

A photograph of actor Shammi Kapoor. He is an older man with grey hair and a beard, wearing a dark blue shirt. He has a tilak on his forehead and his hands are clasped together in a prayer-like gesture. The background is dark with some text visible, including "Shammi" and "J".

Today in History

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▲ **Shammi Kapoor, Indian film actor and director, died in Mumbai at age 79. He was a prominent lead actor in Hindi cinema from the late 1950s**

1900: The Boxer Rebellion, aimed at ridding China of foreigners, was put down after international forces stormed Peking

1908: The world's first international beauty contest was held at the Pier Hippodrome at Folkestone, England

1947: The state of Pakistan came into existence on the eve of India's independence from Britain

1962: The Mont Blanc road tunnel was completed