

List of First in India

- The first President of Republic of India : **Dr. Rajendra Prasad**
- The first prime minister of independent India: **Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru**
- The first Chief Justice of Supreme Court of India: **Hiralal J. Kania**
- The first Indian Commander-in-Chief of India : **General Cariappa**
- The first Vice-President of Republic of India : **Dr. Radhakrishnan**
- The first Muslim President of Republic of India : **Dr. Zakir Hussain**
- The first President of India who died while in office : **Dr. Zakir Hussain**
- The first Education Minister independent India: **Abul Kalam Azad**
- The first Home Minister of independent India : **Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel**
- The first Speaker of the Lok Sabha : **Ganesh Vasudeva Mavalankar**
- First chairman of Rajya sabha: **Dr. Radhakrishnan**
- The first Chief Election Commissioner of India : **Sukumar Sen**
- The first Prime Minister of India who resigned without completing the full term: **Morarji Desai**
- First Industries and Supplies Minister of Independent India: **Shyama Prasad Mukherjee**
- First Finance Minister of Independent India: **R. K. Shanmukham Chetty**
- First person to resign from the Central Cabinet: **Shyama Prasad Mukherjee**
- The first President of Indian National Congress : **W. C. Banerjee**
- First President of the Indian National Congress of independent India: **Acharya Kripalani**
- The first Muslim President of Indian National Congress : **Badrudin Tayyabji**
- The first Governor General of free India : **Lord Mountbatten**
- The first and the last Indian to be Governor General of free India : **C. Rajgopalachari**
- The first British Governor General of India: **Lord William Bentinck**
- The first British Viceroy of India : **Lord Canning**
- The first Prime Minister of India who did not face the Parliament : **Charan Singh**
- The first Field Marshal of India : **S. H. F. Manekshaw**
- The first Chief of the Army Staff Gen. : **General Maharaj Shri Rajendrasinhji Jadeja**
- The first Indian Air Chief Marshal : **S. Mukherjee**
- First chief defence staff of India: **General Bipin Rawat**

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- First Prime Minister from South India: **P. V. Narasimha Rao**
- First Prime Minister born after India's independence: **Shri. Narendra Modi**
- First Chairperson of Lokpal of India: **Pinaki Chandra Ghose**
- First Sikh Prime Minister of India: **Manmohan Singh**
- First Sikh President of India: **Giani Zail Singh**
- First Non Congress Prime Minister to serve a full term: **Atal Bihari Vajpayee**
- The first defence minister of independent India : **Baldev Singh Chokkar**
- The first Indian to join the I.C.S. : **Satyendra Nath Tagore**
- The first Indian member of the Viceroy's executive council: **Satyendra Prasanna Sinha**
- First Non-Congress State government with Majority by a single party: **E. M. S. Namboodiripad of CPI, Kerala**
- The first man who introduced printing press in India : **James Hicky**
- India's first man in space : **Rakesh Sharma**
- The first Indian to cross English channel : **Mihir Sen**
- First post office opened in India: **Kolkata**
- First disabled friendly bank ATM: **Union Bank of India**
- First expressway of India: **Mumbai - Pune Expressway**
- First state to achieve 100 percent primary education: **Kerala**
- India's first fully organic state: **Sikkim**
- First state to unveil retail policy: **Andhra Pradesh**
- India's first complete digital state: **Kerala**
- First Indian to be appointed as the deputy director-general of programmes (DDP) of the World Health Organization (WHO): **Dr. Soumya Swaminathan**
- India's first satellite: **Aryabhata**
- India's first nuclear reactor: **Apsara**
- First dam in India: **Kallanai Dam**
- The first person to reach Mt. Everest without oxygen : **Sherpa Anga Dorjee**
- The first newspaper in India: **The Bengal Gazette**
- First City to get India's first underwater Metro which is below the flowing Hooghly River: **Kolkata Metro at Kolkata**
- The first Indian Pilot: **J.R.D. Tata**
- First test tube baby of India: **Indira (Baby Harsha)**

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- First Indian to climb mount Everest: **Avtar Singh Cheema**
- First 100% visually challenged Indian Foreign Service Officer: **Beno Zephine**
- India's first Wi-Fi city: **Kolkata**
- First Chinese pilgrim to Visit India: **Fa-Hien**
- The first judge of International Court of Justice : **Dr. Nagendra Singh**

