

Today In *History*

Find Out What happened On March 9

Important events of March 9

- **1500:** *Pedro Cabral departs from Portugal with 13 ships to India.*
- **1776:** *Publication of Adam Smith's famous book on economics, 'The Wealth of Nations'.*
- **1796:** *Napoleon Bonaparte married Josephine, his first wife.*
- **1822:** *Charles Egg Graham patented the first denture.*
- **1858:** *Bahadurshah Jafar II, the last Mughal Emperor, was deported to Rangoon under the offense for rising of the first Indian Mutiny in 1857.*
- **1860:** *Japan appointed its ambassador to America for the first time.*
- **1861:** *Currency of 50, 100 and 1000 dollars were introduced.*
- **1897:** *Fans started calling the team 'Indians' (in 1915 it became official).*
- **1916:** *Germany declared war against Portugal.*
- **1918:** *The Russian Bolshevik Party became the Communist Party.*
- **1931:** *The Tories decide not to attend future round table talks on India in London.*
- **1945:** *World War II- US B-29 bombers struck Tokyo, Japan. More than 1 lakh people died in it.*
- **1959:** *The Barbie doll made its debut at the American International Toy Fair in New York.*
- **1961:** *Successful launch of Russian spacecraft Sputnik 9 with a human dummy and a dog.*
- **1961:** *Vishnu Sahay was appointed as the Cabinet Secretary of India. He held this office till 15-04-1962.*
- **1966:** *India yields to Sikh demand for Punjab-speaking state.*
- **1989:** *Yasser Arafat, PLO Chairman, arrives on a two-day state visit to India.*
- **1990:** *Lalu Prasad Yadav to form JD Ministry in Bihar.*
- **1992:** *Poet-writer Dr. Harivansh Rai Bachchan awarded the first Saraswati Award by the Vice President of India at a function organized by the K. K. Birla Pratishthan in New Delhi.*
- **1993:** *AIADMK severs alliance with the Congress in Tamil Nadu.*
- **1996:** *Chaudhary Randhir Singh appointed Governor of Sikkim.*
- **1997:** *Bangladesh and Chakma refugee leaders sign a historic agreement for repatriation of the 50,000 refugees sheltered in six camps in Tripura for the past 11 years.*

- **1998:** *Vishwanathan Anand, Chess legend, wins the Super GrandMaster Title.*
- **1999:** *Rabri Devi is sworn in Chief Minister of Bihar for the second time.*
- **2004:** *Pakistan in 2004 2000 km. Successfully test-fired surface-to-air missile 'Shaheen-2' (Hatf-6) with a strike range of .*
- **2005:** *Thaksin Shinawatra was elected Prime Minister of Thailand for the second term in 2005.*
- **2007:** *Indian doctors in Britain won a legal victory over discriminatory immigration rules.*
- **2008:** *Goa Governor S.C. Zameer assumed additional charge of Governor of Maharashtra.*

Famous People born on March 9

- **1454:** *Amerigo Vespucci, an Italian merchant, explorer, and navigator.*
- **1824:** *Amasa Leland Stanford, an American industrialist, and politician. He is the founder of Stanford University.*
- **1836:** *Navalram Pandya, a Gujarati critic, playwright, poet, essayist, editor, educationist, and a social reformer.*
- **1863:** *Laxman Bapuji Kolhatkar (Bhaurao), famous singer and actor of Marathi theater, was born.*
- **1902:** *Edward Durell Stone, US architect (US Embassy, New Delhi), was born.*
- **1915:** *India's famous Hindi litterateur Dr. Nagendra was born.*
- **1930:** *Renowned Indian jurist and former Attorney General of India Soli Jahangir Sorabji was born.*
- **1934:** *Russian Soviet pilot and cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin was born.*
- **1934:** *Yuri Gagarin, a Soviet Air Forces pilot and cosmonaut who became the first human to journey into outer space.*
- **1938:** *Famous children's writer and editor Harikrishna Devsare was born.*
- **1943:** *Robert Fischer, an American chess grandmaster*