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Which was the first artificial satellite launched into orbit?

- A) Explorer 1
- B) Vostok 1
- C) Sputnik 1
- D) Apollo 8



On October 4, 1957, the Soviet Union launched the earth's first artificial satellite, Sputnik I. The successful launch came as a shock to experts and citizens in the United States, who had hoped that the United States would accomplish this scientific advancement first.





First manned space vehicle was

- A) Vostok 1
- B) Apollo 11
- C) Apollo 8
- D) Explorer 1

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Yuri Gagarin from the Soviet Union was the first human in space. His vehicle, Vostok 1 circled Earth at a speed of 27,400 kilometers per hour with the flight lasting 108 minutes. Vostok's reentry was controlled by a computer





First Asian woman to swim across the English Channel was

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- A) Bula Chaudhary
- B) Arati Saha
- C) Santosh Yadav
- D) None of the above



On September 29, 1959, Arati Saha became the first Asian woman to swim across the English Channel. She was awarded the Padma Shri in 1960 and she became the first Indian sportswoman to win the prestigious award.



First Indian woman to summit Mount Everest was

- A) Santosh Yadav

~~- B) Bachhendri Pal~~

- C) Bula Chaudhary

- D) None of these

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Bachendri Pal (born May 24, 1954, Nakuri, India) is an Indian mountaineer who in 1984 became the first Indian woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest.



Who was the first woman to conquer Everest
twice?

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- A) Arati Saha
- B) Junko Tabei
- C) Bachhendri Pal
- ~~D) Santosh Yadav~~



Santosh Yadav was the first woman to climb Mount Everest twice. Yadav first reached the summit on May 10, 1992, and again on May 23, 1993.



First Indian woman to swim across seven seas of the world was

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- A) Bula Choudhary
- B) Arati Saha
- C) Bachendri Pal
- D) None of these



Bula Choudhury was the first Indian woman to swim across the seven seas:

Achievement

In 2005, Bula Choudhury became the first woman to swim across the seven seas, a challenge that involved crossing channels across five continents. Her crossings included the Strait of Gibraltar, the Tyrrhenian Sea, Cook Strait, the Toroneos Gulf in Greece, the Catalina Channel off California, and the passage between Three Anchor Bay and Robben Island near Cape Town, South Africa.

Recognition

Bula's achievement earned her national recognition and two of India's highest sporting honors, the Arjuna Award and Padma Shri.





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Who was the first Indian woman to cross English Channel twice?

- A) Bula Choudhary
- B) Bachendri Pal
- C) Arati Saha
- D) None of these



Bula Choudhury was the first Indian woman to swim across the English Channel twice, in 1989 and 1999





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^{who}
First woman ~~to~~ became the President of UN
General Assembly was

- A) Madeleine Albright
- B) Kim Campbell
- C) Vijayalakshmi Pandit
- D) None of these



Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit was the first woman to be elected as the President of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in 1953:

Pandit was an Indian diplomat, politician, and freedom fighter. She was the eighth UNGA President and the only Indian to hold the position. Pandit was a prominent member of the Nehru-Gandhi political family. Her brother was India's first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, and her niece was India's first female Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi.





First woman Chief Minister of a state in India was

- A) Vijayalakshmi Pandit
- B) Sarojini Naidu
- C) Annie Beasant
- ~~D) Sucheta Kriplani~~

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Sucheta Kripalani (25 June 1908 – 1 December 1974) was an Indian freedom fighter and politician. She was India's first female Chief Minister, serving as the head of the Uttar Pradesh government from 1963 to 1967.





Who became the first woman Lok Sabha speaker in India?

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- A) Annie Beasant
- B) Sucheta Kriplani
- C) Meira Kumar
- D) Vijayalakshmi Pandit



Meira Kumar. Meira Kumar (born March 31, 1945 in a rural district of Bihar, India) is an Indian politician. She has been elected to the Lok Sabha (the lower house in the Indian parliament) five times. She was elected unopposed as the first woman Speaker of the Lok Sabha on June 3, 2009.



Who was the first US President to die in office?

