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Today in History on 05 AUG

➤ 1962 – Arrest of Nelson Mandela

In 1962, Nelson Mandela was arrested in South Africa on August 5. The arrest took place near Howick, Natal, where Mandela was traveling in a car. Following the arrest, Mandela was tried for treason and other charges, and was sentenced to life imprisonment. His arrest further strengthened the struggle against apartheid worldwide.



➤ 1963 – Partial Test Ban Treaty Signed

In 1963, the Partial Test Ban Treaty (PTBT) was signed. The treaty was signed by the United States, the Soviet Union, and Britain in Moscow on August 5, 1963. The treaty aimed to ban the testing of nuclear weapons in the atmosphere, outer space, and underwater. Underground nuclear tests were allowed, but it had to be ensured that radioactive debris from the tests did not spread into the borders of another country.



➤ 1861 – First Income Tax in the U.S.

US President Abraham Lincoln signed the Revenue Act on August 5, 1861, introducing the first federal income tax, which was introduced to cover the expenses of the Civil War. The first federal income tax in the United States, imposed in 1862, was also a war effort, designed to raise funds to support the Civil War (1861-65). The tax rate was adjusted according to the person's earnings.



➤ 1864 – Battle of Mobile Bay

The Battle of Mobile Bay in 1864 was an important naval battle of the American Civil War, fought on





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August 5 off the coast of Mobile, Alabama. In the battle, the Union Navy defeated the Confederate Navy and gained control of the Mobile Harbor. The Confederate Navy resisted, but the Union Navy, using heavy artillery and ships, defeated the Confederate ships and captured Fort Morgan.



Important NEWS on 05 AUG

➤ Indigenous Kavach 4.0 Safety System Commissioned on This Section of Indian Railways

In a landmark step towards modernising railway safety, Indian Railways has commissioned the advanced Kavach 4.0, an indigenous railway safety system, on the Mathura-Kota section of the high-density Delhi-Mumbai corridor. The announcement was made on July, 2025, by Union Minister for Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw, marking a significant milestone in India's pursuit of safer and smarter rail travel.



➤ 1914 - First electric traffic light system installed in the US

In 1914, the first electric traffic light system was installed in the city of Cleveland, USA. It was installed on August 5 at the intersection of Euclid Avenue and East 105th Street. The system had red and green lights, and also a buzzer that warned when the signal changed. The system was developed by Lester Wire and installed by the American Traffic Signal Company. It was intended to control traffic on the roads and reduce accidents. The system lacked a yellow light, which later became an important component in traffic lights.



➤ India's First 'Make in India' Hydrogen Plant Sets a New Benchmark In This State

In a historic move towards clean energy and sustainable development, the Deendayal Port Authority (DPA) has commissioned the country's first 'Make in India' green hydrogen plant at Kandla, Gujarat. Inaugurated by Union Shipping Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, the 1MW facility is a significant milestone in India's journey toward maritime decarbonization and green energy adoption.



➤ Vice Admiral Manish Chadha Takes Command of Indian Naval Academy

The Indian Naval Academy (INA), Ezhimala, witnessed a major leadership transition on August, 2025, as Vice Admiral Manish Chadha, AVSM, VSM assumed charge as its new Commandant, succeeding Vice Admiral CR Praveen Nair, AVSM, NM. The ceremonial handover, conducted with full military

honours, highlighted the academy's vital role in shaping the future leadership of the Indian Navy.



➤ Shashi Prakash Goyal Takes Charge as New Chief Secretary of Uttar Pradesh

Senior IAS officer Shashi Prakash Goyal, a 1989-batch officer of the Indian Administrative Service (IAS), has officially assumed charge as the Chief Secretary of Uttar Pradesh, succeeding Manoj Kumar Singh, who retired on the same day. The appointment reflects the state government's focus on administrative continuity and rapid development. Before this appointment, Goyal served as the Additional Chief Secretary to the Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister and handled key portfolios such as Civil Aviation, Estate, and Protocol.



➤ Personal loans, agriculture and industry hit hard - RBI data

According to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), India's bank credit growth decelerated from 13.8% in June 2024 to 10.2% in June 2025. This decline was witnessed across all major sectors - agriculture, industry, services and personal loans. Agriculture credit declined sharply to 6.8%, industry to 5.5%, services to 9.6% and personal loan growth to 14.7%. This slowdown reflects weak credit demand amid cautious lending and sectoral challenges.

strengthening governance, depositor safety, and audit quality in the banking sector.



