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#### 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: Badruddin 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
- 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)
- 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: Mrs. Vijaya Laxmi Pandit 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 Punceta 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
- 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**

- 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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