- A) George Washington

- B) Thomas Jefferson

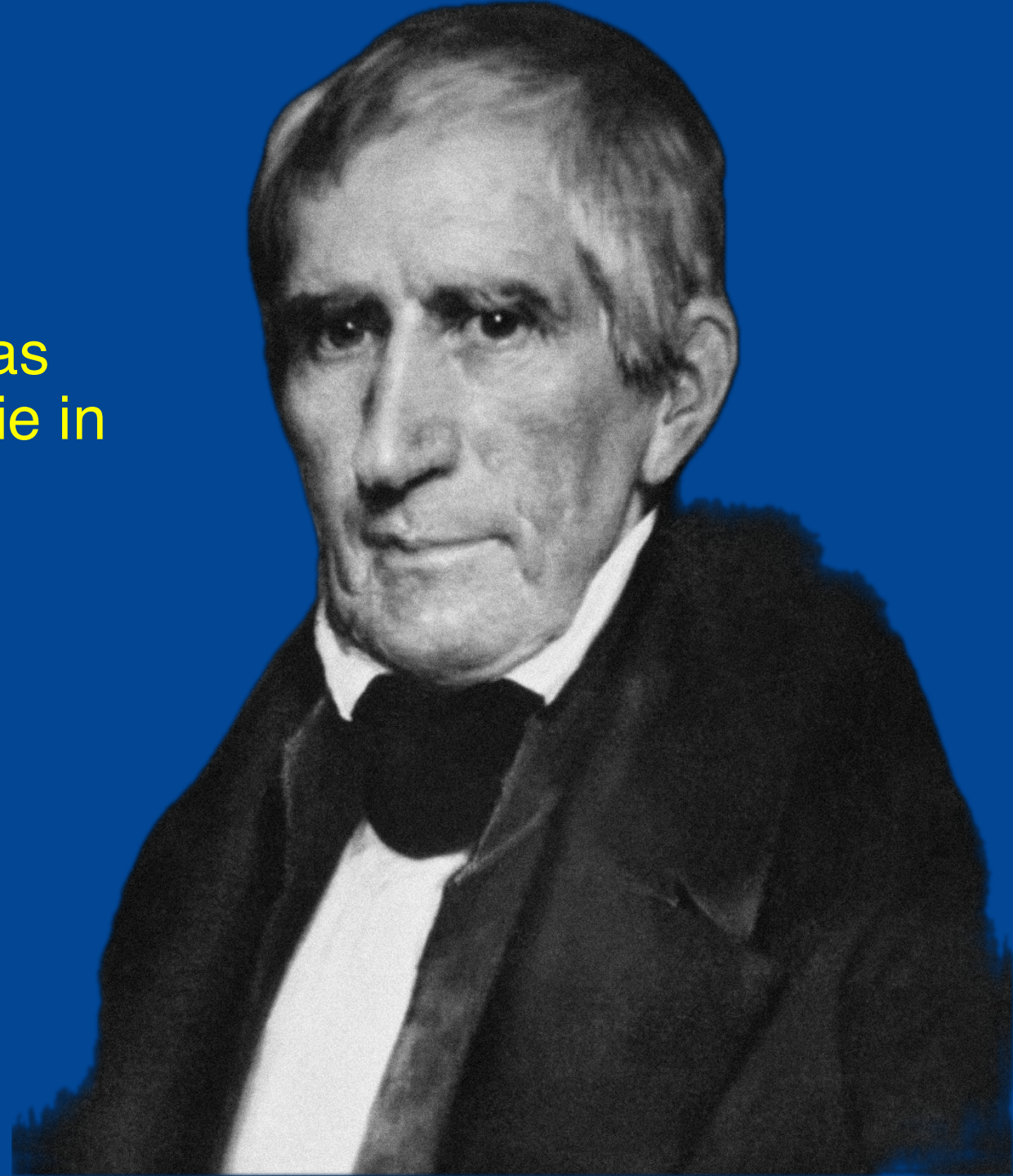
- C) William Henry Harrison

- D) John Adams

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William Henry Harrison was
the first US President to die in
office, on April 4, 1841.





