

## Today In *History*

### *Find Out What happened On March 17*

#### **Important events of March 17**

- **1527:** Babur defeated Rana Sangram Singh of Chittorgarh.
- **1672:** England declared war against the Netherlands.
- **1769:** British East India Company imposed a ban on weavers of Bengal.
- **1782:** The Treaty of Salbai was signed in 1782 between the East India Company and the Maratha rulers.
- **1798:** Rani Shiromani announced the attack against the British Army.
- **1845:** Stephen Perry of London patented the rubber band.
- **1863:** Sayajirao Gaekwad of Baroda was born.
- **1882:** Vishnushastri Chiplunkar, father of modern Marathi language, passed away.
- **1906:** About 1000 people died in the 1906 earthquake in Taiwan.
- **1942:** The National Gallery of Art, one of the finest collections of art in the world, was opened in America in 1942 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.
- **1943:** Indian troops retreat from Rathedaung to Buthidaung in the face of a renewed Japanese offensive on the Arakan front in Burma.
- **1955:** Indian Standard's Institute started working to control the quality of Indian products and the ISI mark was issued to quality products.
- **1957:** New Central Cabinet under J. L. Nehru was sworn in.
- **1957:** Vanguard-1, the first solar-powered satellite in the United States, was launched.
- **1959:** Dalai Lama XIV flees from Tibet after the Chinese military occupied Tibet.
- **1963:** Nearly 2000 people lost their lives when a volcano erupted on the island of Bali.
- **1967:** 4th Parliament (Lok Sabha) was formed.
- **1969:** Gold Meyer became the first female prime minister of Israel.
- **1982:** President's rule in Kerala.
- **1987:** IBM released PC-DOS version 3.3 in 1987.

- **1988:** First operational Indian Remote Sensing Satellite (IRS-1A) launched by a Russian Vostok. IRS system under National Natural Resources Management System (NNRMS) coordinated at national level by the Planning Committee of NNRMS (PC-NNRMS) and the data from IRS satellites are processed by the National Remote Sensing Agency, Hyderabad. SI, a US Company, also receives and markets IRS data worldwide under a commercial contract with Antrix Corporation of the Department of Space.
- **1989:** Daily newspaper 'Sakal' published its edition in South Maharashtra.
- **1991:** The first Indian Remote Sensing Satellite IRS-1A completes three years of successful operation. (18-3-91).
- **1992:** Suburban rail fare increase cut; 20\% hike in first class, second class A/C sleeper and chair car reduced to 15\%.
- **1994:** Wali Mohammad Itto, former Speaker of J&K Assembly shot dead by militants.
- **1995:** Congress-I in Arunachal Pradesh wins two-third majority.
- **1996:** Air-conditioned taxi service launched in Mumbai.
- **1997:** Cochin Stock Exchange goes online.
- **1997:** A Delhi court sentenced former Union Minister Kalpnath Rai to 10 years RI.
- **1999:** An international seminar on UN Peacekeeping was co-jointly hosted by the Ministry of External affairs and Ministry of Defence at New Delhi from 17 to 19 March 1999. The seminar was conducted by HQ Army Training Command, Shimla on behalf of the Indian Army. A total of 126 foreign delegates from 71 countries participated in the seminar.
- **1999:** GM Dibyendu Barua and IWM S. Vijayalakshmi (both India) won the men's and women's titles respectively in the Asian Zonal chess championship in Mumbai.
- **2000:** V.C. Pande, Bihar Governor, accords sanction to the CBI to prosecute RJD president Laloo Prasad Yadav in a disproportionate assets case.

### **Famous People born on March 17**

- **1864:** Joseph Baptista, an Indian politician, and activist.
- **1887:** D. V. Gundappa, a Kannada writer and philosopher.
- **1920:** Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, a Bangladeshi politician, and statesman. He is known as the "Father of the Nation" in Bangladesh.
- **1922:** Birth of American philosopher Patrick Sappas.
- **1946:** Birth of former Chief Minister of Maharashtra Prithviraj Chavan in 1946.
- **1962:** Kalpana Chawla, an American astronaut, engineer, and the first woman of Indian origin to go to space.