

## Today In History

### *Find Out What happened On March 16*

#### **Important events of March 16**

- **1521:** *Ferdinand Magellan traveled the world to the Philippines.*
- **1527:** *Rana Sangram Singh, King of Mewar, attacked Mughal Emperor Babur near Kanwa at Agra.*
- **1528:** *A battle fought between Rana Sanga and Babur at Fatehpur Sikri, where Rana Sang was defeated.*
- **1690:** *King Louis XIV of France sent troops to Ireland.*
- **1846:** *According to the Treaty of Amritsar, the suzerainty of Kashmir was subdued under Gulab Singh, the Hindu king of Jammu.*
- **1911:** *Gopal Krishna Gokhale proposed to make primary education compulsory in India.*
- **1912:** *Gandhiji commends Gokhale's attempts for abolition of the indenture system.*
- **1922:** *England recognized Egypt.*
- **1928:** *C.V. Raman announced his discovery of "new radiation" to an assembly of scientists at Bangalore.*
- **1937:** *Mumbai High Court ruled that Dalits have the right to drink water from Chavdar Lake at Mahad.*
- **1939:** *Germany occupied Czechoslovakia.*
- **1939:** *Subroto Mukherjee became the first Indian Officer to command a squadron when he took over No.1.*
- **1942:** *The V-2 rocket was launched, but it exploded at the same time.*
- **1946:** *India calls Attlee's independence offer contradictory, 'a propaganda move'.*
- **1959:** *Iraq and the Soviet Union signed an economic and technological agreement.*
- **1966:** *Judge Amal Kumar Sarkar became the Chief Justice of India. He held this office till 29/06/1966.*
- **1966:** *Amal Kumar's government became the 8th Chief Justice of India.*
- **1966:** *America launched the manned spacecraft "Gemini 8".*
- **1976:** *Harold Wilson, who was the Prime Minister of Britain for eight years and the leader of the Labor Party for 13 years, surprised everyone by resigning in 1976.*

- **1977:** *Sixth General Election of India begins.*
- **1978:** *America conducted nuclear tests in Nevada.*
- **1982:** *Russia announced in 1982 that it would stop deploying new nuclear missiles in Western Europe.*
- **1986:** *Internationally wanted criminal Charles Sobharaj and 6 other prisoners escape from Tihar Jail.*
- **1989:** *A 4400-year-old mummy was found in the pyramid of Chipoz in Egypt.*
- **1992:** *Satyajit Ray, veteran film producer and director, was presented the honorary Oscar by a three-member Oscar committee at a Calcutta nursing home.*
- **1993:** *Central government introduces pension scheme for 170 million EPF subscribers.*
- **1995:** *K. Karunakaran resigns as CM of Kerala; Finance Minister presents Central Budget.*
- **1995:** *NASA astronaut Norman Russian became the first American to visit the space station Mir.*
- **1998:** *Chinese President Jiang Zemin was re-elected President for the next term.*
- **1997:** *The first batch of three Russian-made Sukhoi-30 combat aircraft reaches India.*
- **1997:** *Saidian Shafi, correspondent, Ankhon Dekhi', TV news magazine, and his personal security officer killed by militants in Srinagar.*
- **1998:** *Sonia Gandhi is elected chairperson of the Congress(I) Parliamentary Party.*
- **1999:** *The Shiromani Akali Dal creates a record by unanimously electing Bibi Jagir Kaur Begowal as the first woman president of the SGPC.*
- **2000:** *Rabri Devi, Bihar Chief Minister, wins trust vote.*
- **2001:** *Nelson Mandela awarded the Gandhi Peace Prize.*
- **2005:** *Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations, nominated Supachayi Panichpakri as the new President of UNCTAD*
- **2006:** *Three months after the elections, Iraq's new parliament took oath.*
- **2008:** *Pervez Musharraf signed the death warrant of Sarabjit Singh, an Indian citizen who was sentenced to death in Pakistan.*
- **2014:** *The people of Crimea voted in favor of leaving Ukraine and joining Russia.*

### **Famous People born on March 16**

- **1556:** *Amarsingh, Rajput king of Mewar, was born.*
- **1599:** *Shahaji Raje Bhosale, father of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, was born.*
- **1693:** *Malhar Rao Holkar, a subhedar of the Maratha Empire.*
- **1750:** *Caroline Herschel, a German astronomer.*
- **1751:** *James Madison, 5th President of the United States.*
- **1789:** *Georg Ohm, a German physicist, and mathematician.*
- **1860:** *Dr. W.M. Haffkine, great scientist, bacteriologist and professor, was born at Odessa in Russia.*
- **1877:** *Nanlal Dalpatram Kavi, famous poet, Gujarati litterateur and Headmaster, was born.*

- **1880:** *Parshuram Rajshekar Basu, famous Bengali writer, was born.*
- **1901:** *Pralhad Balacharya Gajendragadkar, Chief Justice of Supreme Court of India, was born.*
- **1901:** *Freedom fighter Potti Sriramulu, a follower of Gandhiji, was born.*
- **1902:** *A. Appadorai, educationist and author, was born at Angadipuram, Kerala.*
- **1906:** *India's well-known educationist and Hindi litterateur Ambika Prasad Divya was born.*
- **1910:** *Iftikhar Ali Khan Pataudi, cricketer (Nawab of Pataudi sr, England & India), was born in Pataudi, Punjab.*
- **1911:** *Josef Mengele, a German Schutzstaffel officer, and physician during World War II.*
- **1929:** *A. K. Ramanujan, an Indian poet, and scholar of Indian literature.*