

Today In History

Find Out What happened On April 4

Important events of April 4

- **1460:** *University of Basel in Switzerland was founded.*
- **1716:** *Wismar in northern Germany was captured by Russian and Prussian forces.*
- **1722:** *Jacob Rogerwin explored eastern Ireland.*
- **1818:** *The US Congress approved the inclusion of '13 red and white strips and 20 stars' in the national flag.*
- **1858:** *After fighting with the British army led by Hughes Rose, Rani Lakshmi Bai of Jhansi left Jhansi reached Kalpi and later moved towards Gwalior.*
- **1905:** *A massive earthquake struck the Kangra Valley, killing approximately 20,000 people.*
- **1910:** *Philosopher Sri Aurobindo Ghosh arrived in Pondicherry (now Puducherry) where he opened a yoga and spiritual center.*
- **1916:** *The American Senate approved participation in World War I.*
- **1941:** *The Libyan city of Benghazi was captured by the German army.*
- **1944:** *British forces captured Adil Ababa, Ethiopia.*
- **1949:** *The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) was established, a result of the early stages of the Cold War.*
- **1949:** *Eleven countries in Western Europe together with the United States, established NATO.*
- **1960:** *The African country Senegal declared independence from France.*
- **1968:** *James Earl Ray assassinated Martin Luther King Jr.*
- **1968:** *Apollo Program – NASA launched Apollo 6.*
- **1968:** *American human rights activist Martin Luther King was assassinated on this day.*
- **1975:** *Bill Gates and Paul Allen founded Microsoft in Albuquerque, New Mexico.*
- **1975:** *Microsoft was founded as a result of an agreement between Bill Gates and Paul Allen.*
- **1979:** *Former Prime Minister of Pakistan Zulfikar Ali Bhutto was sentenced to death.*
- **1990:** *Lata Mangeshkar honored with Dadasaheb Phalke Award.*
- **1994:** *Declaration of Tibetan boy Ugyen Thinley Dorje as the new Karmapa by Tibetan spiritual leader Dalai Lama.*

- **1997:** *In terms of purchasing power, the World Bank declared India as the fifth largest economy of the world.*
- **2006:** *New charges were leveled against deposed Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.*
- **2008:** *Former Chief Minister of Delhi Madan Lal Khurana accepted BJP membership.*
- **2008:** *Pakistan's new government removed Major General Nadeem from the post of Army Intelligence Chief.*
- **2013:** *About 80 people were killed when an illegally constructed building collapsed in Thane, Maharashtra.*
- **2013:** *In Thane, Maharashtra, 74 people were killed when an illegally constructed building collapsed.*
- **2013:** *Nine people were killed in an axe murder case in Chhattisgarh.*

Famous People born on April 4

- **1823:** *Carl Wilhelm Siemens, a German-British electrical engineer, and businessman.*
- **1889:** *Pandit Makhanlal Chaturvedi, an Indian poet, writer, essayist, playwright, and journalist.*
- **1889:** *Famous Hindi poet, writer, playwright and journalist Makhanlal Chaturvedi was born in Madhya Pradesh.*
- **1902:** *Narayanrao Vyas, a Hindustani musician of Gwalior Gharana.*
- **1922:** *American musician Elmer Bernstein was born.*
- **1928:** *Maya Angelou, an American poet, memoirist, and civil rights activist.*
- **1949:** *India's famous Bollywood actress Parveen Bobby was born in Junagadh, Gujarat.*
- **1972:** *Indian actress and fashion model Lisa Ray was born.*
- **1979:** *Heath Ledger, an English film actor, was born.*