

A sepia-toned photograph of a woman with short, curly hair sitting in a car. She is leaning forward, holding a rectangular machine (the Drunkometer) to her mouth. The machine has various dials and a small window. A person's hand is visible holding the machine steady. The background shows the interior of the car and some mechanical parts.

Today in History

December 31, 1938

▲ The “Drunkometer”, the first successful machine to test blood alcohol content in car drivers by analysing their breath, was introduced in the United States

1948: U.S. professor Alfred Kinsey published his report on the “Sexual Behaviour of the Human Male”

1953: A British expedition to India found no evidence of the legendary “Abominable Snowman”

1968: The Soviet Tupolev TU-144 supersonic airliner made its maiden flight, two months ahead of Concorde

2016: The music industry reached 100 million paying subscribers for streamed music worldwide