

Today In History

Find Out What happened On March 23

Important events of March 23

- *Martyrs' Day (India)*
- *World Meteorological Day*
- *Pakistan Day*

- **1351:** *Firuz Shah Tughluq(1351-88), nephew of Muhammad Tughluq, succeeded as emperor of Delhi.*
- **1357:** *Chandranagar in West Bengal was captured by Lord Clive by defeating the French.*
- **1596:** *Chandbibí made a treaty with Murad and gave 'Varhad' area to Mughals.*
- **1630:** *Pinerolo Piedmont was captured by the French army .*
- **1757:** *Lord Clive conquered Chandranagar after defeating the French troops.*
- **1832:** *The Reform Bill was passed in the British Parliament.*
- **1836:** *Franklin Bell invented the coin printing press.*
- **1839:** *The word OK first used in the Boston Morning Post.*
- **1857:** *The first elevator opened in New York City.*
- **1898:** *Nalinibala Devi, Assamese poet, was born.*
- **1910:** *Dr. Ram Manohar Hiralal Lohia also known as "Dauntless Dr. Lohia", freedom fighter and socialist leader was born at Akbarpur, district Faizabad, Uttar Pradesh. He had founded Praja Socialist Party in 1952.*
- **1913:** *Indian Muslim Conference passes resolution demanding immediate self-government.*
- **1918:** *Lithuania declared independence.*
- **1919:** *Benito Mussolini started the fascist movement in Milan, Italy.*
- **1919:** *Subhadra Joshi, freedom fighter, was born. She took active participation in Salt and non cooperation movement. She also motivated the freedom movement through her newspaper "Hamara Sangram".*
- **1923:** *Sheikh Mubarak Ali Ayaj, Sindhi litterateur, was born.*
- **1923:** *Hemu Kalani, revolutionary freedom fighter, was born at Sukkur, Sind. He was held for removal of fishplates which caused the derailment of the British Wagon.*

- **1931:** *Bhagat Singh, Shivram Rajguru and Sukhdev, great freedom fighters and revolutionaries, were hanged for assassination of Saunders, Assistant Superintendent of Police in the Central Jail at Lahore. Bhagat Singh and his associates showed no signs of any fear as they kissed the noose, chanting "Inquilab Zindabad" (long live the revolution).*
- **1939:** *Benito Mussolini started the Fascist movement in Milan, Italy.*
- **1940:** *All India Muslim League demanded a separate country for Muslims.*
- **1940:** *All India Muslim League passed resolution for the formation of Muslim homeland i.e. Pakistan.*
- **1942:** *Japanese forces occupy Rangoon, Andaman Islands in Indian Ocean.*
- **1942:** *Second World War was turning against the British and they needed the help of the Indians. So Prime Minister Churchill sent a delegation under Sir Stafford Cripps (Cripps Mission) to hold talks with the Indian leaders on the future of the subcontinent in UK, which could not take because of the non-cooperation movement, they left after a fortnight. They submitted their report in April 1942 which was rejected by the Congress and Muslim League.*
- **1945:** *The US Congress recognized the independence of the Philippines.*
- **1947:** *Lord Mountbatten was sent as a Viceroy to India who was designated to free India.*
- **1950:** *The United Nations established the World Meteorological Department.*
- **1956:** *Pakistan became the world's first Islamic republic.*
- **1965:** *NASA sent two people into space for the first time with the "Gemini 3" spacecraft.*
- **1980:** *Prakash Padukone became the first Indian to win the All England Badminton Championship.*
- **1986:** *The first women's company of Central Reserve Police Force camp was raised in Durgapur.*
- **1987:** *About 30 people have been injured in a car bomb attack on a British military base in West Germany.*
- **1995:** *The Professional Chess Association Candidates Final Series was won by Vishwanathan Anand of India.*
- **1998:** *Actor Dilip Kumar awarded Nishan-e-Imtiaz, Pakistan's highest civilian honor.*
- **1999:** *The assassination of Paraguay's Vice President Puy Maria Argana.*
- **1999:** *Pt. Bhimsen Joshi and Lata Mangeshkar were honored with Padma Vibhushan.*
- **1999:** *Cricketer Sachin Tendulkar and actress Sulochana were awarded the Padma Shri.*
- **2001:** *Russia's Mir space station crashed.*
- **2001:** *Water mausoleum of the Russian space station 'Mir'.*
- **2003:** *Australia retained the World Cup by defeating India by 125 runs in the 2003 Cricket World Cup final held at Wanderers in South Africa.*
- **2014:** *EU and US imposed sanctions on Russia.*

Famous People born on March 23

- **1614:** *Jahanara, the eldest daughter of Mughal emperor Shahjahan and 'Mumtaz Mahal', was born.*
- **1699:** *John Bartram, an early American botanist.*
- **1749:** *Pierre-Simon Laplace, a French mathematician.*

- **1855:** *Kottarathil Sankunni, an Indian writer of Malayalam literature.*
- **1880:** *Basanti Devi, an Indian independence activist.*
- **1881:** *Hermann Staudinger, a German organic chemist.*
- **1883:** *M. Govinda Pai, a Kannada poet.*
- **1889:** *Bhatt Mathuranath Shastri, the famous Sanskrit poet of the first half of the twentieth century, was born.*
- **1898:** *Nalini Bala Devi, an Indian writer, and poet of Assamese literature.*
- **1910:** *Ram Manohar Lohia, an activist in the Indian independence movement and a socialist political leader.*
- **1923:** *Hemu Kalani, a Sindhi revolutionary and freedom fighter.*
- **1929:** *Govind Swarup, a radio astronomer.*
- **1953:** *Indian businesswoman Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw was born.*
- **1972:** *Tennis player Jonas Björkman was born.*