

Current Affairs

May 2

1. Surya Tilak at Ram temple and the state of science *Source: The Indian Express*
<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/surya-tilak-at-ram-temple-and-the-state-of-science-9302313/>
2. Hope Palestine application for UN membership will be reconsidered: India *Source: Business Standard*
https://www.business-standard.com/world-news/hope-palestine-application-for-un-membership-will-be-reconsidered-india-124050200101_1.html
3. Tens of Thousands Rally in Georgia Against 'Foreign Influence' Bill *Source: The Globe Post*
<https://theglobepost.com/2024/05/02/georgia-foreign-influence-bill/>
4. The Russian ambassador to the US rejects the accusations: "We do not use chemical weapons in Ukraine"
Source: Agenzianova
<https://www.agenzianova.com/en/news/The-Russian-ambassador-to-the-USA-rejects-the-accusations.-We-do-not-use-chemical-weapons-in-Ukraine/>
5. China is an enemy of the U.S. for a growing number of Americans, Pew poll shows *Source: CNBC*
<https://www.cnbc.com/2024/05/02/china-is-an-enemy-of-the-us-for-a-growing-number-of-americans-pew-poll.html#:~:text=As%20many%20as%2042%25%20of,unfavorable%20opinion%20of%20the%20country.>
6. Researchers create new chemical compound to solve 120-year-old problem *Source: University of Minnesota*
<https://cse.umn.edu/college/news/researchers-create-new-chemical-compound-solve-120-year-old-problem>
7. Male chicks play more than females – sex differences in chicken play ontogeny *Source: Frontiers*
<https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fetho.2024.1392378/full>
8. Godrej family settlement basically an extension of the status quo *Source: MoneyControl*
<https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/opinion/godrej-family-settlement-basically-an-extension-of-the-status-quo-12712502.html>
9. A new form of mpox that may spread more easily found in Congo's biggest outbreak *Source: MedicalXpress*
<https://medicalxpress.com/news/2024-05-mpox-easily-congo-biggest-outbreak.html>
10. A Teenager Helps Identify A New Species Of Giant Marine Reptile *Source: WECB Radio Emerson College*
<https://www.wecb.fm/a-teenager-helps-identify-a-new-species-of-giant-marine-reptile/>

Today In *History*

Find Out What happened On May 2

Important events of May 2

- **1769:** Sir John Malcom, former Governor of Mumbai and historian, was born.
- **1875:** The United States stopped minting the 20-cent coin.
- **1885:** Belgian King Leopold II established the independent State of Congo.
- **1907:** Riots break out in Rawalpindi and East Bengal, spreading to the Punjab.
- **1908:** Police in Calcutta discover a cache of explosives for use in alleged anarchist plot.
- **1918:** General Motors acquired Chevrolet Motor Company.
- **1920:** The first game of Negro National League Baseball was played in Indianapolis.
- **1921:** Vinayak Savarkar's brothers Babarao and Tatyrao were sent to India from the Andaman.
- **1921:** Satyajee Ray, world famous film director and a very short story writer, was born in a family of artists. In 1989, he was awarded the highest honor of France "Legion d'Honneur".
- **1922:** Kedarnath Modi, great Industrialist in Maharashtra, was born.
- **1924:** The Netherlands refused to recognise the Soviet Union.
- **1926:** On this day, Hindu women got the right to hold elected office.
- **1930:** Riots break out in Amritsar.
- **1933:** Hitler banned trade unions in Germany.
- **1945:** German Army surrendered in Italy.
- **1949:** The trial of Mahatma Gandhi's assassination case began.
- **1950:** France handed over its colony Chandannagar, located near Kolkata, to the Government of India.
- **1952:** The world's first jet aircraft, the de Havilland Comet 1, made its maiden flight from London to Johannesburg.
- **1953:** Declaration by the PM that India was opposed to joining any power-block in the event of another war.
- **1953:** 40 persons were reported losing their lives today in the first crash of a jet airliner in commercial service. The jetliner, a British-built Comet, plunged to earth in a violent storm just a few minutes after taking off from Calcutta. It was carrying a party of rubber and tin operators from Malaya to England. There were no survivors. Two Comets have crashed before, one last October and one in March, but neither was carrying passengers.

- **1954:** *Ceylon Asian conference ends with plea for peace in Indo-China, end of atomic tests and condemnation of colonialism.*
- **1955:** *T Williams won the Pulitzer Prize in 1955 for his play 'Cat on a Hot Tin Roof'.*
- **1959:** *The first thermoplastic plant was opened in Rishra.*
- **1968:** *The Lok Sabha passed the Public Provident Fund Bill.*
- **1968:** *On this day, the Public Provident Fund Act was approved in the Lok Sabha.*
- **1974:** *700 union leaders arrested in a move to avert a rail strike in New Delhi.*
- **1977:** *C.V. Narasimhan became the director of Central Bureau of Investigation (till 25/11/77).*
- **1981:** *Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar, the architect of modern Himachal Pradesh and an energetic Chief Minister, passed away.*
- **1982:** *Mohun Bagan retains Federation Cup (football) beating Mafatlal at Calicut.*
- **1985:** *Banarsidas Chaturvedi, famous writer and journalist, passed away.*
- **1986:** *30-year-old Ann Bancroft of America became the first woman to reach the North Pole.*
- **1992:** *President J.B.Patnaik, former Orissa CM and PCC (I), arrested on corruption charges.*
- **1994:** *A bus accident in Poland killed 32 people.*
- **1996:** *Controversial godman Chandraswami arrested and sent to high security Tihar jail on a day's judicial custody by a Delhi court for allegedly cheating NRI businessman Lakhubhai Pathak of \$1 lakh in 1983.*
- **1996:** *General Election 2nd phase begins in 204 LS and 223 Assembly constituencies spread over 17 States & union territories.*
- **1997:** *The Labour Party came to power in Britain after 18 years, its leader Tony Blair became the youngest Prime Minister in British parliamentary history.*
- **1998:** *On this day, the Indian Army had seized 10.5 kg of hashish from Bandipur market.*
- **1999:** *Mireya Moscoso was appointed the first female President of Panama.*
- **2002:** *Pakistan's Inzamam-ul-Haq scored 329 runs against New Zealand.*
- **2004:** *Marek Belka became the new Prime Minister of Poland.*
- **2004:** *S Rajendrababu became the 34th Chief Justice of India.*
- **2008:** *Cyclone Nargis struck Burma, killing 138,000 people and leaving millions homeless.*
- **2010:** *SEBI's direction to institutional investors to make 100 per cent payment like retail investors while applying for purchase of new issues in the primary capital market became effective in 2010.*
- **2011:** *US Special Forces Navy Seals-6 assassinated Osama bin Laden in Abbottabad, Pakistan.*
- **2012:** *Norwegian painter Edvard Munch's 'The Scream sold' for 120 million at auction. This became a new world record.*

Famous People born on May 2

- **1920:** *Vasantryao Deshpande, a Hindustani classical vocalist.*
- **1921:** *Oscar award winning film producer, director and writer Satyajit Ray was born.*
- **1922:** *Indian professional Wilson Jones was a billiards player.*
- **1929:** *Indian politician and litterateur Vishnu Kant Shastri was born.*
- **1929:** *The third king of Bhutan, Jigme Dorji Wangchuck, was born.*
- **1969:** *Brian Lara, a Trinidadian former international cricketer.*
- **1972:** *Ahti Heinla, an Estonian computer programmer and businessman. He is one of the developers of Skype.*
- **1975:** *David Beckham, an English former professional footballer, the current president & co-owner of Inter Miami CF and co-owner of Salford City.*