

Current Affairs

May 18

1. Elon Musk demands prosecution of Anthony Fauci after NIH admits to funding gain-of-function research in Wuhan lab *Source:* **Hindustan Times**
<https://www.hindustantimes.com/world-news/us-news/elon-musk-demands-prosecution-of-anthony-fauci-after-nih-admits-to-funding-gain-of-function-research-in-wuhan-lab-101715972787022.html>
2. China Sells Off Record Amount of Dollar Assets as US Remains the 'World's Bully' *Source:* **Sputnik International**
<https://sputnikglobe.com/20240518/china-sells-off-record-amount-of-dollar-assets-as-us-remains-the-worlds-bully-1118514205.html>
3. Russian uranium supplier Tenex issues force majeure notice after U.S. ban *Source:* **BNN Bloomberg**
<https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/russian-uranium-supplier-tenex-issues-force-majeure-notice-after-us-ban-1.2074081#:~:text=Russia's%20state-owned%20uranium%20supplier,of%20the%20company's%20nuclear%20fuel.>
4. Pentagon considers corruption in Ukraine one of highest in Europe *Source:* **Sb.by**
<https://www.sb.by/en/pentagon-considers-corruption-in-ukraine-one-of-highest-in-europe.html>
5. ISRO Chairman advocates for libraries in Temples to attract youth *Source:* **ETEMAAD**
<https://www.en.etemaaddaily.com/world/national/isro-chairman-advocates-for-libraries-in-temples-to-attract-youth:153455>
6. Russia expects building of North-South corridor's part in Iran to start in 2024 *Source:* **United News of India**
<https://www.uniindia.com/russia-expects-building-of-north-south-corridor-s-part-in-iran-to-start-in-2024/world/news/3201333.html>
7. Ukraine blackouts caused by malware attacks warn against evolving cybersecurity threats to the physical World *Source:* **US Santa Cruz**
<https://news.ucsc.edu/2024/05/ukraine-cybersecurity.html>
8. New technique to freeze brain tissue without harm *Source:* **Medical Xpress**
<https://medicalxpress.com/news/2024-05-technique-brain-tissue.html>
9. New Solar Technology Converts Greenhouse Gases Into Valuable Fuel *Source:* **SciTechDaily**
<https://scitechdaily.com/new-solar-technology-converts-greenhouse-gases-into-valuable-fuel/>
10. Pakistan: Education of girls in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in turmoil as militants target their schools. *Source:* **Organizer**
<https://organiser.org/2024/05/18/238211/international/pakistan-education-of-girls-in-khyber-pakhtunkhwa-in-turmoil-as-militants-target-their-schools/>

Today In *History*

Find Out What happened On May 18

Important events of May 18

- *International Museum Day*
- *Pokhran Nuclear Explosion Day (1974)*
- *Museum Day*

- **1772:** *Janoji Bhosle, warrior in Peshwa kingdom, passed away.*
- **1775:** *Warren Hastings expressed doubt of hanging Nandkumar.*
- **1804:** *Napoleon Bonaparte became Emperor of France.*
- **1848:** *The first National Assembly in Germany was inaugurated.*
- **1872:** *Bertrand Russell, great philosopher, mathematician, author and Chairman of the Indian League was born.*
- **1888:** *First gramophone record played in America.*
- **1901:** *Nibaran Chandra Chakrabarti, great poet and Hindi writer, was born in Brahmangaon, (Dacca).*
- **1912:** *Narayan Govind Chitre, with the help of R. P. Tipnis and Cameraman Johnson, produced a 8000 ft. long theatrical film 'Pundalik', which was directed by Ramchandra Torney alias Dada Saheb Torne. The entire film was shot in a theater at Mangaldas Wadi in Bombay, where the Sangit Mandali, a professional theater group, was performing a play 'Pundalik'. The film was released on May 18 in the Coronation Cinematograph at Girgaum, Bombay.*
- **1926:** *Naranjan Bhagat, famous Gujrathi poet, was born.*
- **1932:** *Hindu-Muslim riots take place in Bombay. 150 are killed or injured. Jinnah - the permanent president of the Muslim league, began to spread the rumors that Muslim minority was in danger under Hindu majority and actively propagated the theory of two separate nations.*
- **1933:** *Gandhiji commences at noon 21 days' fast for self-purification; released unconditionally at 9 p.m.*
- **1945:** *Bhagwat Subramaniam Chandrasekhar, cricketer (brilliant Indian leggie 1964-79), was born in Banglore. He received Arjuna Award and Padma Shri awards in 1972.*
- **1946:** *Gandhiji discusses Plan with Cabinet Mission.*
- **1950:** *a year after signing the North Atlantic Treaty, 12 countries of the world agreed on a permanent organization to protect America and Europe.*

