

# FIRST IN INDIA : QuickGS.com



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## First in India : Science & Technology

- First Indian Cosmonaut to go in space – Sqn. Ldr. Rakesh Sharma
- First Large scale Atomic Reactor of India – Apsara
- First person to make Printing Press popular in India – James Hicky
- India's First Nuclear centre – Tarapur
- First test tube baby of India – Indira (Baby Harsha)
- First Indian Pilot – JRD Tata (in 1929)
- First Indian space Tourist – Santosh George

## First Cabinet Ministers

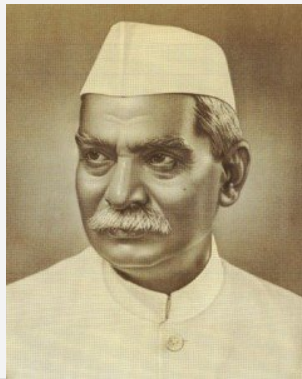


Amrit Kaur

- First Health Minister of free India - Rajkumari Amrit Kaur

- First woman Cabinet minister of India - Rajkumari Amrit Kaur
- First Defense Minister of free India - Baldev Singh
- First Education minister of free India – Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
- First Home minister of free India – Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel
- First Finance Minister of free India - R K Shanmukhan Chetty
- First Law minister of free India - B R Ambedkar
- First Commerce minister of free India - C H Bhabha

## First In India : Administration & Govt. Service



Rajendra Prasad

- First President of India - Dr Rajendra Prasad
- First Prime Minister of India - [Jawaharlal Nehru](#)
- First Governor of Bengal – Lord Clive
- First Vice President of India - Dr S Radhakrishnan
- First Muslim President of Indian Republic – Dr Zakir Hussain
- Last Governor of Bengal – Warren Hastings
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- First Governor General of India – Lord William Bentic
- Last Governor General and First Viceroy of India – Lord Caning
- First President of Indian National Congress – W C Banerjee
- First Governor General of Independent India – C Rajgopalachari
- First Indian to pass ICS – Surendra Nath Banerjee
- First Indian ICS Officer – Satyendra Nath Tagore
- First Governor General of India (after Independence) – Lord Louis Mountbatten
- First temporary President of Constituent Assembly – Dr Sachchida Nand Sinha
- First Indian Judge to International court of Justice – Dr Nagendra Singh

- First Vice President of Free India – Dr S Radhakrishnan
- First speaker of Lok Sabha – G V Mavlankar
- India's first Lok Sabha member to win from record no of votes – PV Narsimha Rao
- India's first minister to resign from Union Cabinet – Shyama Prasad Mukherjee
- India's first Election commissioner – Sukumar Sen
- First Muslim president of Indian National Congress – Badruddin Tayab ji
- First Chief Justice of India – Justice Hiralal J Kania
- First Deputy Prime Minister of India – Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel
- First Indian Prime Minister to resign from office – Morarji Desai
- First Indian Prime Minister to loose an election – Indira Gandhi
- First President of India to die in office – Dr Zakir Hussain

## First in India : Defense



K M Cariappa

- First Commander in Chief of Free India – General K M Cariappa
- First Chief of Air Staff – Sir Thomas Almhirst
- First Indian Chief of Air Staff – Air Marshal Subroto Mukherjee
- First Chief of Army Staff- Gen M Rajendra Singh
- First Chief of Naval Staff – Vice Admiral R D Katari
- First Field Marshal – Gen S F J Manekshaw
- First female jawan in the Army: Sapper Shanti Tigga
- First Atomic Submarine – I N S Chakra
- First Indian Submarine – INS Cauveri
- First Aircraft carrier Indian Warship – INS Vikrant
- First Indian missile - Prithvi

- First medium range missile – Agni
- First Army Institute of Information technology founded at – Hyderabad

### First in India : [Prestigious Awards](#)

- First in India to get [Bharat Ratna](#) – Dr S RadhaKrishnan, C Rajgopalachari, C V Raman
- First in India to nominate himself for Bharat Ratna Award - Jawaharlal Nehru
- First in India to win Stalin award – Saiffudin Kichlu
- First in India to win Magsaysay award – Acharya Vinoba Bhave
- First foreigner recipient of Bharat Ratna – Khan Abdul Gaffer Khan
- First in India to get Jnanpeeth Award – G Shankar Kurup
- First in India to get [Paramvir Chakra](#) – Major Somnath Sharma
- First Indian author to get Anderson Award – Ruskin Bond
- First Recipient of Dadasaheb Phalke Award - Devika Rani in 1969
- First and only Indian to win Nishan-e-Pakistan (highest civilian award of Pakistan) - [Morarji Desai](#) in 1990

### Noble Awards

- First in India (was first Asian also) to get Nobel Prize – Rabindra Nath Tagore in year 1913 for literature.
- First Indian Scientist to get Noble Prize- C V Raman
- First scientist of Indian origin to win Noble prize in Physics – S. Chandrashekhar
- First Scientist of Indian origin to get Noble prize in field of Medical Science – Dr Hargovind Khurana
- First Indian to win Noble Peace Prize - Mother Teresa in 1979 (Indian citizen but of Albanian origin)
- First Indian born to win Noble Peace Prize - Kailash Satyarthi in 2014
- First and only Indian to win Noble in Economics - Amartya Sen

