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## List of first in India

### MALE

First Prime Minister of free India	Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru
First batsman to score double century in One Day International cricket match	Sachin Tendulkar
First man to have climbed Mount Everest twice	Nawang Gombu
First President of Indian Republic	Dr. Rajendra Prasad
First Indian Pilot	J.R.D. Tata
First Indian to win Nobel Prize	Rabindranath Tagore
First president of Indian National Congress	W.C. Banerjee
First Muslim President of Indian National Congress	Badruddin Tayyabji
First Muslim President of India	Dr. Zakir Hussain
First British Governor General of India	Lord William Bentinck
First British Viceroy of India	Lord Canning
First Governor General of free India	Lord Mountbatten
First and the last Indian Governer General of free India	C. Rajgopalachari
First man who introduce printing press in India	James Hicky
First Indian to join the I.C.S.	Satendranath Tagore
First Indian man in space	Rakesh Sharma
First Prime Minister of India who resigned without completing Full term	Morarji Desai
First Indian Commander-in-Chief of India	General Cariappa
First Cheif of Army Staff	Gen. Maharaj Rajendra Singhji
First Indian member of the Viceroy's executive council	S.P. Sinha
First President of India who died while in office	Dr. Zakir Hussain
First Prime Minister of India who did not face the Parliament	Charan Singh
First Field Marshal of India	S.H.F. Manekshaw
First Indian to get Nobel Prize in Physics	C.V. Raman
First Indian to receive Bharat Ratna award	Dr. Radhakrishnan
First Indian to cross English Channel	Mihir Sen

First person to receive Gyanpith award	Sri Shankar Kurup
First Speaker of the Lok Sabha	Ganesh Vasudev Mavalankar
First Vice-President of India	Dr. Radhakrishnan
First Education Minister	Abul Kalam Azad
First Home Minister of India	Sardar Vallabha Bhai Patel
First Indian Air Chief Marshal	S. Mukharji
First Indian Naval Chief	Vice Admiral R.D. Katari
First judge of International Court of Justice	Dr. Nagendra Singh
First person to receive Paramveer Chakra	Major Somnath Sharma
First person to reach Mt. Everest without oxygen	Sherpa Anga Dorjee
First Chief Election Commissioner	Sukumari Sen
First person to receive Magsaysay Award	Acharya Vinoba Bhave
First person of Indian origin to receive Nobel Prize in Medicine	Hargovind Khurana
First Chinese traveller to visit India	Fahein
First person to receive Stalin Prize	Saifuddin Kitchlu
First person to resign from the central cabinet	Shyama Prasad Mukharji
First foreigner to receive Bharat Ratna	Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan
First person to receive Nobel Prize in Economics	Amartya Sen
First Chief Justice of Supreme Court	Justice Hiralal J. Kania
First President of Indian National Congress	W.C. Banerjee
First batsman to score three test century in three successive tests on debut	Mohd. Azharuddin

## FEMALE

First Woman Speaker of Lok Sabha	Meira Kumar (2009)
India's First Woman President	Pratiba Patil
India's First Woman Prime Minister	Indira Gandhi
India's <i>First</i> Woman Governor	Sarojini Naidu
India's First Woman IPS Officer	Kiran Bedi
First Woman Chief Minister of State	Sucheta Kripalani
First Woman Union Minister	Rajkumari Amrita Kaur
First Woman President of INC	Annie Besant
First Woman Judge of Supreme Court	Meera Sahib Fatima Bibi
First Woman to get Ashok Chakra	Nirja Bhanot
First Indian Woman Ambassador at UN	Vijalakshmi Pandit
First Indian woman who reached Antarctica	Mahel Musa
First Indian Woman to get Nobel Prize	Mother Teresa
First Indian Woman to swim across English Channel	Arati Saha
First Indian Woman to climb Mt Everest	Bachendri Pal
First Indian Woman to become Miss World	Miss Reita Faria
First Indian Woman to climb Mt Everest twice	Santhosh Yadhav
First Indian Woman to become Miss Universe	Susmita Sen
First Indian Woman to get Bharat Ratna	Indira Gandhi

First Indian Woman to get Jnanpith Award	Ashapura Devi
First Indian Woman to win WTA Title	Sania Mirza
First Indian Woman Airline Pilot	Durga Banerjee
First Indian Woman to win Gold in Asian Games	Kamaljeet Sandhu
First Indian Woman President of INC	Sarojini Naidu
First Indian Woman to Booker Prize	Arundhati Roy
First Woman Musician to get Bharat Ratna	MS Subbalakshmi
First Indian Woman to go to space	Kalpana Chawla

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

First genetically modified food product in India	Sidrapong (Darjeeling)
First to pass the examination of the Indian Medical Service (IMS)	Rakesh Sharma
First Indian to be appointed as the deputy director-general of programmes (DDP) of the World Health Organization (WHO)	Apsara (Maharashtra)
First satellite earth station for domestic communications	Aryabhata
First Indian to get Nobel Prize in Physics	SLV-3
First Man in Space	Surjo Kumar Chakroborty
First hydroelectric plant	Bt. Eggplant Hybrid [Banned]
First satellite	Secunderabad
First Nuclear Reactor	Dr. Soumya Swaminathan
First successfully indigenous launch vehicle	C.V Raman