Female

- The first woman Governor of a State in independent India : **Mrs. Sarojini Naidu**
- The first woman Prime Minister of India : **Mrs. Indira Gandhi**
- The first woman chief justice of a High Court : **Mrs. Leela Seth**
- The first woman judge in Supreme Court of India : **Mrs. Meera Sahib Fatima Bibi**
- The first woman Ambassador of India : **Miss C. B. Muthamma**
- The first woman Chief Minister of an Indian State : **Mrs. Sucheta Kripalani**
- The first woman President of the United Nations General **Assembly**
- The first woman President of the Indian National Congress : **Mrs. Annie Besant**
- First Indian woman president of Indian national congress: **Sarojini Naidu**
- First women President of India: **Pratibha Patil**
- The first woman President of the United Nations General Assembly : **Mrs. Vijaya Laxmi Pandit**
- The first woman I.P.S. Officer : **Mrs. Kiran Bedi**
- The first woman Director General of Police (DGP):**Kanchan Chaudhary Bhattacharya**
- The first woman to receive Bharat Ratna: **Indira Gandhi**
- The first Indian woman to receive Nobel Prize : **Mother Teresa**
- First Indian woman to cross English channel: **Aarti Saha**
- The first woman to receive Jnanpith Award : **Ashpurna Devi**
- The first woman Lieutenant General: **General Puneeta Arora**
- The first woman pilot in Indian Air Force : **Harita Kaur Dayal**
- The first woman to climb Mount Everest twice: **Santosh Yadav**
- The first woman union minister of India: **Smt Rajkumari Amrit Kaur.(First Health Minister of India)**
- First Indian Woman to become Miss World: **Reita Faria Powell**
- First Indian woman to become miss universe: **Sushmita Sen**

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- First Indian Woman to go to space: **Kalpana Chawla**
- First women's court in India: **Malda, West Bengal**
- First woman Speaker of the Lok Sabha: **Meira Kumar**
- First Indian woman who won Ramon Magsaysay award: **Mother Teresa**
- First woman to drive a railway train in India: **Surekha Yadav**
- First woman appointed as the United Nations Civilian Police adviser: **Kiran Bedi**
- First woman Indian Navy pilot: **Sub-lieutenant Shivangi**
- First Indian woman to fly fighter aircraft solo: **Avani Chaturvedi**
- First female Jawan in the Indian Army: **Shanti Tigga**
- India's first woman external affairs minister: **Sushma Swaraj**
- India's first woman Defence minister: **Indira Gandhi**
- The first woman Speaker of a State Assembly: **Shanno Devi**

Awards and Honours

- The first Indian to win Nobel Prize : **Rabindranath Tagore**(also the first Asian to win the prize)
- The first Indian to get Nobel prize in Physics : **C. V. Raman**
- The first Indian to receive Bharat Ratna award : **Dr. Radhakrishnan, C. Rajagopalachari, C. V. Raman**
- The first person to receive Jnanpith award : **Sri Shankar Kurup**
- The first person to receive Paramveer Chakra : **Major Somnath Sharma**
- The first Indian to receive Magsaysay Award: **Acharya Vinoba Bhave**
- The first person of Indian origin to receive Nobel Prize in Medicine : **Hargovind Khurana**
- The first Indian to receive Stalin Prize: **Saifuddin Kitchlu**
- The first foreigner to receive Bharat Ratna : **Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan**
- The first Indian to receive Nobel Prize in Economics : **Amartya Sen**
- First Indian to win an Oscar Award: **Bhanu Athaiya**
- The first Indian to won Man Booker Prize: **Arundhati Roy**
- First Indian Woman to become Miss World: **Reita Faria Powell**
- First Indian woman to become miss universe: **Sushmita Sen**
- The First recipient of the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award is: **Chess Grandmaster Viswanathan Anand**

Sport

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- The first Indian to swim across the English channel :**Mihir Sen**
- The first Indian Woman to swim across the English channel :**Arati Saha**
- First batsman to score 50 centuries in Test cricket: **Sachin Tendulkar**
- First cricketer to score 100 centuries in Test and ODI combined: **Sachin Tendulkar**
- First Indian to hit six sixes in an over in first-class cricket: **Ravi Shastri**
- First Indian woman to score a double hundred in Test cricket: **Mithali Raj**
- First Indian bowler to take hat-trick in ODI: **Chetan Sharma**
- First Indian bowler to take hat-trick in test Cricket: **Harbhajan Singh**
- First Indian to score a T20 century: **Suresh Raina**
- First Captain for Indian ODI cricket team: **Ajit Wadekar**
- First Captain for Indian Test cricket team : **CK Nayudu**
- First chess grandmaster of India: **Mr. Viswanathan Anand**
- First Indian woman wrestler to win an Asian Games gold medal: **Vinesh Phogat**
- First Indian woman badminton player to win an Asian Games medal: **Saina Nehwal**
- The first Indian to win an individual gold medal at the Olympic Games: **Abhinav Bindra**
- India won first gold medal in hockey in **1928** at **Amsterdam**
- First Indian woman to win Olympic medal: **Karnam Malleswari**
- First Indian woman to win Olympic silver medal: **P.V. Sindhu**
- First Indian Woman to Win a Olympic Medal in Wrestling: **Sakshi Malik**
- First bowler to take all 10 wickets in an innings: **Anil Kumble**

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