The first US President to be assassinated was

- A) Abraham Lincoln

- B) Richard Nixon

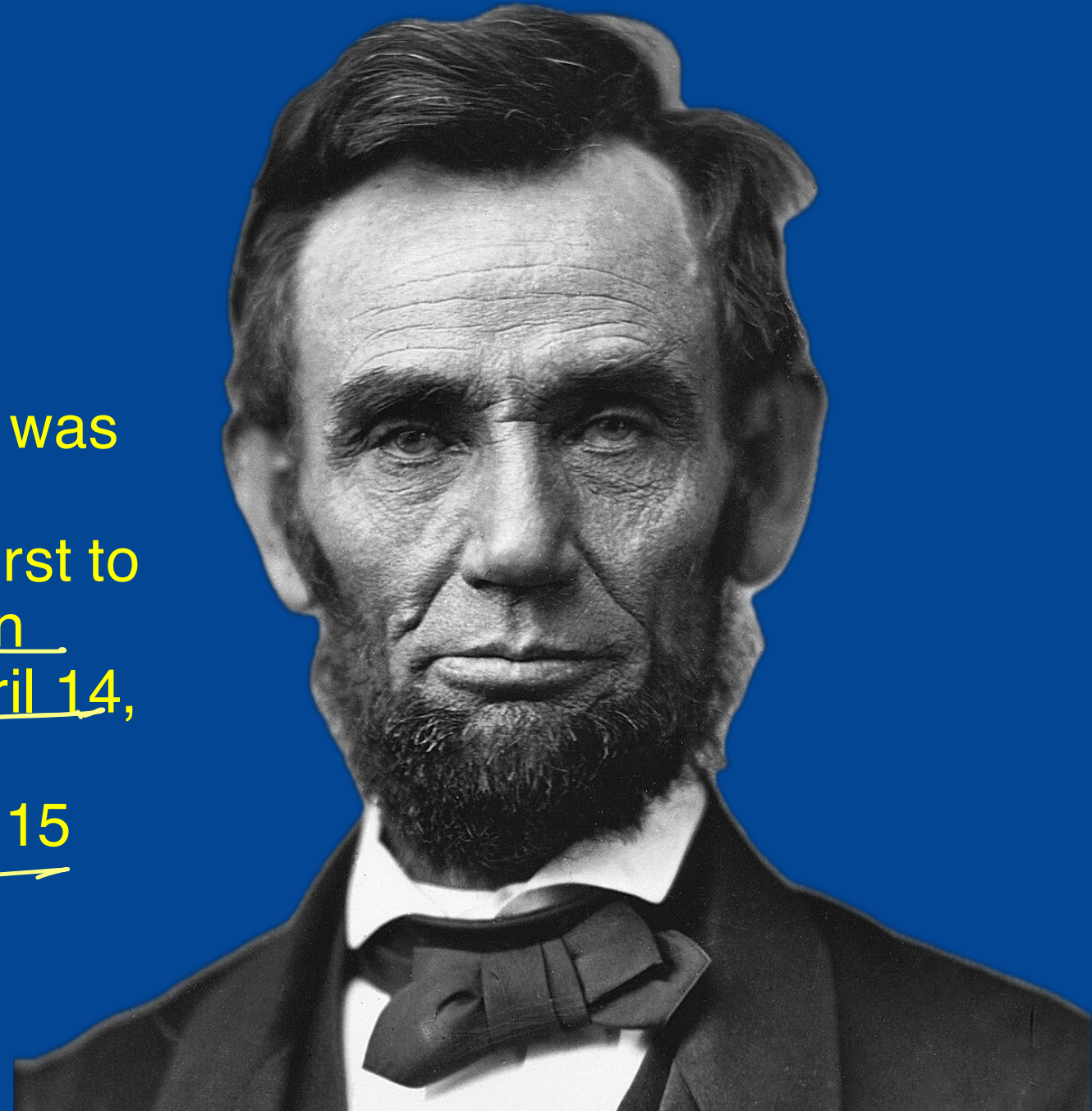
- C) John Adams

- D) None of these

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Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States, was the first U.S. president to be assassinated (though not the first to die in office). The assassination took place on Good Friday, April 14, 1865, at Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C., at about 10:15 PM.





