

Current Affairs

May 8

1. US trying to destabilize situation in India ahead of general election — Russian diplomat *Source: **TASS***
<https://tass.com/politics/1785599>
2. Argentina: Milei Cancels teleSUR in Wave of Censorship against Left-wing Voices *Source: **RESUMEN***
<https://resumen-english.org/2024/05/argentina-milei-cancels-telesur-in-wave-of-censorship-against-left-wing-voices/>
3. Israel puts Egypt in tough spot with move within Philadelphi Corridor *Source: **ArabWeekly***
<https://the arabweekly.com/israel-puts-egypt-tough-spot-move-within-philadelphia-corridor>
4. Maldives Foreign Minister Moosa Zameer aims to deepen 'longstanding partnership' with India
*Source: **The Indian Express***
<https://indianexpress.com/article/world/maldives-foreign-minister-moosa-zameer-india-visit-9316445/>
5. Vucic Says 'Taiwan Is China' As Xi Visits Serbia: State Broadcaster *Source: **BARRON'S***
<https://www.barrons.com/news/vucic-says-taiwan-is-china-as-xi-visits-serbia-state-broadcaster-17707db1>
6. RBI's latest norms may derail Modi govt's flagship economy driver *Source: **The Economic Times***
<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/indicators/rbis-latest-norms-may-derail-modi-govts-flagship-economy-driver/articleshow/109942758.cms?from=mdr>
7. Marine Bacteria Forge Unusual Alliance for Vitamin B12 Production *Source: **Technology Networks Immunology & Microbiology***
<https://www.technologynetworks.com/immunology/news/marine-bacteria-forge-unusual-alliance-for-vitamin-b12-production-386559>
8. Scientists discover 1st elusive 'glueball,' particle made of nuclear force *Source: **Interesting Engineering***
<https://interestingengineering.com/science/glueball-first-scientific-evidence>
9. Expert explains pink eye *Source: **Medical Xpress***
<https://medicalxpress.com/news/2024-05-expert-pink-eye.html>
10. DNA Evidence Not Conclusive Proof in Rape Cases: Calcutta High Court *Source: **Law Trend***
<https://lawtrend.in/dna-evidence-not-conclusive-proof-in-rape-cases-calcutta-high-court/>

Today In *History*

Find Out What happened On May 8

Important events of May 8

- World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day
- World Thalassemia Day
- **1360:** The British and French signed the Treaty of Brittany.
- **1541:** Hernando de Soto discovered the Mississippi River.
- **1713:** Sankt Peterburg (Saint Petersburg) was made the capital of Russia, replacing Moskva.
- **1725:** John Lovewell, US Indian fighter, passed away in a battle.
- **1794:** Antoine Lavoisier, French scientist and father of modern chemistry, was sentenced to death on charges of corruption.
- **1815:** Malaun of Nepal was captured by General David Ochterlony.
- **1828:** The first Nobel Peace Prize for humanitarian work was awarded to Jean Henry Dunant.
- **1842:** A fire on a train traveling from Warsaw to Paris killed 50 people.
- **1847:** The rubber tire was patented by Robert W. Thompson.
- **1871:** The Alabama dispute ended after an agreement between Britain and America.
- **1886:** John Pemberton first sold a carbonated beverage named "Coca-Cola" as a patent medicine.
- **1895:** Gopabandhu Choudhary, famous revolutionary and Gandhian activist of Orissa.
- **1898:** The first match of the Italian Football League was played.
- **1899:** Execution of Indian revolutionary Vasudev Chafekar.
- **1901:** British commission claims famine has taken 1.25 million lives since 1899; blames over population.
- **1901:** The Australian Labor Party was founded.
- **1903:** The world's first Zeppelin airship 'Lebodei' made its first flight of 37 kilometers.
- **1906:** Prannath Thapar, former General of India, was born.
- **1910:** Tolstoy replies to Gandhiji that question of Passive Resistance is of greatest importance, not only for India but for humanity.
- **1912:** Establishment of Paramount Pictures.

