

Current Affairs

May 7

1. Israeli forces seize Rafah border crossing in Gaza, putting cease-fire talks on knife's edge *Source: **AP news***
<https://apnews.com/article/israel-palestinians-gaza-hamas-war-05-07-2024-113bf4ee5dad87dc5c003d76ed2785bf>
2. France, Hungary, Slovakia to send representatives to Putin's inauguration *Source: **EURACTIV***
<https://www.euractiv.com/section/eu-russia/news/france-hungary-slovakia-to-send-representatives-to-putins-in-auguration/>
3. Jammu and Kashmir: Fierce firefight underway in Kulgam as security forces hunt terrorist who attacked IAF convoy *Source: **OPindia***
<https://www.opindia.com/2024/05/jammu-kashmir-fierce-firefight-underway-in-kulgam-as-security-forces-hunt-terrorist/>
4. What to Know About Xi Jinping's Trip to Europe *Source: **The New York Times***
<https://www.nytimes.com/2024/05/06/world/europe/xi-jinping-europe-china.html>
5. The Red Sea is still a no-go zone *Source: **Finshots***
<https://finshots.in/archive/the-red-sea-is-still-a-no-go-zone/>
6. 'Tungsten wall' leads to nuclear fusion breakthrough *Source: **Quartz***
<https://qz.com/new-fusion-record-achieved-tungsten-encased-reactor-1851459488>
7. NASA's Stunning New Simulation Sends You Diving Into a Black Hole *Source: **ScienceAlert***
<https://www.sciencealert.com/nasas-stunning-new-simulation-sends-you-diving-into-a-black-hole>
8. USTC Advances Bioinspired Bouligand Structure for Superior Mechanics *Source: **Mirage***
<https://www.miragenews.com/ustc-advances-bioinspired-bouligand-structure-1228913/>
9. Why parrots sometimes adopt — or kill — each other's babies *Source: **Berkeley news***
<https://news.berkeley.edu/2024/05/06/why-parrots-sometimes-adopt-or-kill-each-others-babies#:~:text=When%20the%20resources%20provided%20by,the%20death%20of%20their%20father.>
10. UP court convicts woman for falsely accusing man of rape; imposes ₹5.9 lakh fine *Source: **Bar and Bench***
<https://www.barandbench.com/news/litigation/up-court-convicts-woman-false-rape-case-imposes-59-lakh-fine#:~:text=Additional%20District%20Judge%20Gyanendra%20Tripathi%20sentenced%20the%20woman%20to%204,the%20man%20she%20falsely%20accused.>

Today In *History*

Find Out What happened On May 7

Important events of May 7

- **1638:** Cornelis S. Goyer captured Mauritius.
- **1663:** The first theater named 'Royal' opened in London.
- **1664:** French Emperor Louis XIV inaugurated the 'Versailles Palace'.
- **1727:** Russian Empress Catherine I ordered the expulsion of Jews from Ukraine.
- **1775:** The Turkish state of Bukovina separated from Austria.
- **1800:** The state of Indiana was formed in America.
- **1832:** Greece became an independent republic.
- **1834:** East India Company annexed Coorg. King Raja Veer Rajendra, who was a cruel ruler, after formally declaring a war had captured Durg State.
- **1875:** A German ship sank near the island of Sicily in 1875, killing 312 people.
- **1895:** Alexander Popoff, an electric engineer in Peterburg (Saint Petersburg), Russia, demonstrated a radio-like device in 1895.
- **1849:** John Elliott Drinkwater Bethune started Calcutta Female School.
- **1861:** Guru Dev Rabindranath Thakur alias Tagore, novelist, painter, educationist and freedom fighter, was born in Calcutta.
- **1889:** Dr. Narayan Subbarao Hardikar, freedom fighter, journalist and Padmabhushan awardee, was born.
- **1907:** The First Electric Tramway service commenced in Bombay (Mumbai). This service was inaugurated by Municipality Chairman Vallabhdas Thakersey and Municipal Commissioner Sheppard at 5.30 p.m. This tram was well decorated and destined from Municipal Office upto Crawford Market.
- **1907:** Rajbali Pandey, famous poet, was born.
- **1907:** The first electric tram car operated in Bombay.