The first and only US President to resign from office was

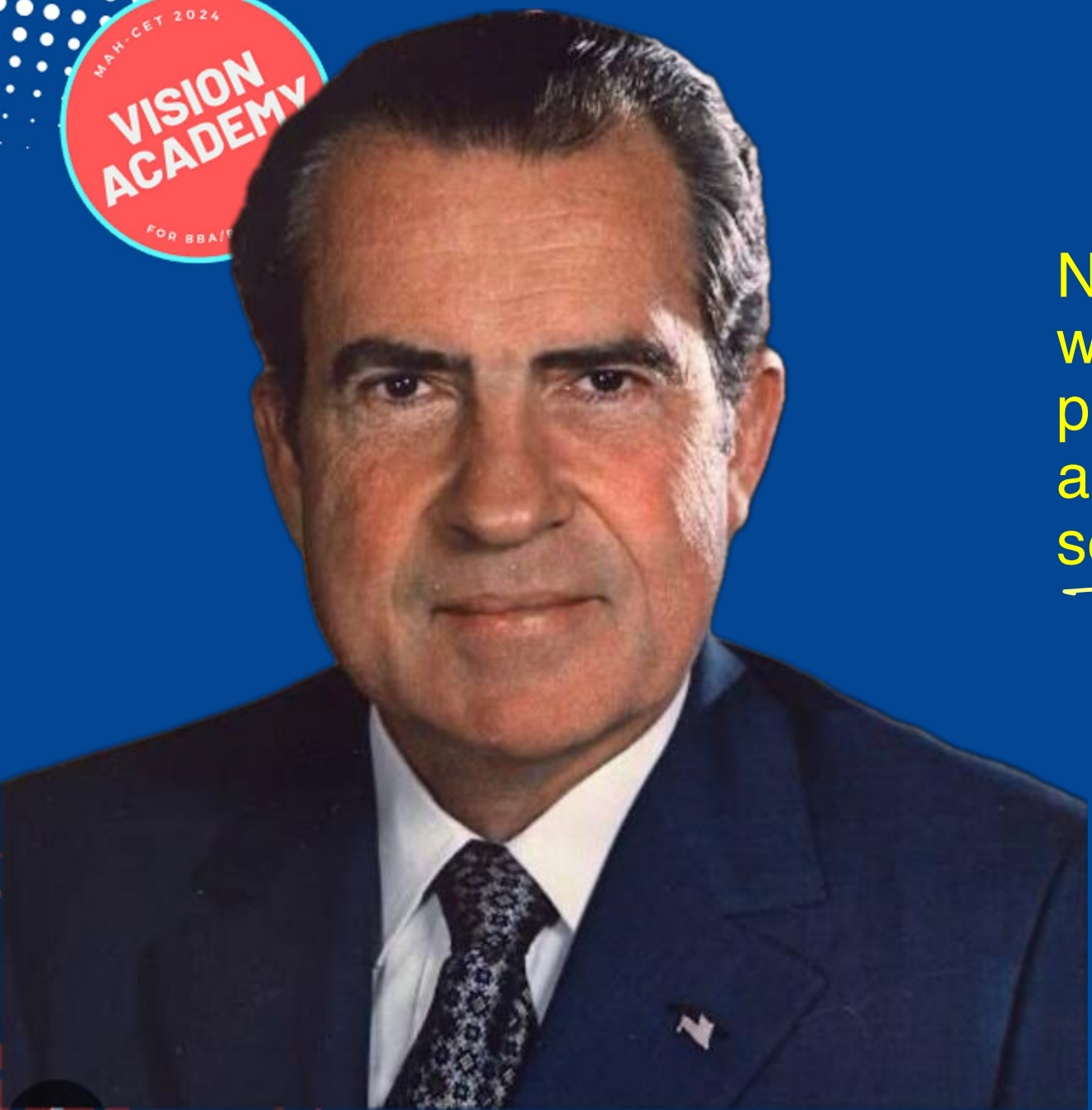
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- A) John Adams

- B) Richard Nixon

- C) Thomas Jefferson

- D) None of these



Nixon's second term ended early when he became the only U.S. president to resign from office, as a result of the Watergate scandal.



Who was the first Indian batsman to complete 10000 runs ?

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- A) Lala Amarnath

- B) Sunil Gavaskar

- C) Sachin Tendulkar

- D) Rahul Dravid



In March 1987,
SunilGavaskar became the
first player to cross the
10,000 run mark in Tests
during a match against
Pakistan





Who became the first Indian cricketer to score a triple century?

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- A) Sunil Gavaskar
- B) Mohammad Azharuddin
- C) Sachin Tendulkar
- D) Virendra Sehwag





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Who became the first Indian to win an individual Olympic Gold?

- A) KD Jadhav
- B) Abhinav Bindra
- C) Sushil Kumar
- D) Karnam Malleswari



Abhinav Bindra was the first Indian to win an individual Olympic gold medal, winning the men's 10-meter air rifle event at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Bindra is also the first Indian to hold both the Olympic and World titles for the men's 10-meter air rifle event, which he achieved in 2008 and 2006, respectively.





Who is the first Indian woman medal winner in Olympics?

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- A) S Vijayalakshmi
- B) Kamaljit Sandhu
- ~~C) Karnam Malleswari~~
- D) None of the above



Karnam Malleswari earned a bronze medal on September 19, 2000, to become the first Indian woman to win an Olympic medal. She won medal in Women's 69 kg weightlifting.





