

Today In *History*

Find Out What happened On March 15

Important events of March 15

- **1493:** Christopher Columbus returned to Spain after his world tour.
- **1564:** Akbar removed 'Jizya' or toll-tax for his non-Muslim subjects.
- **1744:** French Emperor Louis Fifteenth declared war against Britain.
- **1831:** First Marathi Almanac (Panchang) started by Ganpat Krishnaji.
- **1892:** Automatic ballot machine was used for the first time in New York.
- **1901:** Horse racing was banned in San Francisco, America.
- **1901:** Guru Hanuman was born at Jhunjhun, Rajasthan. He was the pioneer and contributor of wrestling in India. He was bestowed with the Padamshri in 1983. His pupils Satpal and Kartar Singh won Gold Medals in Asian Games.
- **1919:** Osmania University was inaugurated.
- **1908:** Police shoot four people in rioting.
- **1908:** Osmania University was established at Hyderabad.
- **1941:** Gorkha Rifles Battalion Group (INDBATT) unit was raised as the 4th Battalion, the 2nd King Edward VII's own Gurkha Rifles (The Sirmoor Rifles) by Lt Col O'de T Lovett at Dehradun.
- **1946:** Attlee offers India full independence after agreement on constitution in London.
- **1947:** Riots broke out in Punjab.
- **1950:** Planning Commission Day.
- **1956:** The musical play "My Fair Lady", based on the play by George Bernard Shaw, opened on Broadway in 1956.
- **1964:** The Soviet Union conducted nuclear tests in East Kazakhstan.
- **1969:** Indian Navy's first Helicopter Squadron was commissioned in Goa.
- **1984:** The constitution was adopted in the European country Tanzania.
- **1984:** Inauguration of the first International Sanskrit Conference at the Mahatma Gandhi Institute in Port Louis (Mauritius) by Prime Minister Aniruddha Jagannath.
- **1996:** Kashmiri militants and Central govt. hold talks on ending violence and to initiate the democratic process in J&K.

- **1997:** Lok Sabha passes Income Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1997.
- **1997:** Iran appointed a female politician abroad for the first time.
- **1998:** Mr. Vajpayee is appointed Prime Minister. The number of MPs supporting the formation of a government by the BJP stands at 264 in a house of 539, just short of the working majority of 270. However, the President sees the figure as crossing the half-way mark as the Telugu Desam decides to remain neutral. Earlier, the Congress(I) conveyed to the President its decision not to stake a claim to form a government.
- **2002:** European Union summit begins in Barcelona (Spain).
- **2007:** Agreement signed between Vodafone and Essar in 2007.
- **2008:** In 2008, the country's first female IPS officer Kiran Bedi was selected for the German honor 'Annemarie Madison' for her outstanding contribution in prison reform and protection of human rights.
- **2008:** Mahatma Gandhi's statue was installed in Posillipo, Italy.

Famous People born on March 15

- **1901:** In 1901, India's great wrestling trainer (coach) and wrestler Guru Hanuman was born.
- **1904:** Annada Shankar Rai, modern Oriya and Bengali poet, was born.
- **1920:** Ranganandhan Francis, field hockey (Olympic-gold-1948, 52, 56), was born.
- **1934:** Kanshi Ram, founder of Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) was born.
- **1943:** Former Chief Minister of Delhi Sahib Singh Verma was born.
- **1947:** former Indian hockey player Ajit Pal Singh was born.
- **1954:** Hindi litterateur Rameshraj Tewarikar was born.