

# Today In History

## *Find Out What happened On March 24*

### **Important events of March 24**

- *World Tuberculosis Day*
- *Rural Postal Life Insurance Day*
- *World T.B. day*
  
- **1307:** *Ramdevrao Yadav, the emperor of Devagiri, was captured by Malik Kafur and taken to Delhi.*
- **1837:** *Canada granted African Canadians the right to vote.*
- **1855:** *For the first time a long-distance telegraph message was sent from Calcutta to Delhi.*
- **1855:** *The British Cabinet Mission reached India.*
- **1882:** *The deadly infectious disease TB (Tuberculosis) was identified. The scientist who discovered it was Bacillus Robert Koch, later given the Nobel Prize.*
- **1883:** *The first telephone conversation took place between Chicago and New York.*
- **1896:** *Thiripad V. T. Bhatt, author and journalist, was born.*
- **1923:** *Greece became a republic.*
- **1924:** *Virendrakumar Bhattacharya, Gyanpeeth award winner and Assamia novelist, was born.*
- **1929:** *The historic session of the Lahore Congress began.*
- **1932:** *Radio broadcast was done from a moving train for the first time in America.*
- **1944:** *Manmohan Singh, famous economist and Finance Minister of India, was born.*
- **1946:** *British Cabinet Mission came to India presided by Lord Pethick Lawrence.*
- **1947:** *Lord Louis Mountbatten came to India.*
- **1959:** *Iraq withdrew itself from the Baghdad Pact.*
- **1968:** *The second Indian-made rocket 'Menaka' successfully launched at the Thumba station.*
- **1974:** *Lokprabha weekly started its publication.*
- **1977:** *Morarji Desai elected leader of Janata Party and sworn in as the Prime Minister of India at New Delhi. Later he formed his cabinet. He was in the office of Prime Minister till July 28, 1979. This was the first non-Congress Government in India.*
- **1977:** *Ban on RSS and 26 other organizations.*

- **1987:** First developmental launch of new generation rocket ASLV 'Stretched Rohini Satellite Series' (SROSS-1). This carried payload for launch vehicle performance monitoring and for gamma ray astronomy. This plunged within two minutes and 40 seconds of its launching.
- **1990:** Indian Peace Keeping Force (IPKF) was withdrawn in toto from the northern and eastern provinces of Sri Lanka.
- **1992:** Congress (I) strength goes up by six seats in the Rajya Sabha on account of biennial polls.
- **1993:** Six members of Memon family escape to Karachi.
- **1993:** Ezer Weizman was elected President of Israel.
- **1998:** G.M.C. Balayogi of the Telugu Desam is elected Speaker of the Lok Sabha as the candidate of the BJP-led Government.
- **1998:** 200 people are killed in a tornado on both sides of the West Bengal-Orissa border. The toll includes 80 from West Bengal's Midnapore district.
- **1998:** Titanic won a record 11 Oscars.
- **1999:** P. N. Bhagwati (India) elected vice-president of the United Nations Human Rights Committee for the second term.
- **1999:** The Indian Army left Sri Lanka and returned home.
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- **2000:** Rupali Repale of India becomes the first woman and the youngest to swim the Robben Island channel-both ways.
- **2003:** "World Tuberculosis Day" has been celebrated across the world since 2003 to raise awareness among people about the prevention of tuberculosis and to continue its control efforts.
- **2007:** Australia's Matthew Hayden scored the fastest century in the World Cup.
- **2008:** Bhutan became a democratic country.

### **Famous People born on March 24**

- **1775:** Muthuswami Dikshitar, a South Indian poet, singer, and veena player.
- **1863:** Famous Indian politician and advocate Satyendra Prasanna Sinha was born.
- **1892:** India's famous literateur and patriot Haribhau Upadhyay was born.
- **1901:** Ub Iwerks, an American animator, and he designed Mickey Mouse.
- **1922:** T. M. Soundararajan, an Indian Carnatic musician and a playback singer.
- **1984:** Adrian D'Souza, an Indian field hockey goalkeeper.