

Current Affairs

May 16

1. National currencies used in 90% of Russia-China transactions: Putin *Source: [en.irna.ir](https://en.irna.ir/news/85479175/National-currencies-used-in-90-of-Russia-China-transactions)*
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2. Minsk, Gomel, Grodno to become sister cities with Baku, Ganja, Gabala *Source: [en.irna.ir](https://eng.belta.by/society/view/minsk-gomel-grodno-to-become-sister-cities-with-baku-ganja-gabala-158302-2024/)*
<https://eng.belta.by/society/view/minsk-gomel-grodno-to-become-sister-cities-with-baku-ganja-gabala-158302-2024/>
3. Despite US displeasure, India bets on Iran port *Source: [Deccan Herald](https://www.deccanherald.com/opinion/despite-us-displeasure-india-bets-on-iran-port-3025006)*
<https://www.deccanherald.com/opinion/despite-us-displeasure-india-bets-on-iran-port-3025006>
4. Bridgewater founder Ray Dalio warns of danger of US debt on Treasury market *Source: [Financial Times](https://www.ft.com/content/d54e5886-7f9a-49c4-a915-61ca506e4514)*
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5. Slovakia PM Fico's condition still 'very serious' after surgery *Source: [REUTERS](https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/slovak-government-meet-following-assassination-attempt-pm-2024-05-16/)*
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6. State-of-the-Art 3D Printing for Creating Better, Stronger Materials *Source: [AZOMaterials](https://www.azom.com/news.aspx?newsID=63003)*
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7. Glimpse of next-generation internet *Source: [The Harvard Gazette](https://news.harvard.edu/gazette/story/2024/05/glimpse-of-next-generation-internet/)*
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8. Now we know, what gets roots to grow: Can help in future droughts *Source: [Science Daily](https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2024/05/240515122840.htm#:~:text=In%20a%20new%20study%20published,autophagy%20plays%20a%20key%20role.)*
<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2024/05/240515122840.htm#:~:text=In%20a%20new%20study%20published,autophagy%20plays%20a%20key%20role.>
9. Animal-brain-inspired AI game changer for autonomous robots *Source: [Phys.org](https://phys.org/news/2024-05-temperature-blueberry-wine-fermentation-effects.html)*
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10. Israel's Rafah Offensive Heightens Strain On Egypt Ties *Source: [BARRON's](https://www.barrons.com/news/israel-s-rafah-offensive-heightens-strain-on-egypt-ties-6c75a1ba)*
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Today In *History*

Find Out What happened On May 16

Important events of May 16

- **1877:** *The political crisis in France began on 16 May.*
- **1911:** *Pumping Station of Calcutta was commissioned at Tallah.*
- **1926:** *Manik Varma, famous singer, was born.*
- **1929:** *The Hollywood Academy of Motion Picture, Arts and Sciences held its first film commemoration ceremony. These awards were later named Oscars.*
- **1929:** *The first Academy Awards were given in Hollywood.*
- **1932:** *Hundreds die in fighting between Muslims and Hindus at Bombay.*
- **1933:** *Shani, writer of novel 'Kalajal' and film 'Shaukin', was born.*
- **1945:** *Praharaj Gopalchandra, modern author of Odia language, passes away.*
- **1946:** *Gandhi's Cabinet Mission announces Plan.*
- **1960:** *International Telex Service between India and U.K. started.*
- **1969:** *Soviet Russia's Venera-5 unmanned spacecraft landed on Venus.*
- **1975:** *Sikkim High Court was established at Gangtok for Sikkim territory.*
- **1975:** *Sikkim annexed the principality and was declared as the 22nd state of the Indian Union.*
- **1975:** *Junko Tabei of Japan became the first woman to climb Mount Everest.*
- **1986:** *V. Shantaram, 75, was chosen for the Dada Saheb Phalke award.*
- **1991:** *Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom addressed a joint session of the United States Congress. She is the first British monarch to address the U.S. Congress.*
- **1993:** *The first female Indian expedition led by Bachendri Pal honored 18 climbers, including seven girls, to climb Everest, setting a new world record.*
- **1994:** *Phani Mujumdar, veteran film producer and director, passed away.*
- **1995:** *Government of India decides not to extend the validity of TADA Act.*
- **1996:** *Atal Krishna Behari Vajpayee, leader of Bharatiya Janata Party, becomes the 10th Prime Minister for 13 days (from May 16, 1996 to May 28, 1996 [technically till 01-06-1996]), although his ability to govern effectively is in doubt.*
- **1996:** *Atal Bihari Vajpayee took over as the 10th Prime Minister of India. However, due to a lack of support, his government lasted only 13 days.*

- **1998:** India rejects China's charges on N-tests.
- **1999:** Senior Congress leaders oppose Sonia Gandhi as Prime Minister.
- **2000:** To make badminton more popular and to facilitate television broadcasting of the game, it decided to increase the game by 7 points instead of 15 at the meeting of the International Badminton Federation in Kuala Lumpur. However, this rule was changed again in 2006.
- **2004:** Roger Federer won the Hamburg Masters title.
- **2005:** Women gained the right to vote for the first time in Kuwait.
- **2006:** Famous Hollywood actress Naomi Watts, nominated for the Oscar award, was made the ambassador of the United Nations. 47-year-old Mark Inglis of New Zealand became the first mountaineer to hoist the flag on the peak of Everest with the help of artificial legs.
- **2007:** Nicolas Sarkozy's term as President began on 16 May 2007.
- **2008:** The Supreme Court in 2008 overturned the Calcutta High Court decision banning 27% OBC quota in postgraduate courses in central educational institutions.
- **2008:** Prime Minister Manmohan Singh arrives in Thimphu on a two-day visit to Bhutan in 2008.
- **2010:** PTI Azlan Shah Cup Hockey Tournament: Defending champions India and South Korea were declared joint winners in 2010 after the match was abandoned due to rain.
- **2010:** In the final match of the 20-20 World Cup held in West Indies, England achieved Australia's target of 147 runs by losing three wickets and became the world champion for the first time.
- **2010:** six passengers and two crew members died when an Antonov An-28 plane crashed shortly after takeoff from Godo Olo Airport in eastern Suriname.
- **2013:** American scientists for the first time succeeded in extracting stem cells i.e. original cells from cloned human embryo.
- **2014:** Rustomji Modi was a member of the Tata Group and former Chairman and Managing Director of Tata Steel.
- **2014:** An explosion occurred in Nairobi in which about 12 people died.

Famous People born on May 16

- **1825:** Kerunana Laxman Chhatre, an Indian mathematician.
- **1831:** David Edward Hughes, a British-American inventor, practical experimenter, and professor.
- **1857:** R.N. Mudholkar was an Indian politician who served as the President of the Indian National Congress for a period.
- **1926:** Manik Varma, an Indian classical singer.
- **1931:** Indian politician and scholar, former Foreign Minister, Government of India Natwar Singh was born.
- **1933:** Famous litterateur Gulsher Khan Shani was born.

