



Today in History

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▲ The world's fastest plane, Nasa's unpowered X-43A "scramjet" (shown being launched from a B-52) reached a record speed of around 11,000 km/h (6,800 mph)

1988: Benazir Bhutto became the first woman leader of an Islamic country in modern times

2001: The first of eight Harry Potter movies had its world premiere

2001: Agbani Darego from Nigeria became the first black African woman to win the Miss World beauty contest

2009: Australian premier Kevin Rudd apologised to thousands of children who endured abuse in orphanages and foster care in the 20th century