

THE ONTHATDAY CHRONICLE

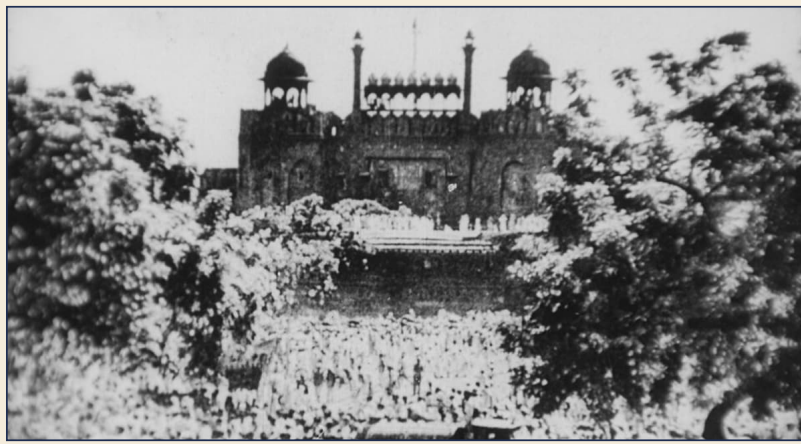
INDEPENDENCE DAY SPECIAL
PREPARED EXCLUSIVELY FOR YOUR NAME

INDIA - FRIDAY, 15 AUGUST 1947

ON THIS DAY

India becomes independent

India became independent from British rule. Jawaharlal Nehru, the country's first Prime Minister, addressed the nation as a new democratic state began its journey.



Dawn of Independence. Era photograph, not taken on this date.

IMAGE: ONTHATDAY ARCHIVE

A PERSONAL MESSAGE

Some days carry more meaning than we realise. This edition gathers the news and moments of one remarkable day, kept as a keepsake for you.

• THE DAY IN BRIEF •

ON THIS DAY

Partition reshapes the subcontinent

15 AUG 1947

THE DAY BEFORE

Sir Harilal Jekisundas Kania was appointed as Chief Justice of India. He was in this office till 05/11/1951.

14 AUG 1947

• CINEMA & CULTURE •

FILMS

Jugnu

Dard

MUSIC

Yahan Badla Wafa Ka

Woh Paas Rahe Ya Na Rahe



The wider year

People, events and ideas around the date in your archive

• PEOPLE IN THE FRAME •

Jawaharlal Nehru

Took oath as India's first Prime Minister on 15 August and delivered the iconic 'Tryst with Destiny' speech.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

Headed the States Department and initiated the integration of over 500 princely states into the Indian Union.

Mahatma Gandhi

Stationed himself in Bengal during Independence Day to quieten intense communal riots through fasting and peace work.

• SPORT •

HOCKEY

Independent India enters the post-independence sporting era

India entered independence as the reigning Olympic men's hockey champion.

• AROUND THE WORLD •

ABROAD · 1947

Truman Doctrine is announced

The United States announces a policy of supporting governments resisting communist pressure, marking a major Cold War turning point.

12 MAR

ABROAD · 1947

Marshall Plan is announced

U.S. Secretary of State George Marshall outlines a European recovery programme that reshapes the post-war economy.

5 JUN

ABROAD · 1947

UN votes on the future of Palestine

The UN General Assembly adopts a partition plan for Mandatory Palestine.

29 NOV

• ALSO ON THIS DATE •

15 AUG

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• MILESTONES FROM 1947 •

14 AUG

Pakistan is created as Partition takes effect

27 OCT

Jammu and Kashmir accedes to India

AUG-DEC

Partition triggers mass displacement across the subcontinent

• SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY •

Radio, fixed telephony and institution-building

THE ERA

Radio, fixed telephony and institution-building

India's technology landscape was led by radio, fixed-line telephony and the creation of scientific institutions.

EVERYDAY TECHNOLOGY

Technology moves closer to daily life

Computing, communication and consumer electronics were gradually moving from specialist institutions toward ordinary homes, offices and public life.

• INDIA AT A GLANCE •

 Petrol · 1 litre	Rs.0.27 / L
 Gold · 10 grams	Rs.89 / 10 g
 Rice · 1 kilogram	Rs.0.60 / kg
 Cinema ticket · one seat	Rs.0.25 (ticket)
 Train fare · second class	Rs.1 (fare)
 Telephone call · local call	Rs.0.05 (call)
 Population · estimate for 1947	34.00 crore



From the archive · continued

FILM · CINEMA

Do Bhai

FILM · CINEMA

Elaan

FILM · CINEMA

Sajan

MUSIC · CULTURE

Aana Meri Jaan Meri Jaan Sunday Ke Sunday

MUSIC · CULTURE

Mera Sundar Sapna Beet Gaya

PEOPLE IN THE FRAME

B. R. Ambedkar

Appointed as independent India's first Law Minister and Chairman of the Constituent Assembly's Drafting Committee.

PEOPLE IN THE FRAME

Lord Mountbatten

Supervised the transfer of power as Viceroy before being invited to serve as independent India's first Governor-General.

FILM · CINEMA

Mirza Sahiban

FILM · CINEMA

Neel Kamal

MUSIC · CULTURE

Piya Ghar Aaja

MUSIC · CULTURE

Afsana Likh Rahi Hoon

MUSIC · CULTURE

Aaja Tujhe Afsana Judai Ka Sunayen

PEOPLE IN THE FRAME

Muhammad Ali Jinnah

Sworn in as Pakistan's first Governor-General following Partition and the formal transfer of power.

