

# NEWSPAPERS IN INDIA

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In 1768, the idea of printing a newspaper in India was floated by William Bolts, an employee of the East India Company. The concept was executed by James Augustus Hicky in 1780 when he published **Hicky's Bengal Gazette** or the Original

Calcutta General Advertiser. It was an English-language weekly newspaper published in Kolkata (then Calcutta), the capital of British India and was the first newspaper printed in Asia, with an estimated weekly circulation of 400 copies.



The **Mumbai Samachar**, Asia's oldest continuously published newspaper, was first published in July 1822. It was established by Fardunjee Marzban and published in Gujarati and English languages.



The **Dainik Jagran**, which was established by Puranchand Gupta, was first published in Hindi-language in 1942 in Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh (then United Provinces). It was ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the world and 1<sup>st</sup> in India by circulation in 2022.



The **Times of India**, which is an Indian English language daily newspaper, is the oldest English-language newspaper in India, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest Indian newspaper still in circulation, with its first edition published in 1838. It is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest newspaper in India by circulation and largest selling English-language daily in the world.



**Malayala Manorama** is the 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest Malayalam language newspaper published from Kerala. It was first published as a weekly in March 1888, and it is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest circulating newspaper in India.



The **Rajasthan Patrika**, a Hindi language daily newspaper, was founded by Karpur Chandra Kulish in 1956. It emerged as the 4<sup>th</sup> most-read Hindi language newspaper in India.



The **Samaja**, an Odia language daily newspaper published in Cuttack, Odisha. It was started in 1919 by Gopabandhu Das and is one of the oldest newspapers in India.

As of 31 March 2018, there were 17,573 newspapers registered with the Registrar of Newspapers for India. India has the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest newspaper market in the world, with daily newspapers reporting a

combined circulation of over 240 million copies as of 2018. There are publications produced in each of the 22 scheduled languages of India and in many of the other languages spoken throughout the country.