➤ Mani Maran - Living Legacy of Tamil Palm Leaf Manuscripts

The Prime Minister praised the work of Mani Maran, a resident of Thanjavur in Tamil Nadu. It was for his efforts in preserving and teaching the ancient art of reading Tamil palm leaf manuscripts. He was the Tamil Pundit of the Saraswathi Mahal Library. The Saraswathi Mahal Library has published 20 books written by him.

➤ Key Provisions of the Banking Laws (Amendment) Act, 2025 Come Into Effect from August 2025

From August, 2025, several provisions of the Banking Laws (Amendment) Act, 2025 officially come into force, bringing major changes to India's banking governance framework. The legislation, notified on April 15, 2025, introduces 19 amendments across five major banking legislations,





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Current affairs MCQS on 05 AUG

Q.1. Recently, which state government has lifted the ban on traditional sports like bullock cart race, dog race, horse race?

- A. Haryana Government
- B. Rajasthan Government
- C. Punjab Government
- D. Uttar Pradesh Government

Answer: C. Punjab Government

The Punjab government has lifted the long-standing ban on traditional heritage sports like bullock cart races, dog races, horse races and pigeon races. The decision is being seen as a major step towards reviving the state's cultural identity. Addressing a gathering in Ludhiana, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann said the decision fulfils the promise made to the people of Punjab to revive the beloved traditions of villages.

Q.2. Recently, Ladakh has declared which date as 'Safai Andolan Diwas' for Indus River Conservation?

- A. 12 August
- B. 13 August
- C. 14 August
- D. 15 August

Answer: A. 12 August

Recently, Ladakh has declared 12th August as Swachhata Andolan Day to clean and conserve the Indus river. This is the first government-supported cleaning campaign for biodiversity conservation of the Indus river. The Union Territory administration, Hill Council, Army, Air Force, Paramilitary forces, Border Roads Organisation, NGOs and students are participating in it.

Q.3. According to the recent report of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), India's bank loan growth rate has come down to how much in June 2025?

- A. 08.2%
- B. 10.2%
- C. 12.2%
- D. 15.2%





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Answer:B. 10.2%

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released sectoral data on bank credit penetration, which show non-food credit grew by 10.2 per cent year-on-year (y-o-y) in the year to June 2025. This marks a decline from the 13.8 per cent growth recorded during the same fortnight a year ago.

Q.4. At present, India is which largest oil importing country in the world.

- A. First
- B. Second
- C. Third
- D. Fourth

Answer:C. Third

India remains the world's third-largest crude oil importer and its demand is projected to grow from 5.64 million barrels per day (bpd) in 2024 to 6.66 million bpd by 2030. However, domestic crude oil production is projected to decline from 32.2 MMT in FY20 to 28.7 MMT in FY25, taking the import dependence to 88.2%.

Q.5. Recently, the outlay of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana has been increased by the Cabinet to how many crore rupees?

- A. 4,500 crore
- B. 5,510 crore
- C. 6,520 crore
- D. 7,520 crore

Answer:C. 6,520 crore

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved a total budget allocation of ₹6,520 crore for the Central Sector Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY). This amount includes an additional ₹1,920 crore earmarked for the ongoing scheme during the 15th Finance Commission cycle (2021-22 to 2025-26).

Q.6. Recently, the '71st National Film Awards' have been announced by which ministry?

- A. Ministry of Commerce

B. Ministry of Culture

C. Ministry of Science and Technology

D. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

Answer:D. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

Recently, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has announced the '71st National Film Awards'. Shahrukh Khan and Vikrant Massey have jointly received the Best Actor award. Shahrukh has received the award for the film 'Jawan' and Vikrant Massey for '12th Fail'. Rani Mukherjee has been given the Best Actress award for the film 'Mrs. Chatterjee vs Norway'. Shahrukh Khan, Vikrant Massey and Rani Mukherjee, all three have received the National Award for the first time.

Q.7. Recently, ISRO's senior scientist A. Rajarajan has been appointed as the new director of which institution?

- A. Satish Dhawan Space Center
- B. Vikram Sarabhai Space Center
- C. Space Application Center
- D. National Remote Sensing Center

Answer:B. Vikram Sarabhai Space Center

India's space research journey has received a significant boost with the appointment of Dr A Rajarajan as the new director of the Thiruvananthapuram-based Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC). He will replace Dr S Unnikrishnan Nair. With nearly four decades of experience in India's space sector, Dr Rajarajan is known as a composites expert and a leading figure behind the launch of India's first privately built rocket, Vikram-S.

Q.8. Where have the remains of 4500 years old Harappan civilization been found recently?

