

# Current Affairs

May 17

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<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2024-05-17/italy-will-have-europe-s-biggest-debt-in-three-years-scope-says>
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<https://ddnews.gov.in/en/russia-and-china-to-sign-power-of-siberia-2-gas-pipeline-contract-in-near-future-says-novak/>
4. Afghanistan Seeks Oil Export Route from Russia to South Asia Through Its Territory *Source: Sputnik*  
<https://sputniknews.in/amp/20240517/afghanistan-seeks-oil-export-route-from-russia-to-south-asia-through-its-territory--7389967.html>
5. Pakistan says will accelerate progress on major connectivity projects with China *Source: Arab News*  
<https://www.arabnews.pk/node/2512011/pakistan>
6. The science of untreated solid waste *Source: Hindustan Times*  
<https://www.hindustantimes.com/science/the-science-of-untreated-solid-waste-101715888577390.html>
7. Deep-sea sponge's "zero-energy" flow control could inspire new energy efficient designs *Source: NYUTandon School of Engineering*  
<https://engineering.nyu.edu/news/deep-sea-sponges-zero-energy-flow-control-could-inspire-new-energy-efficient-designs>
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<https://www.alphagalileo.org/en-gb/Item-Display/ItemId/246110?returnurl=https://www.alphagalileo.org/en-gb/Item-Display/ItemId/246110>
9. Synthesis of ultra-high molecular weight homo- and copolymers *via* an ultrasonic emulsion process with a fast rate *Source: Nature Communication*  
<https://www.nature.com/articles/s42004-024-01191-6>
10. Engineered Virus Crosses Blood-Brain Barrier to Deliver Gene Therapy *Source: NeuroSciencenews*  
<https://neurosciencenews.com/aav-bbb-gene-therapy-26123/>

## Today In *History*

### *Find Out What happened On May 17*

#### **Important events of May 17**

- *World Telecommunication Day*
- *World Hypertension Day & World Information Society Day*
- **1498:** *Admiral Dom Vasco-da-Gama (c.1469-1524)-I, Portuguese navigator, arrived in India. He sailed around the Cape of Good Hope to Calicut, Kerala with three vessels and was the first Westerner to sail to India from Europe.*
- **1540:** *Sher Shah defeated Humayun for the second time at Hardoi in U.P. in the battle of Kanauj.*
- **1775:** *Marathas were badly mauled in the battle of Arras by Col. Keating in the first Anglo - Maratha war.*
- **1756:** *Britain declared war on France.*
- **1769:** *The East India Company imposed several restrictions on weavers to ruin Bengal's textile industry.*
- **1792:** *Establishment of the New York Stock Exchange.*
- **1857:** *Bahadur Shah II became the Mughal emperor.*
- **1865:** *Raobahadur Govind Sakharam Sardesai 'Riyasatkar' was born.*
- **1865:** *The celebration of World Communication Day started.*
- **1873:** *Hindi daily 'Bharat Mitra' started from Calcutta.*
- **1887:** *Ranglal Bandopadhyay, Bengali poet, essay-writer and journalist, passed away.*
- **1897:** *Dhirendra Varma, famous linguist, was born.*
- **1916:** *Gurusiddappa Sivappa, great industrialist, was born at Bangalore.*
- **1927:** *A.N. Radhakrishnan, a great educationist, was born.*
- **1949:** *India decided with only one dissent vote to remain within the Commonwealth of Nations.*
- **1957:** *Nehru, who went to Ceylon to celebrate the 2,500th anniversary of the founding of Buddhism, calls for an end to nuclear tests.*
- **1970:** *Thor Heyerdahl started his journey from Morocco on this day and crossed the Atlantic Ocean in 57 days.*

- **1974:** *Durgadas, a famous Indian journalist, passed away.*
- **1975:** *Japanese woman Mrs. Junko Tabei became the first woman to climb Mount Everest.*
- **1976:** *4 Indians successfully skied down from the slope of Trishul peak.*
- **1980:** *V. S. Kumar Anandan sets the record of balancing on one foot for continuous 33 hrs.*
- **1987:** *Sunil Gavaskar retired from Test cricket.*
- **1990:** *Homosexuality was removed from the list of psychiatric disorders by the World Health Organization.*
- **1991:** *Prabhakar Machve, great litterateur, passed away.*
- **1992:** *Import of 106 life-saving drugs and 37 equipment allowed.*
- **1992:** *R. Venkataraman, President, leaves for a six-day visit to China.*
- **1993:** *Ravi Naik, Goa CM, resigns; Dy. CM Wilfred D'Souza elected to succeed.*
- **1993:** *Visiting Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres signs an MOU with his Indian counterpart to end nearly 4 decades of inactivity in bilateral relations.*
- **1994:** *Nar Bahadur Bhandari voted out in Sikkim; Sikkim Sangram Parishad leader Sanchaman Limboo takes over as CM.*
- **1995:** *Three North Eastern States remove restricted area permits (RAP).*
- **1996:** *Four members (Sange Sherpa, Hira Ram, Tashi Ram, Nadre Sherpa) of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police expedition climbs Mount Everest from the Chinese side.*
- **1996:** *Rusi Modi, cricketer (736 runs in 10 post-war Tests for India), passed away.*
- **1997:** *Two workers belonging to Mamsapuram near Srivilliputhur "burnt alive" at neighboring Idayankulam by its residents who took them hostage.*
- **1998:** *US President Bill Clinton wants India and Pakistan to sign the CTBT.*
- **1999:** *Sonia Gandhi resigns as Congress president but the CWC(I) rejects it.*
- **2000:** *The Union Cabinet clears a proposal for setting up a new appellate tribunal for foreign exchange following the repeal of the FERA and the enactment of FEMA in its place.*
- **2000:** *The Federalists, the upper house of the Russian Parliament, approved the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty.*
- **2002:** *The body of American journalist Daniel Pearl, who was killed in Pakistan, was recovered from a graveyard.*
- **2004:** *The first legal same-sex marriages in the U.S. were performed in the state of Massachusetts.*
- **2007:** *The fourth round of India-Pakistan Composite Dialogue began in Rawalpindi.*
- **2008:** *Bihar Transport Minister Ramanand Pratap Singh resigned from Nitish cabinet.*
- **2008:** *Taliban militants released Pakistani ambassador Tariq Azizuddin.*
- **2010:** *Indian boxers won all six gold medals at the Commonwealth Boxing Championships.*
- **2010:** *Promoting the country's oldest traditional sport Kabaddi, the Punjab Government announced to organize the Kabaddi World Cup.*

### **Famous People born on May 17**

- **1749:** *Edward Jenner, famous physician and inventor of the smallpox vaccine, was born.*
- **1868:** *Horace Dodge, an American automobile manufacturing pioneer, and co-founder of Dodge Brothers Company.*
- **1897:** *Famous poet and writer of Hindi and Braj language was born.*
- **1934:** *Ronald Wayne, a retired American electronics industry businessman. He co-founded Apple Computer Company*
- **1953:** *Hindi cinema character actress Preeti Ganguly was born.*