- **1955:** *Hindu Marriage Act is amended.*
- **1966:** *Panchanan Maheshwari, great Indian scientist of botany, passed away. He studied the morphology, anatomy and embryology of some angiosperms, the class of plants which produce flowers. He discovered species of plants like "Panchanan Jaipuriensis and Isolated Panchanan II." He wrote two authoritative books, 'An Introduction to the Embryology of Angiosperms' & 'Recent Advances in Embryology on Angiosperms'. In 1951, he founded the International Society of plant Morphologists.*
- **1972:** *Konkan Krishi (Agriculture) University was established.*
- **1973:** *A powerful underground explosion rocked India's desert of Rajasthan today, making India the sixth nation in history to set off a nuclear device. The blast, which took place at a depth of 330 feet, was in the range of 10-15 kilotons, smaller than the bomb exploded by the US at Nagasaki in World War II. India is signatory to the 1963 test ban treaty, and thus was prohibited from exploding the device on land or in the air. Prime Minister Indira Gandhi claimed the purpose of the test was peaceful and said 'such explosions may have their use in mining operations'.*
- **1974:** *First underground Atomic device explosion for India was carried out successfully near Pokhran in Rajasthan (Thar Desert) at 8:05 a.m. This event made India as the 6th nation to explode an atomic bomb.*
- **1974:** *Jayaprakash Narayan led a procession against economic conditions in Patna. There was lathi charged and he issued a call for total revolution. He also started the 'Citizens for Democracy' movement.*
- **1985:** *Dr. P. C. Alexander was appointed High Commissioner in Britain.*
- **1988:** *The ten-day Golden Temple siege at Amritsar ends with the surrender of 46 militant Sikhs.*
- **1991:** *Helen Sherman became the first British woman astronaut to travel through Russia's Soyuz spacecraft.*
- **1992:** *President R. Venkataraman reaches Beijing.*
- **1995:** *Criminal Law (Amendment Bill, 1995) introduced in Parliament to replace the 10-year-old controversial TADA Act.*
- **1995:** *Sukhomoy Sengupta, 76, Tripura's first CM, passed away.*
- **1998:** *India talks with the US on the nuclear tests.*
- **1998:** *India may take the US to the WTO.*
- **1999:** *R. B. Sapre, India's first national chess champion, died in Mumbai.*
- **2006:** *The King of Nepal was brought under the tax net.*
- **2007:** *The term of Kazakhstan President Nursultan Nazarbayev was extended for an unlimited period.*
- **2008:** *Indian-origin writer Indra Sinha was awarded the Commonwealth Honour for her book Animal People.*
- **2009:** *Sri Lankan government defeats the LTTE, ending nearly 26 years of war.*

Famous People born on May 18

- **1048:** *Omar Khayyam, a Persian mathematician, astronomer, philosopher, and poet.*
- **1853:** *Behramji Malabari, an Indian poet, publicist, author, and social reformer.*
- **1872:** *Bertrand Russell, a British polymath.*
- **1914:** *S. Jagannathan, the tenth Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, was born.*
- **1922:** *Norwegian-born psychiatrist Gerda Boyesen was born.*
- **1922:** *Danish composer Kai Winding was born.*
- **1933:** *H.D. Deve Gowda, the 11th Prime Minister of India.*