Smriti Satta Bhabishyat* established a new poetic idiom and earned both the Sahitya Akademi Award (1965) and the Jnanpith Award (1971). As Professor of English, he served Central Calcutta College (now Maulana Azad College) from 1947 until his retirement in 1969, shaping generations of students through intellectual rigor and aesthetic sensitivity.

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JUNE



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- Birthday of Poet Bhanu Bhakt 13th Mon
- Rathayatra 16th Thu



BHABATOSH DATTA

[1911-1997]

Bhabatosh Datta was a distinguished Indian economist, academic, and public intellectual whose work in economic theory and public policy earned national and international recognition. After teaching at Islamia College, he went on to serve as Director of Public Instruction and later as Secretary of Education, Government of West Bengal. In recognition of his outstanding contributions to scholarship and public service, he was awarded the Padma Vibhushan in 1990.

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JULY



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AUGUST

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- Akhri-Chahar-Shamba 12th Wed
- Independence Day 15th Sat
- Fateha-Dwaz-Daham 26th Wed
- Rakhi Purnima 28th Fri



DHIRESH BHATTACHARYA
[1919-2010]

Dhiresh Bhattacharya was a distinguished economist and academic whose career was long associated with Maulana Azad College. He made notable contributions to the teaching and institutional consolidation of economics during a formative phase of higher education in Post-independence Bengal. Bhattacharya's scholarship reflected a sustained engagement with India's economic history and structural transformations. His work, notably *A Concise History of the Indian Economy*, remains an important academic contribution to the field.



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SEPTEMBER

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- Janmastami 4th Fri
- Viswakarma Puja 17th Thu
- Fateha-Yaz-Daham 23rd Tue



RANAJIT GUHA
[1923-2023]

Ranajit Guha was a seminal Indian historian whose scholarship reshaped South Asian historiography by centring subaltern agency and popular politics. As the founder of the Subaltern Studies Collective, he mounted a sustained critique of elite-dominated historical narratives of colonial India. Early in his career, Guha served briefly as a professor in the Department of History at Central Calcutta College, contributing to academic life in postcolonial Bengal.



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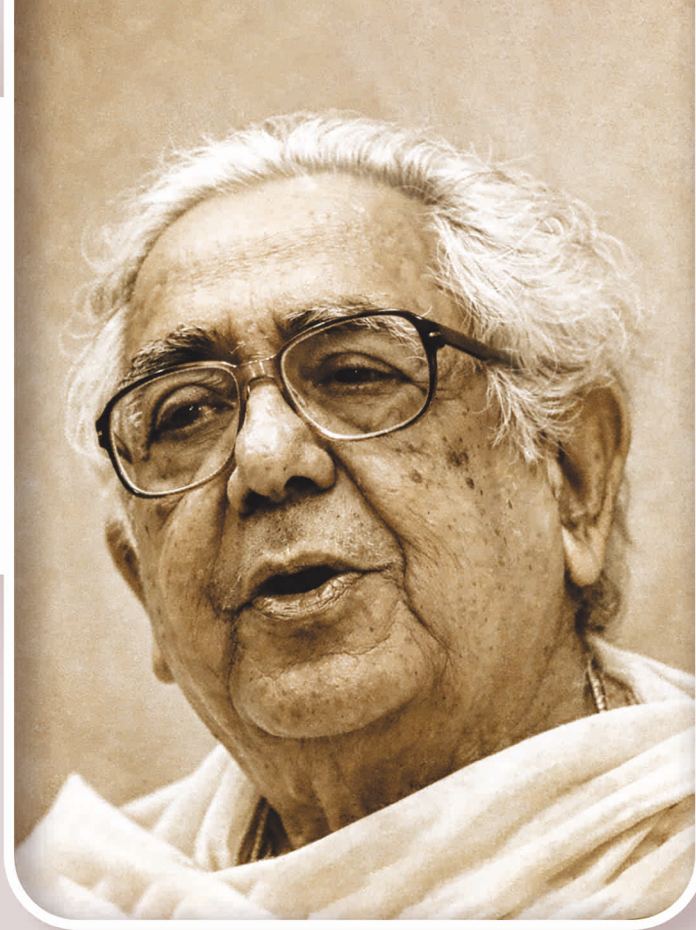
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OCTOBER