- **1908:** *Sudhabala alias Ermaline was born in Bombay. She was a film actress. Her first film was 'Hothal Padmini' (1925). Some of her films are Kicks of Kismet, Tained Virtue, Red Signal, Wise Fool, Hoor-E-Bagdad.*
- **1912:** *Pannalal Patel, great Gujrati novelist and story writer, was born.*
- **1934:** *The world's largest pearl was found in the Philippines.*
- **1940:** *Winston Churchill became the Prime Minister of Britain.*
- **1946:** *Tokyo Telecommunications Engineering (later renamed Sony) was founded.*
- **1950:** *81 people died in a rail crash at Patna. A sabotage was suspected.*
- **1950:** *Punjab Mail train crashed near Jasidih killing 81 persons.*
- **1952:** *The concept of integrated circuit was first published by Jeffrey Dummer.*
- **1955:** *Air India launched the Mumbai-Tokyo flight.*
- **1958:** *Acharya Kripalani elected leader of a new opposition group in the Lok Sabha.*
- **1973:** *The foundation stone was laid at Itanagar, the new capital of Arunachal Pradesh.*
- **1973:** *Shivkumar Batalvi, famous Punjabi poet, died.*
- **1973:** *The foundation stone of the new capital of Arunachal Pradesh was laid at Itanagar.*
- **1975:** *America declared the end of the Vietnam War.*
- **1976:** *Alexander Graham Bell received a patent for his invention which he named "Telephone".*
- **1985:** *Adoor Gopalakrishnan judged Best Director (Mukhamukham) in national film awards.*
- **1989:** *Diplomatic contacts between Britain and Iran were broken after an Iranian fatwa against Indian-born writer Salman Rushdie.*
- **1990:** *Foundation stones are laid in Ayodhya for a new temple at the birthplace of Lord Rama as Hindu nationalism rises. Government disallows the Shilanyas.*
- **1990:** *Government of India bans strikes in any service in any oil field or refinery under the Essential Services Maintenance Act.*
- **1991:** *Haryana beat Bombay in the cricket Ranji Trophy final by 2 runs.*
- **1993:** *Jankiraman panel's final report finds that an additional aggregate of Rs. 12,85,549 crore was transacted in banks without any documentation; it indicts 12 more banks for involvement in the scam.*
- **1994:** *Dr. S.P. Tripathy, Director-General of ICMR, retired after 32 years of distinguished service in the ICMR, and Dr. G.V. Satyavati took over as the new Director-General of ICMR in July 1994. She became the first woman scientist in the country to head not only ICMR but any Research agency in independent India.*
- **1994:** *Sunit Khatau, famous industrialist and textile magnet in Mumbai and owner of Khatau Group, was murdered. He was 55.*
- **1994:** *Ustad Jahiruddin Dagar Nasir, famous classical singer of Dhrupad-Dhamar, passed away at the age of 62 in Bareilly.*
- **1996:** *Third and final phase of polling begins for 185 LS constituencies and 154 assembly constituencies; 55 to 60% turnout was witnessed and there was widespread violence in Bihar.*
- **1998:** *Mercedes-Benz acquires Chrysler for 40 billion, the largest industrial merger in history.*

- **1999:** *The Labour Party was successful in the Scottish Parliamentary elections.*
- **2000:** *Ranjit Singh Gill, one of the prime accused in the murder of Lalit Maken and his wife Geetanjali, who was the daughter of the late President Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma, on July 31, 1985, was extradited to Delhi from the US to stand trial in the case.*
- **2000:** *Vladimir Putin took office as the 10th President of Russia.*
- **2001:** *Floods in northeastern Iran.*
- **2002:** *The Commission on Religious Freedom expressed serious concern over the violence in Gujarat.*
- **2004:** *Nepal's Prime Minister Surya Bahadur Thapa resigned.*
- **2008:** *Pakistan tested nuclear capable missile Hatf-8 in 2008.*

Famous People born on May 7

- **1711:** *David Hume, a Scottish Enlightenment philosopher, historian, economist, librarian, and essayist.*
- **1861:** *Rabindranath Tagore, an Indian polymath- poet, writer, composer, philosopher, and painter.*
- **1880:** *Pandurang Vaman Kane, an Indian Indologist and Sanskrit scholar.*
- **1889:** *Famous freedom fighter and founder of 'Hindustani Seva Dal' N. S. Hardikar was born.*
- **1909:** *Edwin Herbert Land, the co-founder of the Polaroid Corporation.*
- **1912:** *Pannalal Patel, an Indian author known for his contributions to Gujarati Literature.*
- **1912:** *Pannalal Patel, an Indian author.*
- **1968:** *Keshav Prasad Maurya, one of the Bharatiya Janata Party politicians, was born.*