

Current Affairs

May 11

1. Apple nears deal with OpenAI to put ChatGPT on iPhone *Source: The Business Times*
<https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/companies-markets/apple-nears-deal-openai-put-chatgpt-iphone>
2. Russian Refined Oil Product Exports to Singapore to Reach Highest Level This May Despite Sanctions
Source: Sputnik International
<https://sputnikglobe.com/20240511/russian-refined-oil-product-exports-to-singapore-to-reach-highest-level-this-may--despite-sanctions-1118383180.html>
3. US says Israel may have violated international law in Gaza *Source: Euronews*
<https://www.euronews.com/2024/05/10/us-says-israels-use-of-us-arms-likely-violated-international-law#:~:text=The%20discovery%20of%20%22credible%22%20evidence,ally%20from%20Biden%20administration%20officials.>
4. In Kuwait, Emir dissolves parliament and suspends part of the Constitution *Source: Commonspace.eu*
<https://www.commonspace.eu/news/kuwait-emir-dissolves-parliament-and-suspends-part-constitution>
5. Over 200 Dead In Afghanistan Flash Floods In A Single Day *Source: NDTV World*
<https://www.ndtv.com/world-news/over-200-dead-many-houses-damaged-in-afghanistan-flash-floods-in-baghlam-province-report-5638695>
6. IMF issues warning of significant downside risks for Pakistan's economy *Source: Business Standard*
https://www.business-standard.com/world-news/imf-issues-warning-of-profound-downside-risks-for-pakistan-s-economy-124051100064_1.html
7. Why is National Technology Day celebrated? Here's how Pokhran changed India forever *Source: The Week*
<https://www.theweek.in/news/sci-tech/2024/05/11/why-is-national-technology-day-celebrated-heres-how-pokhran-changed-india-forever.html>
8. Ancient grains that help in lowering blood sugar levels *Source: Times of India*
<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/life-style/health-fitness/health-news/ancient-grains-that-help-in-lowering-blood-sugar-levels/articleshow/109997841.cms>
9. RBI looks at asset reconstruction companies amid a flood of allegations *Source: The Economic Times*
<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/banking/finance/banking/rbi-looks-at-asset-reconstruction-companies-amid-a-flood-of-allegations/articleshow/110019376.cms?from=mdr>
10. CHINA, INDIA ARE TIME-HONORED CIVILIZATIONS, EACH OTHER'S IMPORTANT NEIGHBORS: CHINESE ENVOY XU FEIHONG *Source: India Defense News*
<https://www.indiandefensenews.in/2024/05/china-india-are-time-honoured.html>

Today In History

Find Out What happened On May 11

Important events of May 11

- *National Technology Day (INDIA)*
- **1626:** Malik Ambar of Ahmednagar's Nijamshahi kingdom, passed away.
- **1752:** The first fire insurance policy was started in Philadelphia, America.
- **1784:** A peace treaty was signed between Tipu Sultan, the ruler of Mysore and Britain.
- **1814:** The Americans defeated the British at the Battle of Plattsburgh.
- **1833:** a ship traveling from England to Quebec collided with the Lady-of-the-Lake iceberg and sank in the Atlantic Ocean, killing 215 people.
- **1857:** National uprising of 1857 – Indians captured Delhi from the British.
- **1857:** Sepoy revolt broke out in Delhi.
- **1857:** During the first war of independence, Indian soldiers captured Delhi from British officers.
- **1867:** Luxembourg gained independence.
- **1888:** Rao Bahadur Vaddedar conferred the title of Mahatma on the great social reformer Jyotiba Phule at Koliwada in Mandvi, Mumbai.
- **1885:** Krishnamohan Bandopadhyay, leader, essay writer and journalist of Bengal, passed away.
- **1888:** Asaf Ali, lawyer, nationalist, writer and connoisseur of music and arts, was born.
- **1895:** Jiddu Krishnamurti, great Indian philosopher of international repute, was born at Madanapalle, Andhra Pradesh. His famous book "Song of Life" contains most of his philosophical thoughts and teachings.
- **1911:** Shrimati Lalitadevi, wife of second Prime Minister of India Lal Bahadur Shastri, was born.
- **1919:** Troops under General Barrett inflicted a sharp reverse today on the invading Afghans at Bagh Springs. The whole of the frontier area was up in arms with tribesmen threatening Landi Khotal and martial law being proclaimed in Peshawar. It was expected however that General Barrett, well equipped with guns and airplanes, would soon control the situation. Reports had been reaching London for some time about the possibility of an Afghan incursion following the murder of the pro-British Emir Habibullah. His third son, Amanullah Khan, who took over the throne, was known to be hostile toward the government of India.
- **1922:** Radio station KGU began broadcasting in Hawaii.