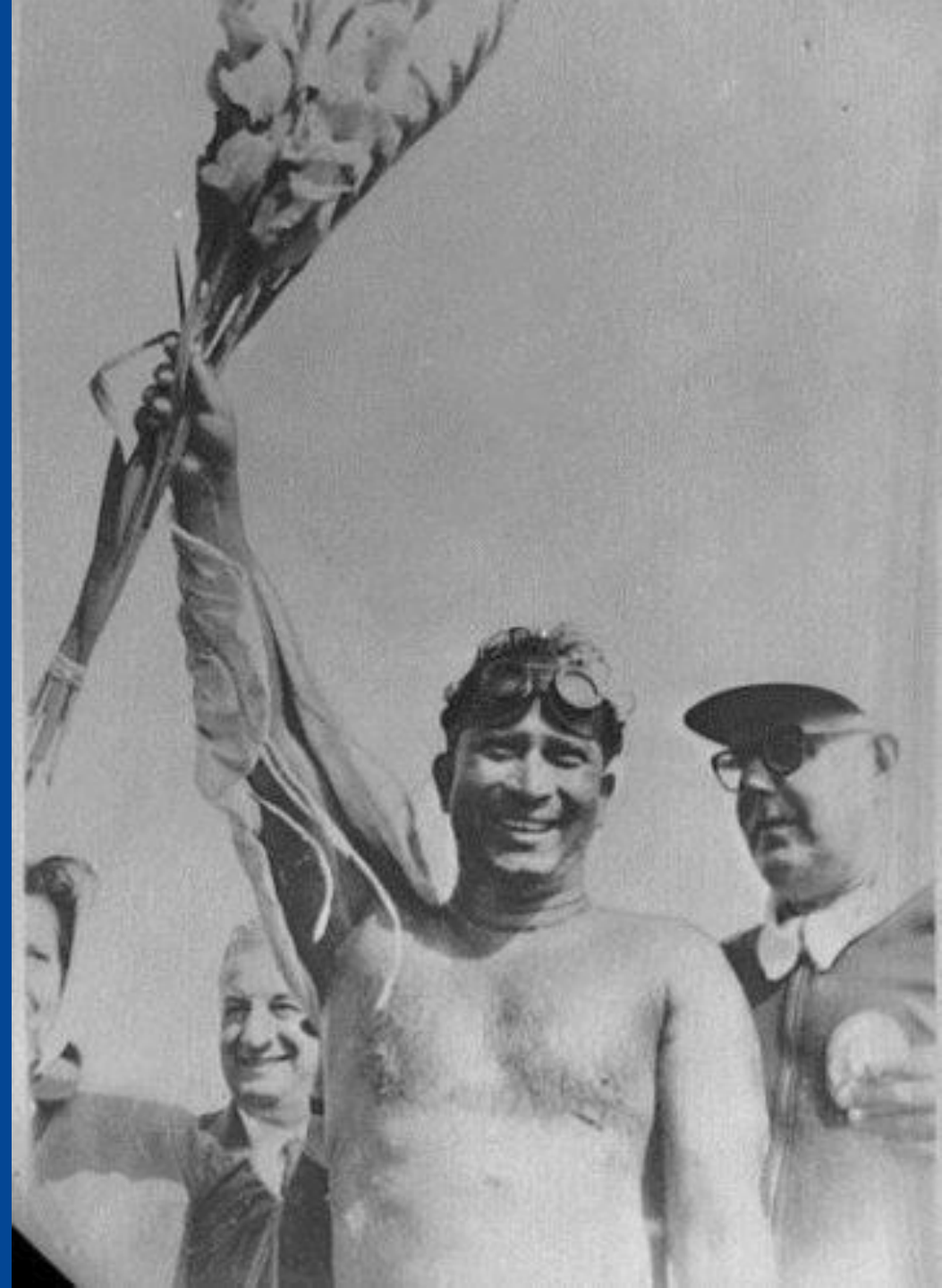
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The first Indian to cross the English Channel was

- ~~A) Mihir Sen~~
- B) Santosh Yadav
- C) Arati Saha
- D) None of these



Mihir Sen was the first Indian to swim across the English Channel, from Dover to Calais, in 1958





Which was the first newspaper published in India?

- A) The Hindu
- B) Bengal Gazette
- C) Samachar Darpan
- D) Uddant Martand

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The first newspaper published in India was Hicky's Bengal Gazette, which was published in Calcutta in 1780:

Founder: James Augustus Hicky, an Irishman who also served as the paper's writer and editor

Also known as: The Original Calcutta General Advertiser

Publication period: 1780–1782

HICKY'S BENGAL GAZETTE; OR THE ORIGINAL Calcutta General Advertiser.

