

A photograph of Narendra Modi, the Prime Minister of India, smiling and gesturing with his right hand. He is wearing a white kurta and a white vest. The background is decorated with orange and pink garlands.

## Today in History

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▲ **Narendra Modi became India's new prime minister after the opposition BJP trounced the ruling Congress Party in the world's biggest general election**

**1820:** Florence Nightingale, founder of modern nursing during the Crimean War, was born

**1870:** The Dominion of Canada purchased Manitoba from the Hudson Bay Company

**1885:** The linotype machine was patented, replacing hand-set metal letters with entire lines of lead type

**2000:** The Tate Modern art gallery opened in London in a disused power station