



Most Important Points Of 24th January in History

➤ **1826: Birth of the first Indian barrister Gyanendra Mohan Tagore.**

The first Indian barrister Gyanendra Mohan Tagore was born on 24 January 1826.

Gyanendra Mohan Tagore was the son of Prasanna Kumar Tagore and grandson of Gopi Mohan Tagore, one of the founders of Hindu College, from the Pathuriaghata branch of the Tagore family. He won a scholarship of Rs 40 per month and joined the Calcutta Medical College in 1842, but did not complete his medical education. While a student at Hindu College, his classmates included Rajnarayan Bose and Govind Chandra Dutt (father of Toru Dutt). When Hindu College opened, conservative sections of Hindu society thought that Western education would not affect the rigid structure of Hindu society.



➤ **1857: University of Calcutta established.**

The University of Calcutta was established on January 24, 1857. It is one of the oldest universities in India. It was established during British colonial rule. It is the oldest multidisciplinary university in the Indian subcontinent and South East Asian region.



The jurisdiction of the university is limited to some districts of West Bengal, but at the time of its establishment its catchment area extended from Kabul to Myanmar.

➤ **1950: 'Jana Gana Mana...' accepted as the national anthem of India.**

The song Jana Gana Mana, originally composed in Bengali by Rabindranath Tagore, was adopted in its Hindi version by the Constituent Assembly as the national anthem of India on January 24, 1950.



It was written by Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore. It was first sung at the Calcutta session of the Indian National Congress on December 27, 1911.





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- **1950: Rajendra Prasad was elected the first President of the Republic of India.**

Dr Rajendra Prasad was the first President of India, serving from January 1950 to May 1962. Born on 3 December 1884 in Jiradei, Bihar, Prasad was a prominent figure in the Indian freedom struggle and a stalwart of Indian politics, renowned for his humility, intelligence and devotion to the nation.

Prasad received his education from the University of Calcutta, where he was a brilliant student. He initially pursued a career in law and was known for his keen legal acumen. However, the call for national independence shook him and he became deeply involved in the freedom struggle.



- **1952: First International Film Festival held in Bombay (now Mumbai).**

The first edition of IFFI was organised by the Films Division of the Government of India under the patronage of the first Prime Minister of India. Held in Mumbai from 24 January to 1 February 1952, the festival was later moved to Madras, Delhi, Calcutta and Trivandrum. It featured around 40 feature and 100 short films in total.