A Weekly Political and Commercial Paper, Open to all Parties, but influenced by None,

From Saturday December 9th to Saturday December, 16th 1780. No. [XLVII]

Extract from a Letter and Cure of Phæton Lounger Esq; Writer in the Hon'ble Company's service, published for the benefit of the afflicted.

PHÆTON LOUNGER Esq;
I Am an Assistant in the Secretary's Office, from taking too large a Dose of a Medicine newly introduced into Bengal, call'd the *Monist*, prescribed by Docters M-----, and R-----, was immediately seized with an involuntary Stupor, and universal *Leberic Numbness* of the face, Pains in the upper region of the Neck, Distress in the Pericænum, and an intolerable weight on the Eyelids.—A pinch of *Sassafras* applied to my eyes brought relief me—but it had not the desired effect. The farther disagreeable symptoms brought on by taking this Dose of Doct. R-----'s *Monist* were, an excruciating Cholice.—Griping in the Abdomen, and a most horrible Continous. Being much alarmed, I sent for Doct. Kill-Craney, one of the most Eminent of the Calcutta Faculty, who formerly came out a Midwife in the Rambold Indianman, Sir Hugh Conroy Commander. Doct. Kill-Craney pronounced my Case to be the *Bile* with a grade Schirrus in my liver.—He accordingly bled me to be rubb'd all over with mercury, as if I was to be *Ter'd* and *Feather'd*, making me swallow at the same time three *Hugh Lads*, which he said would lubricate the passages and carry off the *Bile*.—After undergoing a variety of Bleedings, Blisters, Scarifications.—Rouillings, and tepid Emulsions I found myself rather worse than better, and verily believe that Doct. Kill-Craney (tho' a very great physician) without my Case *was* *of* *no* *Use*.

In my deplorable state, a Brother Writer *Right Hon'ble Esq;* of *Lyon* now prevailed on me to try only a single Dose of a pleasant perfum'd preparation, prepar'd by Doct. HICKY, call'd *Pills* *to* *purge* *Mischiefs*, or the *Exhausting Evils* of *Misery*, in papers at a single *6d* Crown each.—The very first Dose gave me instant relief, brought away the wind and occasioned an *Abounding Effluvia*.—My spirits became light and equal. The gloom occasioned by the Dose I had taken of the *Monist*, was dispers'd, and by continuing Doct. HICKY's Extraordinary Medicine only 3 Weeks I find myself quite another Man.—The *Leberic Stagger* has left me, and the *Numbness* gripings are totally removed.—The only inconvenience I feel is a little remains of the *Yeastiness*, which I understand is now the general complaint and unavoidable symptoms attendant on all those who are *poison'd*, and happen to swallow ever so small a quantity

of that *Narcotic*, *exquisite* composition Doct. R-----'s *Monist*.

In gratitude to Doct. HICKY (by whom I am so happily restor'd) and for the benefit of the afflicted, I make Public this my Case and cure, allowing all those who may have Occasion hereafter, to consult that very able and Salubrious Physician Doct. HICKY, that they will find his *Perfection*, (if steadily adher'd to, and persever'd in) a Sovereign cure for all *Lowness of spirits*, *Hypochondriacal Afflictions*, *Nervous Relaxation*, *Blasphemous Disturbances* arising from *abstractions*, in the *Fibres*, or too great a redundancy of *Spleen* or *Gall*.

N. B. The truth of this case has been Officially sworn by the aforesaid Phæton Lounger Esq; before Mr. Justice Pettigrew.

AN IMITATION.
SO wide a pair was never seen,
So jolly form'd to teach by nature;
M-----, calling for in main
Peter in every graceful feature:

O how happy fair and Lovely
Where kindred genius each discover;
For M-----'s face the muses form'd
Minerva trained the lips and
So tame their words, all children thrice
Will early learn the talk of duty;
At sleep the Boon will draw in forth,
Sleeping the Girls, increase in beauty.
O how charming to inherit,
Dullness, and for it paid for spite;
Thus while you live, may fortune give,
Each blessing due to real merit.

IMPROMPTU.

For The Original, Bengal Gazette.
By Letters from Madras, 17 Nov. 80.

SIR EYRE COOTE's arrival made us very happy, the troops are a reasonable supply, tho' not a force equal to our exigencies.

