

# Current Affairs

May 23

1. Fixated With Adani: Indian Billionaire Rejects Western Claim of Selling Inferior Coal *Source: Sputnik*  
<https://sputniknews.in/20240523/fixated-with-adani-indian-billionaire-rejects-western-claim-of-selling-inferior-coal-7433961.html>
2. Taliban endorse Chabahar Port, highlight it as an alternative to Karachi *Source: WION*  
<https://www.wionews.com/south-asia/taliban-endorses-chabahar-port-highlights-it-as-an-alternative-to-karachi-724558>
3. China Retaliates: Imposes Sanctions on Lockheed Martin and other US Defense Companies *Source: RegTechTimes* <https://regtechtimes.com/china-imposes-sanctions-on-us-defense-companies/>
4. General Assembly Adopts Resolution on Srebrenica Genocide, Designating International Day of Reflection, Commemoration *Source: United Nations*  
<https://press.un.org/en/2024/ga12601.doc.htm>
5. US Secretary of State supports allowing Ukraine to hit Russia with US-supplied weapons – the NYT *Source: European Pravda* <https://www.eurointegration.com.ua/eng/news/2024/05/23/7186561/>
6. Guyana becomes key contributor to global crude oil supply growth *Source: Prometheus Institute*  
<https://prometheus.org/2024/05/22/guyana-becomes-key-contributor-to-global-crude-oil-supply-growth/>
7. Birdsong and Human Voice Built from Same Genetic Blueprint *Source: TEXAS Geosciences*  
<https://www.jsge.utexas.edu/news/2024/05/birdsong-and-human-voice-built-from-same-genetic-blueprint/>
8. International planet hunters unveil massive catalog of strange worlds *Source: University of California, Riverside*  
<https://news.ucr.edu/articles/2024/05/23/international-planet-hunters-unveil-massive-catalog-strange-worlds>
9. The global clean water crisis looms large *Source: Utrecht University*  
<https://www.uu.nl/en/news/the-global-clean-water-crisis-looms-large>
10. NASA's TESS Finds Intriguing World Sized Between Earth, Venus *Source: NASA*  
<https://science.nasa.gov/universe/exoplanets/nasas-tess-finds-intriguing-world-sized-between-earth-venus/>

## Today In History

### *Find Out What happened On May 23*

#### Important events of May 23

- **1785:** Benjamin Franklin wrote in a letter that his invention was bilingual.
- **1788:** South Carolina was admitted into the U.S. Constitution as the eighth state.
- **1805:** Governor-General Lord Wellesley, through an order, made a permanent provision for the Mughal Emperor of Delhi.
- **1829:** Cyrill Damien patented the accordion.
- **1879:** Iowa State University established the first veterinary school in the US.
- **1901:** American forces captured Filipino rebel leader Emilio Aguinaldo.
- **1915:** During the First World War, Italy declared war on Austria, Hungary and Germany.
- **1923:** Belgium created Sava Airlines.
- **1926:** French forces captured the Moroccan Rif capital.
- **1939:** A plan to liberate Palestine by 1949 was made in the British Parliament.
- **1949:** West Germany formally came into existence after the adoption of the constitution.
- **1951:** Tibet signed a 17-point agreement with China for the peaceful liberation of Tibet.
- **1956:** A bill to nationalize the life insurance business was passed.
- **1960:** Israel announced the capture of Nazi Adolf Eichmann in Argentina.
- **1977:** Benin adopted a constitution.
- **1984:** Bachendri Pal became the first Indian woman to conquer the world's highest peak, Everest.
- **1986:** The United States and Western European countries vetoed a proposal for heavy sanctions against South Africa.
- **1994:** 270 pilgrims died in a stampede in Saudi Arabia.
- **1994:** Roman Herzog was elected President of Germany.
- **1995:** The first edition of the Java programming language was released.
- **1999:** Johannes Rau was appointed the new President of the Federal Republic of Germany.
- **2001:** Pakistan again refused to grant MFN status to India.
- **2004:** 250 people drowned when a boat sank in the Meghna river due to a storm in Bangladesh. 4000 cars sank when a ship collided with a tanker in Singapore.

- **2010:** Thailand's film 'Uncle Boonmee Who Can Recall His Past Lives' directed by Apichatpong Weerasethakul was awarded the biggest award 'Palme d'Or' at the Cannes Film Festival.
- **2010:** A three-member bench of the Supreme Court of India headed by Chief Justice K.G. Balakrishnan did not consider the living together of a man and a woman without marriage a crime.
- **2013:** Search engine Google acquired Makani's power for use in its Project Bhavna.
- **2014:** Russia and China used their veto power in the United Nations Security Council to block the establishment of an International Criminal Court to try war crimes in Syria.
- **2016:** Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched the fully Indian made space shuttle RLV-TD from Sriharikota Space Centre in Andhra Pradesh.

### **Famous People born on May 23**

- **1052:** Philip I, the king of France.
- **1707:** Carl Linnaeus, a Swedish botanist, zoologist, and physician.
- **1919:** Maharani Gayatri Devi, the Queen Mother of Jaipur Royal Family was born.
- **1923:** Famous litterateur of Rajasthani language was born.
- **1926:** P. Govinda Pillai, an Indian veteran Communist Party leader.
- **1949:** Former President of Peru Alan Garcia was born.