## GOVERNANCE

First President of India	Dr. Rajendra Prasad
First Prime Minister of India	Jawaharlal Nehru
First President of Indian National Congress	Womesh Chandra Bannerjee
First Vice-President of India	Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan
First Chief Election Commissioner of India	Sukumar Sen
First Governor-General of India	Lord William Bentinck
First Viceroy of India	Lord Canning
First Chief Justice of India	H.J Kania
First Home Minister of India	Sardar Vallabhai Patel
First Speaker of Lok Sabha	G. V. Mavlankar
First Chairperson of Lokpal of India	Pinaki Chandra Ghose

## DEFENCE

First Defence Minister of India	Baldev Singh Chokkar
First Commander-in-Chief of Free India	Kodandera Madappa Cariappa
First Commander-in-Chief, Indian Air Force	Subroto Mukherjee
First Field Marshal	Sam Manekshaw
First Param Vir Chakra Winner	Major Somnath Sharma
First female Jawan in the Army	Shanti Tigga
First Indian woman to fly fighter aircraft without co-pilot	IAF Officer Avani Chaturvedi
First woman in the Indian Army awarded the coveted 'Sword of Honour' prize	Divya Ajith Kumar
First cosmonaut	Sqn Ldr Rakesh Sharma

## SPORTS

First Olympics Team Medal	Gold in Field Hockey (1928, Summer Olympics)
First Indian woman badminton player to win an Asian Games medal	Saina Nehwal
First Indian woman wrestler to win an Asian gold medal	Navjot Kaur
First Indian woman to win a medal at Asian Games	Santhi Soundarajan
First Woman to Win an Olympic Silver Medal	P. V. Sindhu in Badminton
First person to win the international bronze medal in skiing	Aanchal Thakur
First female to represent India at the Summer Olympics	Nora Polley, 1924 Summer Olympics
First Individual Gold Medal won by	Abhinav Bindra, 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing
First Woman to Win a Medal in Wrestling	Sakshi Malik won Bronze in the 2016 Summer Olympics

## FAMOUS PERSONALITIES

First Indian to reach Antarctica	Lt. Ram Charan
First Judge in International Court of Justice	Dr. Nagender Singh
First Muslim President of the Indian National Congress	Badruddin Tayyabji
First Post Office Opened in India	Kolkata(1727)
First Wax statue of a Living Indian	Mahatma Gandhi at Madame Tussaud's in 1939

The first Field Marshal of India	S.H.F. Manekshaw
India's first man in Space	Rakesh Sharma
The first Speaker of the Lok Sabha	Ganesh Vasudeva Mavalankar
The first and last Muslim woman ruler of India	Razia Sultan
The first and the last Indian to be Governor-General of free India	C. Rajgopalachari
First British to Visit India	Thomas Roe
First Chinese pilgrim to Visit India	Fa-Hien/Faxian
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The first British Governor-General of Bengal	Lord Warren Hastings(1774-1885)
The first British Governor-General of India	Lord William Bentinck(1833-1835)
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The first Indian Pilot	J.R.D. Tata (1929)
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The first woman Governor of a state in free India	Mrs Sarojini Naidu
The first woman Graduates	Kadambini Ganguly and Chandramukhi Basu, 1883
The first woman Honours Graduate	Kamini Roy, 1886
The first woman IPS officer	Mrs. Kiran Bedi
The first woman Judge	Anna Chandy (She became judge in a district court in 1937)

The first woman judge in Supreme Court	Mrs. Meera Sahib Fatima Bibi
The first woman Airline Pilot	Durba Banerjee
The first woman Ambassador	Miss C.B. Muthamma
The first woman Asian Games Gold Medal Winner	Kamlijit Sandhu
The first woman Chairman of Union Public Service Commission	Roze Millian Bethew
The first woman chairperson of Indian Airlines	Sushma Chawla
The first woman Chief Justice of High Court	Mrs Leela Seth (Himachal Pradesh High Court)
The first woman Chief Minister of an Indian State	Mrs Sucheta Kripalani
The first woman President of United Nations General Assembly	Mrs Vijaya Laxmi Pandit
The first woman Prime Minister	Mrs Indira Gandhi
The first woman Speaker of a State Assembly	Shanno Devi
The first woman to climb Mount Everest	Bachhendri Pal
The first woman to climb Mount Everest twice	Santosh Yadav
The first woman to cross English Channel	Aarti Saha
The first woman to receive Ashoka Chakra	Nirja Bhanot
The first woman Judge in Supreme Court of India	Kumari Justice M. Fathima Beevi
The first woman Lawyer	Cornelia Sorabjee
The first woman Lieutenant General	Puneeta Arora
The first woman Minister in a Government	Rajkumari Amrit Kaur
The first woman Olympic medal Winner	Karnam Malleswari, 2000
The first woman pilot in Indian Air Force	Harita Kaur Dayal
The first woman President of Indian National Congress	Mrs Annie Besant
The first woman to receive Bharat Ratna	Mrs. Indira Gandhi
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