The suspension of Mr. Whitehill by the Supreme Council, tho' undoubtedly illegal met with no opposition. Our Critical situation demands unanimity of Councils and measures, and Mr. W----- private and Public Character is so deplorable as to render him unworthy a moment's consideration. The times require a Council at the Head of our providence, they require not only a *lamp*, but a *lighted* *Man*.

SIR EYRE COOTE, I hope to have found Arcot, but unfortunately arriv'd too days after its Capture.

Hyder's triumph is the Fruit of our Maharashtra War, we are in great distress, and I think must wait the arrival of the Bengal Troops, ere we can take the field.

SIR EYRE COOTE is extremely perplex'd by the situation of our affairs, it is humiliating to his active Spirit, to be forced to act

on the defensive, against a Country power whom we used to despise, and of whose growth you still continue to think light.

Without Hyder is slain by the attack on his own Country, orders having been sent to Gen'l Goddard to carry the war into Mysore, I am afraid he must continue omnipotent in the Carnatic.

Query. Would not an English Admiral be more in his element floating a pipe of Virginia on the QUARTER DECK, than at a Bitty DUREAR surrounded by *Plump* *Calcutta's* *Catamarans* and *Dancing* *Girls*.

Yours,

Tom Bowline.
Mr. HICKY suggests the following is the *Impromptu* recited by the *Mess. R-----* and *M-----*. But judging of it by the admired works of Butler, and Swift, and the best dramatic authors: He thanks his correspondent instead of offending him, by declaring the *Impromptu* to be incorrect.

An *Extempore* on being Mess. R-----, and M-----'s Advertisement.

" R----- D take my advice and whatever besides
Pray let your News-paper alone,
Mr. Hicky's feelings for all our B-----
So keep your Gazette for your own.

MR. HICKY,

THE superiority of your paper over that of your rival, is manifest and acknowledged by all who have read your late Gazette.—Let any impartial person not a slave to G-----, or desiring to obtain a *correct*, only compare the *Types* of the two Papers, and give a fair verdict. The Original Bengal Gazette from the smallness of the Letter, contains considerably more Matter than the *India Gazette*; And as to the *fulfill* and quality of your publication, having great a preference, let any person of literary Taste, peruse the four numbers of the MONITOR, (that most rapid and egregious performance) and decide.

Does the writer of that Paper mean to obtrude his Country's and Vulgar Opinions as the only British Standard of Taste and propriety.—there can not be a greater Insult on the understandings and spirit of the Settlement.—Like the Gods and Fœdels who waged Destructive War in Greece, with every Work of Taste, Learning or elegance. This *Barbarian*, (the Author of the Monitor) Quarrels with *criticisms* and condemn the *Intense* *extraneous* of the *Country*, solely in this trying *Badly* Climate, remote from Europe and its more *refined* *Employments*. DANGER cou'd not have interested a single creature of *Sensibility* even from OLD PLATTO, cou'd he be brought from the *Shades*, to visit the *Calcutta* *Barbarians*.—But such is the unhappy state of this Authors Mind, from spleen and other mortifications thro' he wishes to inflict the *cherish* part of



The first post-office in India was established at

- A) Kolkata
- B) Delhi
- C) Mumbai
- D) Allahabad

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The first postal stamp in India was issued in

- A) 1855

- B) 1853

- C) 1857

- D) 1852

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The first postal stamp in India was issued on July 1, 1852 in the Scinde district.

The Scinde District Dawk was the name of the first adhesive postage stamps in Asia, issued in 1852 in the remote province of Sindh, which is now in Pakistan.





In India, Radio Transmission Service was started at Kolkata and Mumbai in

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- A) 1927

- B) 1866

- C) 1933

- D) 1874



July 23, 1927 : Indian Broadcast Company (IBC), Bombay Station inaugurated by Lord Irwin, the Viceroy of India.

August 26, 1927 : Calcutta Station of IBC inaugurated.



The first Television Centre of India was established in 1959 at

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- A) Kolkata
- B) Bangaluru
- ~~C) New Delhi~~
- D) Chennai



The first television center in India was established in Delhi on September 15, 1959.

Inauguration

The Delhi Doordarshan Centre was inaugurated by Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the first president of independent India.

The programs were broadcast twice a week for an hour a day on themes like community health, traffic, and citizens' duties and rights.

The first television program on Doordarshan was Krishi Darshan, which aired on January 26, 1967. It is the longest-running program on Indian television and covers agriculture, providing information to farmers about modern farming methods and government schemes.



