

## Today In History

### *Find Out What happened On March 18*

#### **Important events of March 18**

- **1792:** *The Treaty of Seringapatam (also called Srirangapatnam or Srirangapatna), Ended the Third Anglo-Mysore War. Its signatories included Lord Cornwallis on behalf of the British East India Company, representatives of the Nizam of Hyderabad and the Maratha Empire, and Tipu Sultan, the ruler of Mysore*
- **1801:** *First Ordnance manufacturing factory established in India.*
- **1850:** *American Express was founded by Henry Wells and William Fargo.*
- **1896:** *Pandit Kunjilal Dubey, freedom fighter, educationalist and politician, was born at Amgaon, District Narsinghpur.*
- **1910:** *Gopal Krishna Gokhale had presented his proposal to the British Legislative Council in 1910 for the provision of compulsory and free primary education.*
- **1915:** *British Government approved Indian Security Act to have greater control on the Indian people.*
- **1919:** *Rowlatt Act, intended to perpetuate the extraordinary powers enjoyed by the Government under Lord Chelmsford during the war, provokes countrywide protests. This Rowlatt Act was forced instead of the 1915 Indian Security Act which reduced freedom of Indian people.*
- **1922:** *Mohandas K. Gandhi "Mahatma," the great spirit, sentenced by British authorities to six years in prison for sedition at Sabarmati. Gandhi was sentenced just eight days after he was arrested. The British acted hastily after government officials in London and India were criticized for not arresting him sooner. In London, the Secretary of State for India was forced to resign because of the controversy over Gandhi. In India, the arrests of Gandhi and other Indian nationalists had only increased sympathy for their cause.*
- **1940:** *In the meeting between Mussolini and Adolf Hitler in 1940, Mussolini agreed to support Germany in the war against Britain and France.*
- **1944:** *Subhash Chandra Bose formed Azad Hind Fauz and took control of Kohima-Imphal.*
- **1944:** *Azad Hind Fauj entered India (Japanese army) from the border of Burma and invaded north eastern India.*
- **1948:** *Socialist Party of India (SPI) disassociates itself from the Congress.*
- **1948:** *Eknath Dhondur Solkar, cricketer (India 1969-77, brilliant short-leg fielder), was born in Bombay. He is a recipient of the Arjun Award (1973).*

- **1953:** *Backward Classes Commission inaugurated.*
- **1965:** *Alexei Leonov became the first astronaut to walk in 12 minutes into space.*
- **1965:** *Soviet Union Air Force pilot Alexei Leonov did the first spacewalk in 1965.*
- **1972:** *First Indian Book Fair was organized by National Book Trust in New Delhi.*
- **1990:** *Devi Lal, Deputy PM, withdraws his resignation.*
- **1990:** *In 1990, approximately \$500 million worth of artifacts were stolen from an American museum.*
- **1991:** *West Bengal opts for assembly poll.*
- **1996:** *President confers gallantry awards on 65 personnel of the defence forces.*
- **1997:** *Indo-Bangladesh friendship treaty, signed 25 years ago, expires.*
- **1998:** *A.B. Vajpayee, the Prime Minister-designate, releases the 'national agenda for governance' in New Delhi. It is silent on the Ram temple issue, scrapping of Article 370 and a uniform civil code.*
- **2006:** *The United Nations approved the proposal for the formation of 'Human Rights Council'.*
- **2007:** *North Korea started the work of shutting down its nuclear program in 2007.*
- **2008:** *Ratan Tata, President of Tata Group, was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Science at the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur.*
- **2008:** *Sunil Bharti Mittal, President and Chief Executive Officer of Bharti Enterprises, became the first Indian to join America's Distinguished Entrepreneur Academy.*
- **2009:** *The Union Cabinet recommended imposition of President's rule in Meghalaya in 2009.*

### **Famous People born on March 18**

- **1858:** *Rudolf Diesel, a German inventor, and mechanical engineer.*
- **1867:** *M. V. Dhurandhar, an Indian painter.*
- **1869:** *Neville Chamberlain, the former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.*
- **1881:** *Waman Gopal Joshi, an Indian-Marathi journalist, playwright, and freedom fighter.*
- **1869:** *Kunji Lal Dubey, an Indian independence activist, lawyer, educationist, and politician.*
- **1914:** *Birth of Azad Hind Fauj officer Gurbaksh Singh Dhillon in 1914.*
- **1914:** *Birth of Nagendra Singh, former President of the International Court of Justice and former Chief Election Commissioner of India, in 1914.*