- **1915:** *Indian freedom fighters Master Amir Chand and Bhai Balamukund were executed by the British government.*
- **1921:** *Sweden abolished the death penalty.*
- **1930:** *Gandhi followers mob Bombay to protest his arrest.*
- **1933:** *Mohandas Gandhi began a 21-day fast of self-purification and launched a one-year campaign to help the Harijan movement.*
- **1945:** *World War II – Europe Victory Day – The surrender of Germany to the Allied forces.*
- **1945:** *Indian Government decided to integrate Chandranagar in West Bengal which was under the rule of the French.*
- **1954:** *The central government incorporated Chandannagar into the state of West Bengal.*
- **1959:** *Dalai Lama will not be allowed to campaign for Tibetan independence in India. India wants to maintain friendly relations with Communist China.*
- **1962:** *Rabindra Bharati University established in West Bengal.*
- **1963:** *Centenary of Indian Red Cross was celebrated. Today is the birthday of its founder.*
- **1971:** *Mohinder Singh Gill at Fresno sets record for TJ in 16.79.*
- **1978:** *The first ascent of Mount Everest without supplemental oxygen, by Reinhold Messner and Peter Habeler.*
- **1980:** *The World Health Organization confirmed the eradication of smallpox.*
- **1984:** *France conducted nuclear tests on the island.*
- **1984:** *Just 12 weeks before the Olympic Games were to begin in Los Angeles, the Soviet Union announced it would boycott the Games.*
- **1990:** *A 255 kph cyclone lashes Andhra Pradesh coast causing heavy losses to life and property.*
- **1990:** *Paul Mantosh and Joss Fernandes take oath as nominated Anglo-Indian members in Lok Sabha.*
- **1992:** *Eighth Plan outlay increased to Rs. 7,98,000 crores; Public Sector outlay goes up to 45%.*
- **1992:** *Gul Mahomed, cricketer (8 Tests for India & one for Pakistan), passed away.*
- **1994:** *Harikant Jethwani, famous Sindhi litterateur, passed away.*
- **1995:** *Prem Bhatia, journalist, passed away at 83.*
- **1996:** *The governing Congress party is routed in Indian elections that have left no party with a clear mandate to govern.*
- **1996:** *Poll counting begins.*
- **1997:** *India decides to import currency notes for the first time.*
- **1997:** *Mumbai High Court holds that Christian women can seek divorce on the sole ground of being subjected to cruelty and need not prove infidelity on the part of their husbands or desertion.*
- **1997:** *China's Southern Airlines Flight 3456 crashed, killing 35 people.*
- **1999:** *NATO missile attack on the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade.*

- **1998:** *Sheikh Hasina, Bangladesh Prime Minister, gets the Gandhi award for 1998.*
- **2000:** *69-year-old Lord Swarajpal of Indian origin was appointed Vice Chancellor of Britain's fourth largest university, British University.*
- **2001:** *America also left the International Narcotics Control Board in 2001.*
- **2002:** *The New Zealand team returned home in 2002 after canceling the Pakistan tour.*
- **2004:** *Sri Lanka's Muralitharan created the record of taking most Test wickets by taking 521 wickets.*
- **2006:** *The United States agreed to provide Pakistan with the latest conventional weapons systems.*

Famous People born on May 8

- **1828:** *Jean Henri Dunant, the first Nobel Peace Prize winner for his humanitarian work, was born.*
- **1884:** *Harry Truman, the 33rd President of the United States.*
- **1895:** *Gopabandhu Choudhary, famous revolutionary and Gandhian activist of Orissa, was born.*
- **1916:** *Swami Chinmayananda, India's famous spiritual thinker and world famous scholar of Vedanta philosophy, was born.*
- **1925:** *Gururaja Shyam Acharya Amur, an Indian literary critic, and author.*
- **1926:** *Famous historian Tapan Rai Choudhary was born.*
- **1929:** *Girija Devi, an Indian classical singer of the Seniya and Banaras gharanas.*