



Today in History

October 22, 2004

▲ **President Saparmurat Niyazov of Turkmenistan opened a vast mosque in his birthplace, Kipchak, featuring inscriptions from his own writings as well as the Koran**

1883: New York's Metropolitan Opera House opened with a production of Gounod's Faust

2008: India successfully launched Chandrayaan-1, the country's first unmanned lunar exploration mission

2008: The 200-millionth app was downloaded from Apple's digital media iTunes store that opened in April 2003

2017: Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's ruling coalition secured a landslide win in Japan's snap general election