

# Today In *History*

## *Find Out What happened On April 2*

### **Important events of April 2**

- *World Autism Awareness Day*
- **1559:** *Jews were expelled from the Genoa region of Italy.*
- **1679:** *Aurangzeb reimposed Jizya Tax to finance the spread of Islam on the Hindus. This Jizya tax was abolished by Akbar.*
- **1849:** *British Punjab was established.*
- **1851:** *Rama IV crowned King of Thailand.*
- **1870:** *Poona Sarvajanik Sabha was founded. 95 members from different parts of Maharashtra assembled in Pune during its founding.*
- **1877:** *Narottam Morarjee, great social reformer and the architect of modern Indian Shipping, was born at Porbandar.*
- **1894:** *Coronation of Chhatrapati Rajarshi Shahu Maharaj.*
- **1902:** *"Electric Theatre", the first full-time movie theater in the United States, opens in Los Angeles.*
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- **1905:** *Rail traffic between Egypt's capital Cairo and South Africa's Cape Town city started.*
- **1912:** *The ill-fated RMS Titanic began sea Trials.*
- **1921:** *Famous scientist Albert Einstein gave a lecture in New York City on his new theory of relativity.*
- **1926:** *The worst Hindu-Muslim riots break out in Calcutta.*
- **1933:** *Sir Ranjitsinhji Vibhaji "Ranji", Maharaj, jam saheb of Nawanagar and noted cricketer, passed away. He was referred to as "The prince of a little state, but the King of a great game". He scored 989 Test runs with a 1st-class avg. 56.*
- **1942:** *Andaman Islands, U.S. Army Air Force Flying Fortresses, bomb the Japanese fleet.*
- **1942:** *Congress rejected the proposal of Sir Stephen Cripps.*
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- **1945:** Diplomatic relations were restored between the Soviet Union and Brazil.
- **1948:** Defence Minister announces the establishment of the National War Academy in Khadakwasla, Poona.
- **1948:** Communist leader S.A. Dange was arrested in Bombay.
- **1954:** Nehru calls for a halt to the buildup of nuclear weapons.
- **1970:** Meghalaya, an autonomous hilly state, was established after dividing the hilly areas of Assam.
- **1970:** Privy purses and special privileges of former Indian rulers abolished.
- **1980:** Raj Narain expelled from Lok Dal forms Janata (S) Party.
- **1980:** S. S. Grewal was appointed as the Cabinet Secretary of India. He held this office till 30-04-1981.
- **1984:** Rakesh Sharma, the first Indian astronaut, flew from the Soyuz T-11.
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- **1989:** Establishment of the ASUS Corporation.
- **1987:** Indian Standards Institution becomes Bureau of Indian Standards.
- **1991:** Asom Gana Parishad splits.
- **1991:** Haryana Governor recommends President's rule.
- **1993:** MP High Court quashes dismissal of BJP Government under article 356; the Centre decides to move the Supreme Court.
- **1994:** Governor Bhanu Prakash Singh dismisses Wilfred D'souza Government in Goa.
- **1994:** Ravi Naik sworn in as CM.
- **1996:** Tamil Maanila Congress (Moopanar) party registered and recognised.
- **1997:** A division bench of Mumbai High Court holds that a married woman of a joint Hindu family can stake a claim to her father's property.
- **1997:** Sumita Sinha of Dhanbad, (18 years college girl) became a world record holder when a 3,200 kg Ambassador car passed over her.
- **1999:** The summit meeting of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) was held in Moscow.
- **2001:** 37 police officers killed by Maoist rebels in Nepal.
- **2000:** Guru Granth Sahib is a juristic person and can hold property, says the apex court in a judgment of "far-reaching consequences and great significance".
- **2007:** A powerful tsunami hit the Solomon Islands.
- **2011:** India won the Cricket World Cup after 28 years.
- **2011:** After winning the first World Cup in 1983, India won the World Cup for the second time on this day.
- **2013:** Seven people were killed in an attack on a power plant in Peshawar, Pakistan.
- **2017:** American singer and songwriter Bob Dylan accepted the prestigious Nobel Prize for Literature.

- **2017:** *Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated to the nation the country's longest, Chenani-Nashri road tunnel in Jammu and Kashmir.*

### **Famous People born on April 2**

- **1805:** H.C. Andersen, a Danish author. He is famous for his fairy tales.
- **1891:** *Tristao de Braganza Cunha, a prominent Indian nationalist and anti-colonial activist from Goa.*
- **1898:** *Harindranath Chattopadhyay, an Indian English poet, dramatist, actor, and musician.*
- **1902:** *Ustad Bade Ghulam Ali Khan, an Indian Hindustani classical vocalist, from the Patiala Gharana.*