- **1924:** *The Mercedes-Benz company was formed by merging the companies owned by Gottlieb Daimler and Carl Benz.*
- **1930:** *Ganesh Narayan R, great Industrialist, was born.*
- **1949:** *Israel joined the United Nations.*
- **1949:** *Siam officially changed its name to Thailand for the second time.*
- **1951:** *President Rajendra Prasad inaugurated the newly constructed Somnath Temple.*
- **1955:** *Israel attacked Gaza.*
- **1956:** *The Gold Coast was declared free from British rule. The Gold Coast, which we know today as Ghana, was signed by the British government on 6 March 1957 for its independence.*
- **1960:** *The first contraceptive pill was made available in the market.*
- **1965:** *17 thousand people died due to a cyclone in Bangladesh.*
- **1965:** *The first of two cyclones in less than a month kills 35,000 people in the country.*
- **1970:** *A bill for setting up of "North Eastern Council" passed.*
- **1985:** *Booby (Doll) trap bomb kills 86 people in India.*
- **1985:** *A fire at Bradford City football ground in England killed 40 and injured 150.*
- **1985:** *52 people were killed in a fire during a match at Bradford City Football Stadium in Britain.*
- **1985:** *Fifteen hundred people were arrested in Sikh violence.*
- **1987:** *President's rule imposed in Punjab.*
- **1988:** *France conducted nuclear tests.*
- **1991:** *Naxalites in Andhra abduct P. Sudhir Kumar, son of the former Union Minister Shiv Shankar.*
- **1993:** *Toy factory fire kills over 200 people in Bangalore.*
- **1995:** *In central Kashmir, militants burnt the Charar-e-Sharif shrine (the tomb of Sufi saint Sheikh Noorudin Noorani) built in 1460 by Zain-ul- Abidin.*
- **1995:** *More than 170 countries decided to extend the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty in New York, USA.*
- **1996:** *Mount Everest disaster – 8 people who climbed Mount Everest on the same day died.*
- **1998:** *Twenty-four years later, India again conducted three successful nuclear tests, including a hydrogen bomb-making device, in the Pokhran desert region of Rajasthan.*
- **1998:** *Three momentous events took place on the day that made the nation proud. Firstly, three underground nuclear tests at Pokhran Range in Rajasthan, which included a hydrogen bomb, were tested; secondly, the successful test firing of the 'Trishul Missile' and thirdly, the maiden Certification test flight of 'Hansa-3', the first-all Composite indigenous two seater aircraft.*
- **1998:** *The first coin of Europe's single currency, Euro, was made.*
- **1998:** *India conducted three nuclear tests in Pokhran, Rajasthan.*
- **1999:** *Rajiv Gandhi Assassination Case: The Supreme Court confirmed the death sentence on four of the 26 accused, life imprisonment to three and acquitted the remaining 19 people.*
- **1999:** *Centre removes the West Bengal Governor A. R. Kidwai. The Arunachal Pradesh Governor Mata Prasad had also been asked to step down.*

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- **2000:** According to the Population Clock, India's population reached one billion in the year.
- **2001:** India's support to the United States missile defense system; US Congress withheld funds due to the United Nations.
- **2002:** 378 people died in a boat accident in Bangladesh.
- **2005:** The World Bank appointed a neutral expert to resolve India-Pakistan differences over the Baglihar project.
- **2007:** Israel declared the Hamas-linked Reform and Change party illegal.
- **2008:** NATO forces attacked South Waziristan. Scientists at Cornell University in New York created the world's first genetically modified human embryo.
- **2010:** SH Kapadia, the most senior judge of the Supreme Court of India, was sworn in as the 38th Chief Justice of India by President Pratibha Patil. He will hold the post till 29 September 2012.
- **2010:** The Constitutional Bench of the Supreme Court of India in an important decision said that the state government has the right to provide reservation in Panchayat and local elections.
- **2010:** In the new coalition government to be formed in Britain under the leadership of Conservative Party leader David Cameron, Liberal Democrat leader Nick Clegg will assume the responsibility of the post of Deputy Prime Minister.
- **2011:** India and Pakistan agreed to start a bus service between Lahore and Amritsar.
- **2013:** 43 people died in two car bomb blasts in Reyhanli region of Turkey.

Famous People born on May 11

- **1895:** Jiddu Krishnamurti, an Indian speaker, and writer.
- **1904:** Salvador Dali, a Spanish surrealist artist.
- **1911:** Vylloppilli Sreedhara Menon, an Indian poet of Malayalam literature.
- **1912:** Saadat Hasan Manto, a colonial Indian and Pakistani writer, playwright, and author.
- **1918:** Mrinalini Vikram Sarabhai, an Indian classical dancer, choreographer, and instructor.
- **1918:** Richard Feynman, an American theoretical physicist.
- **1918:** India's famous classical dancer Mrinalini Sarabhai was born.
- **1922:** Herrero, Philippine Supreme Court jurist Emerfina Melancio was born.
- **1937:** West Indies wicketkeeper David Allen was born.
- **1950:** Hindi film actor Sadashiv Amrapurkar was born.
- **1950:** Sadashiv Amrapurkar, an Indian actor.
- **1976:** Punjabi singer Amrinder Gill was born.