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- Birthday of Gandhiji 2nd Fri
- Mahalaya 10th Sat
- Puja Vacation (Including Durga Puja, Laxmi Puja 15th-26th) 15th Oct- 16th Nov Thu-Mon



TAPAN RAYCHAUDHURI
[1926-2014]

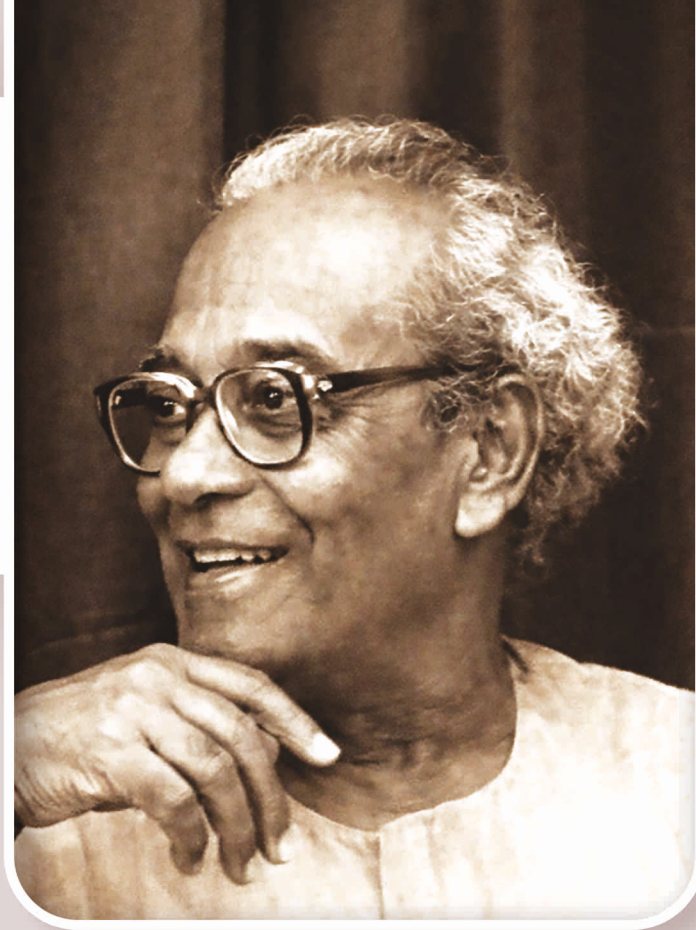
Tapan Raychaudhuri was a distinguished historian whose scholarship significantly advanced the study of British Indian, economic, and Bengali history. He began his teaching career at Central Calcutta College, before moving on to a long and eminent academic tenure at Oxford University as Reader in Modern South Asian History. His contribution to The Cambridge Economic History of India, noted for its rigorous analysis of colonial economic structures, earned the Watumull Prize in 1982. He was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 2007 for his outstanding contributions to Indian historiography.



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SHYAMAL SENGUPTA

[1924-2003]

Shyamal Sengupta was a noted physicist and distinguished teacher who served the Department of Physics at Maulana Azad College, Kolkata. He was widely respected for his rigorous approach to classical and modern physics and for nurturing analytical thinking among generations of students. Sengupta's academic contributions lay primarily in physics education, curriculum development, and the dissemination of sound theoretical foundations. Sengupta's legacy lies in strengthening physics education and fostering scientific temper within the collegiate academic environment.

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NOVEMBER

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- Puja Vacation (Including Kali Puja, Bhadravidiya 8th-12th, Chhat Puja & Birthday of Birsa Munda 15th-16th) 15th Oct- 16th Nov Thu-Mon
- Guru Nanak's Birthday 24th Tue
- Jagatdhatri Puja 19th Thu



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DECEMBER

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• Christmas Vacation

25th-31st Fri-Thu



SAIBAL MITRA

[1943-2011]

Saibal Mitra was a noted Bengali writer of the later twentieth century, renowned for his novels, short stories, and essays addressing social injustice, inequality, and human rights. For thirty-five years, he served as a dedicated teacher in the Department of Bengali at Maulana Azad College, where generations of students benefited from his intellectually rigorous and socially engaged pedagogy. He remained throughout his life an unwavering advocate of civil liberty and social equality.

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

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