

FIRST IN INDIA

Science & Technology

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

Governance

First President of India	Dr. Rajendra Prasad
First Vice-President of India	Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan
First President of Indian National Congress	Womesh Chandra Bannerjee
First Prime Minister of India	Jawaharlal Nehru
First Chief Election Commissioner of India	Sukumar Sen
First Viceroy of India	Lord Canning
First Governor-General of India	Lord William Bentinck
First Chief Justice of India	H.J Kania
First Speaker of Lok Sabha	G. V. Mavlankar
First Home Minister of India	Sardar Vallabhai Patel
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 cosmonaut	Sqn Ldr Rakesh Sharma
First woman in the Indian Army awarded the coveted 'Sword of Honour' prize	Divya Ajith Kumar

Sports

First Olympics Team Medal	Gold in Field Hockey (1928, Summer Olympics)
First Indian woman wrestler to win an Asian gold medal	Navjot Kaur
First Indian woman badminton player to win an Asian Games medal	Saina Nehwal
First Indian woman to win a medal at Asian Games	Santhi Soundarajan
First person to win the international bronze medal in skiing	Aanchal Thakur
First Woman to Win an Olympic Silver Medal	P. V. Sindhu in Badminton
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

Architecture

First temple constructed from a single rock	Kailasa temple at Ellora
First church in India	St. Thomas Church, Palayoor
First mosque in India	Cheraman Juma Mosque in Methala
First dam in India	Kallanai Dam
First Indian temple with many interconnected structures	Brihadeeswarar Temple, Tamil Nadu

Miscellaneous

First Indian to win Nobel Prize	Rabindranath Tagore
First British Governor General of India	Lord William Bentinck (1833-1835)
First British Governor General of Bengal	Lord Warren Hasting (1774-1885)
First British Viceroy of India	Lord Canning
First Governor General of free India	Lord Mountbatten
First Indian to be Governor General of free India	C. Rajgopalachari
The first man who introduced printing press in India	James Hicky (Bengal Gazette)
The First Indian to join the I.C.S	Satyendra Nath Tagore
First Indian to receive Bharat Ratna award	Dr Radhakrishnan
First Indian to cross the English Channel	Mihir Sen
The first Speaker of the Lok Sabha	Ganesh Vasudeva Mavalankar
First Education Minister	Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
First Home Minister of India	Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel
First person to receive Magsaysay Award	Acharya Vinoba Bhave
First person of Indian origin to receive Nobel Prize in Medicine	Hargovind Khurana
First person to receive Stalin Prize	Saifuddin Kitchlu
First person to receive Nobel Prize in Economics	Amartya Sen
First Indian woman judge in Supreme Court	Meera Sahib Fatima Bibi
First Indian woman Governor of a state in free India	Sarojini Naidu
First Indian woman Prime Minister	Indira Gandhi
First Indian woman President of United Nations General Assembly	Vijay Laxmi Pandit
First Indian woman Olympic Medal Winner	Karnam Malleswari, 2000
First Indian woman to win Gold Medal in Asian Games	Kamlijit Sandhu
First Indian woman Lawyer	Cornelia Sorabjee
First woman to receive Jnanpith Award from India	Ashapoorna Devi (For her novel 'Pratham Pratisruti 'in 1965)
First Indian woman to receive Ashoka Chakra	Neerja Bhanot
First woman to cross the English Channel from India	Aarti Saha
First Indian woman to receive Nobel Prize	Mother Teresa
First Indian woman to receive Bharat Ratna	Indira Gandhi
First Indian woman pilot in Indian Air Force	Harita Kaur Dayal