The coloured programme on television was started on

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- A) 1980

- B) 1986

C) 1982

- D) 1974



On this day, April 25, 1982, India embarked on a journey that would forever change its television and entertainment landscape. The introduction of colour TV broadcasts marked the beginning of a new era, opening up countless opportunities for creative expression and the growth of the Indian entertainment industry.





Which was the first Indian satellite launched?

A) Aryabhata

- B) Rohini

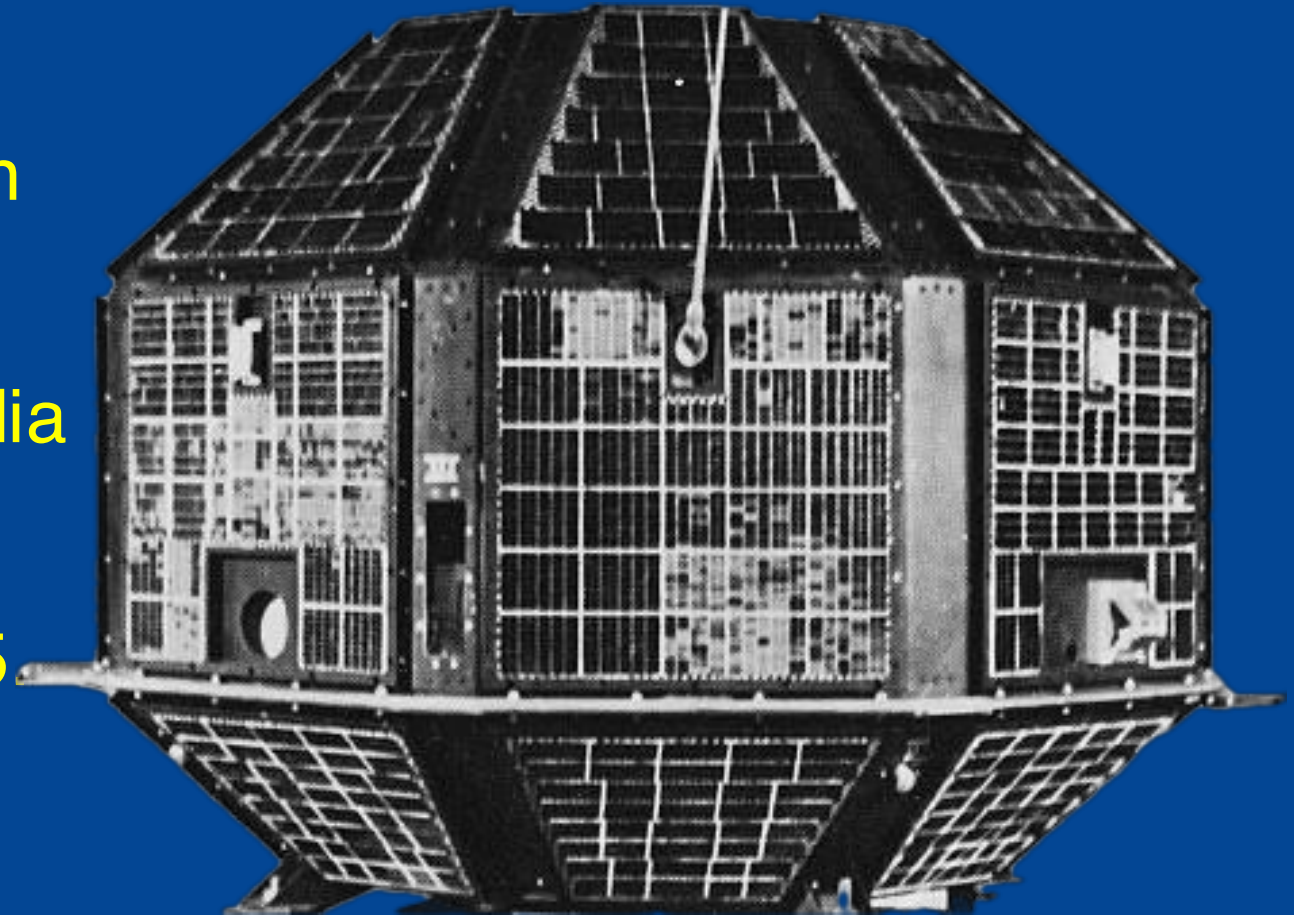
- C) Insat 1A

- D) Insat 2A

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The Aryabhata spacecraft, named after the famous Indian astronomer, was India's first satellite; it was completely designed and fabricated in India and launched by a Soviet Kosmos-3M rocket from Kapustin Yar on April 19, 1975.





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