

A photograph showing a crowded train track in India. Two young girls in school uniforms (light blue shirts and dark blue skirts) are walking towards the camera on the tracks. The girl on the left is holding the hand of the girl on the right. In the background, many people are walking along the tracks, and a train is visible in the distance.

# Today in History

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▲ A massive power cut blacked out a vast area of northern India leaving up to 700 million people without power in the worst outage for more than a decade

**1948:** The advance of Communist domination in Hungary forced the resignation of President Zoltan Tildy

**1963:** Kim Philby, British intelligence officer from 1940 and Soviet agent from 1933, fled to the USSR

**1973:** A battle in Britain for the victims of the drug Thalidomide ended with compensation payments of £20 million

**2000:** Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez was re-elected for a second term, pledging to initiate reforms