### Oscar Awards

- First in India ever to be nominated at Oscars - Mehboob Khan for film Mother India in 1958.
- First Indian recipient of Oscar Awards – Bhanu Athaiya (Best Costume design for Film Gandhi in 1983)

- First Indian to win Oscar for lifetime achievement - Satyajit Ray
- First in India to win Oscar for Sound Mixing - Resul Pookutty for film Slumdog Millionaire in year 2009
- First in India to win Oscar for Best original music score - A R Rahman for Slumdog Millionaire
- First in India to win Oscar for Best original Song - A R Rahman and Gulzar shared for Slumdog Millionaire

## First in India : Movies

- First Indian movie - Raja Harischandra by Dadasaheb Falke in 1913 (This was silent movie)
- First Indian movie with sound - Alam Ara by Ardshir Irani in year 1931
- First color movie - Kisan Kanya by Ardshir Irani in year 1937

## First in India : Beauty Contests (Male)

- First Mr. Universe of India - Manohar Aich in year 1952
- First Mr. International - Aryan Vaid in year 2000

## First in India : Sports

### India at Olympics

- First in India to win individual Olympic medal - K D Jadhav (won bronze medal in 1952 at Helsinki Olympics)
- First India athlete (British Origin) to participate and win Olympic medal - Norman Pritchard (represented India and Asia for first time in 1900 Paris Olympics and won 2 silver medals)
- First in India to win Gold in team event - Field Hockey Team in 1928 won gold for first time. Hockey team won gold for total 8 times
- First in India to win medal in shooting at Olympics - Rajyawardhan Singh Rathod, at 2004 Athens Olympic
- First in India to win individual Gold medal at Olympics - Abhinav Bindra, in shooting in 2008 Beijing Olympics

- First in India to win medal in Tennis at Olympics - Leander Paes, Bronze in 1996 at Atlanta Olympics
- First Indian woman to win Olympic medal - Karnam Malleswari, Bronze in Weightlifting in 2000 Sydney Olympic
- First Indian to win medal in Boxing - Vijender Singh, Bronze in 2008 Beijing Olympic
- First Indian to win medal in wrestling at Olympics - Sushil Kumar, in 2008 Beijing Olympics

### India at Chess

- First Grandmaster of India and also the winner of FIDE world Chess championship - Vishwanathan Anand
- Youngest Indian to become Grandmaster - Parimarjan Negi
- India's first woman to become Grandmaster - Koneru Humpy
- India's youngest woman to become Grandmaster - Koneru Humpy (at age 15 years of Age)

### India at Tennis

- First Indian to win Grand Slam Title - Mahesh Bhupati (in mixed doubles partnering with Rika Hiraki) in 1997 French Open
- First Indian woman to win Grand Slam - Sania Mirza (in Mixed Doubles partnering Mahesh Bhupati) in 2009 Australian Open
- First Indian to win Junior Grand Slam Title - Ramanathan Krishnan, won Wimbledon in year 1954
- First Indian to win Junior French Open - Ramesh Krishnan, won both French and Wimbledon in 1979
- First Indian to win Junior Australian Open - Yuki Bhambri in year 2009
- First Indian woman to win Junior Grand Slam Title - Sania Mirza (in doubles partnering Alisa Kleybanova) in 2003 Wimbledon
- First Indian to win Palk Strait Ocean swimming contest – Baidyanath Nath
- First Indian to swim across English Channel – Mihir Sen
- First Indian to climb Mount Everest without oxygen cylinder – Sherpa Phu Dorji
- First Asian games organised at – Delhi (in 1951)
- First Indian to reach Antarctica – Lt Ram Charan (in 1960)

- First man to climb Mount Everest twice – Nawang Gombu
- First in India to reach North Pole - Sq Ldr Sanjay Thapar
- First Indian to reach South Pole – Col. J K Bajaj
- First Indian to win World Billiards Trophy – Wilson Jones

## First in India : Visitors & Travelers

- First foreign visitor to India - Megasthenes (Greek who visited Chandragupta Maurya Court in 305 BC)
- First Chinese pilgrim to visit India – Fa-hein in year 399 AD
- First Muslim visitor/traveler to India - Al Beruni in year 1000 AD
- First European to visit India - Morcopolo (Italian) in 1288 AD
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- First Moroccan to visit India - Ibn Batuta in 1333 AD
- First Russian to visit India - Afanasy Nikitin in 1469 AD
- First Portuguese to visit India - Domingo Paes in 1520 AD
- First British to visit India – William Hawkins in 1609 AD
- First American President to visit India – Dwight David Eisenhower
- First British Prime Minister to visit India – Harold McMillan

## First in India : Places

- First district with 100 % literacy - Ernakulam district in Kerala, in 1990
- First city with 100 % literacy - Kottayam, Kerala in 1989
- First district to be Polio free - Pathanamthitta, Kerala
- First district to become "total electrified" - Palakkad, Kerala in 2011

## First in India : Others

- First e-business newspaper of India – Financial Express
- India's first open University Andhra Pradesh Open University
- India's first University – Nalanda University
- First post office in India – Kolkata (in 1727)
- First central PSU to be privatized - Modern Food Industries in year 2000