- A. Ajmer
- B. Jaipur
- C. Jaisalmer
- D. Jalore

Answer:C. Jaisalmer





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In a historic archaeological breakthrough, remains of the 4,500-year-old Harappan (Indus Valley) civilisation have been discovered near the Pakistan border in Rajasthan's Jaisalmer district. The site, located at Ratadia Ri Deri, is about 60 km from Ramgarh tehsil and 17 km north-west of the border village of Sadewala.

Q.9. Which country will host the AI Impact Summit in February 2026?

- A. India
- B. China
- C. Pakistan
- D. Bangladesh

Answer:A. India

India will host the AI Impact Summit in February 2026, which will highlight its commitment to making Artificial Intelligence (AI) more accessible and beneficial for the public good. Union Electronics and Information Technology Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw told Parliament that the summit will be in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of using technology to serve all sections of society.

Q.10. Recently, Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh has been sworn in as the Chief Justice of which High Court?

- A. Guwahati High Court
- B. Delhi High Court
- C. Allahabad High Court
- D. Telangana High Court

Answer:D. Telangana High Court

A significant development took place in the Telangana High Court as four new additional judges were sworn in, taking the number of present judges to 30. Chief Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh administered the oath to them in a brief but significant ceremony. These appointments, approved by the Central government following the recommendations of the Supreme Court Collegium, are a significant step towards addressing the long-standing shortage of judges in the state's highest court.

Q.11. What is the name of the nationwide initiative under which the Telangana government recently rescued more than 7,600 children?

- A. Operation Suraksha
- B. Operation Vijay
- C. Operation Chanakya
- D. Operation Muskaan-XI

Answer:D. Operation Muskaan-XI

Recently, Telangana Police rescued over 7,600 children under the nationwide Operation Muskaan-XI. It was conducted in collaboration with the Women Development and Child Welfare Department, Labour Department, health officials, NGOs and child protection units. Among the rescued children, 529 were girls.

Q.12. In which country, the recent earthquake has caused the Klyuchevskoye volcano to erupt?

- A. Russia
- B. China
- C. Malaysia
- D. Ukraine

Answer:A. Russia

The recent earthquake on Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula caused the Klyuchevskoye volcano to erupt. This volcano, more than 15,000 feet high, erupted after an earthquake of 8.8 magnitude. Scientists had been anticipating this eruption for a long time, as the crater of the volcano had been filled with lava for a long time.

Q.13. Who was recently awarded the 43rd Lokmanya Tilak National Award 2025?

- A. Nitin Gadkari
- B. Rajnath Singh
- C. Piyush Goyal
- D. Amit Shah

Answer:A. Nitin Gadkari

Recently, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari was honoured with the 43rd Lokmanya Tilak National Award in Pune. The award was established in 1983 by the Tilak Smarak Mandir Trust. The award





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honours individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the progress and development of the nation. Lokmanya Tilak was born as Keshav Gangadhar Tilak and was a prominent figure in India's freedom struggle. He was a nationalist, social reformer and a strong supporter of Swaraj.

Q.14. Who has recently taken over as Controller General of Defence Accounts?

- A. Mr. Gyanesh Kumar
- B. Mr. Sanjay Malhotra
- C. Mr. M. Rajeshwar Rao
- D. Mr. Raj Kumar Arora

Answer: D. Mr. Raj Kumar Arora

Shri Raj Kumar Arora assumed charge as Controller General of Defence Accounts. He is an Indian Defence Accounts Service Officer of 1990 batch. He has vast experience in the areas of financial policy, accounting, audit, budget, procurement and personnel matters. Shri Raj Kumar Arora has held prestigious government appointments such as Additional Secretary in UPSC, Finance Manager (Air) in Acquisition Corps, Ministry of Defence and Director in the Ministry of Finance. He has also served as Integrated Financial Adviser in various Commands and Regional Offices of Defence Accounts Department. He has also served the Government as Member (Finance) in the erstwhile Ordnance Factory Board.

Q.15. Recently, which company has introduced 'Freedom Plan' to provide free 4G services for one month on the occasion of Independence Day?

- A. Reliance Jio
- B. Bharti Airtel
- C. BSNL
- D. Vodafone Idea

Answer: C. BSNL

BSNL has launched the 'Freedom Plan' to attract more customers, offering a one-month 4G service trial for just Rs 1. The initiative has been launched to commemorate India's Independence Day and lets users experience the indigenously developed 4G

technology. The plan includes a free BSNL SIM with unlimited voice calls, 2GB per day high-speed data and 100 SMS per day.

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