

Today In History

Find Out What happened On March 12

Important events of March 12

- **1612:** *Usman Khan Lohani, son of Isa Khan, was defeated in the battle of Nekuajjal. He died as the last independent ruler of Bengal.*
- **1894:** *Coca-Cola bottle sales began.*
- **1918:** *The Russian capital moved from St. Petersburg to Moscow.*
- **1930:** *Mahatma Gandhi started the Dandi March from Sabarmati Ashram near Ahmedabad to break salt law. This march stretched 375 km. was covered in 26 days with 78 followers. The whole of India joined the campaign to boycott foreign goods and refused to pay taxes. Khan Abdul Ghafar Khan or Frontier Gandhi started Khudai Khidmatgar movement in the North-West Frontier. The Government went back to its brutal force and about 90,000 people were imprisoned within a year. In Peshawar, the Garhwal The regiment refused to shoot a demonstrator. In Nagaland Rani Gaidinliu, a 13 year old girl raised the flag against the Britishers and was put into life imprisonment in 1932.*
- **1941:** *Chinese engineers leave to survey a route for the proposed 1,000-mile-long highway from Ningyuan, China to Assam, India.*
- **1942:** *British troops vacate the Andaman in the Gulf of Bengal.*
- **1944:** *No. 7 Squadron, which had flown its Vengeances on some missions against dissident tribesmen in North Waziristan, started operations in the Arakan from an airstrip at Uderbund near Kumbhigram.*
- **1954:** *Indian National Academy of Letters "Sahitya Academy" inaugurated by Dr. Radhakrishnan.*
- **1967:** *Indira Gandhi became Prime Minister of India for the second time after winning the General Elections.*
- **1968:** *Mauritius became independent from England.*
- **1969:** *Reactor Research Centre established at Kalpakkam. On 18th December 1985, it was renamed as Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research.*
- **1972:** *Vote gives Indira Gandhi 70 % of regional seats.*
- **1988:** *After 58 years in the commemoration of Dandi March, Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi performed the 32 kms Dandi March from Sabarmati Ashram.*

- **1991:** Lok Sabha Speaker Rabi Ray admits to an Opposition-sponsored motion for removal of the Supreme Court Judge V. Ramaswamy for alleged misappropriation of public funds, and sets up a three-Judge committee to investigate.
- **1992:** A devastating wave of car-bomb explosions killed an estimated 300 people and injured hundreds more today in the large western Indian port city of Bombay. The first blast ripped through the city's stock exchange building, and minutes later a dozen slightly less powerful explosions rocked the bustling city center. The bomb attacks appeared to have been part of a carefully planned operation. The devices were clearly meant to cause maximum loss of life and damage to property.
- **1992:** Centenary celebrations held at Kasturba Hospital for Infectious diseases (CIVIC).
- **1992:** India and the US decide to hold joint naval exercises in the Indian ocean.
- **1992:** The four-member break-away group of Telugu Desam recognised by Lok Sabha speaker.
- **1993:** A series of 12 bomb blasts in Mumbai killed more than 300 people and injured thousands.
- **1995:** Congress party loses India national election.
- **1996:** Election Commission rejects claim by Indira Congress as the real Congress. The 'hand' symbol will remain with the Indian National Congress headed by PVN Rao.
- **1996:** Last session of the 10th Lok Sabha ends.
- **1997:** Jaspal Rana equals world mark in standard pistol 25m (ISU) event in South Asian shooting in Delhi.
- **1999:** The Government of India decided that Mahatma Gandhi would be depicted on government currency notes.
- **1999:** The Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland joined NATO.
- **2003:** The World Health Organization officially release a global warning of outbreaks of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS).

Famous People born on March 12

- **1838:** Birth of Sir William Henry Perkin, a British chemist.
- **1911:** Daman Div Dayanand Balkrishna Bandodkar, first Chief Minister of Goa, was born.
- **1913:** Yashwantrao Balvantrao Chavan, first Chief Minister of Maharashtra, was born.
- **1927:** Birth of Argentine President Raul Alfonsín.