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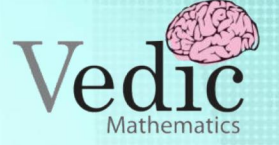
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## Today in History on 02 MAY

➤ **1924: Netherlands refuses to recognise Soviet Union.**

In 1924, Netherlands refused to recognise the Soviet Union. Recognition of Soviet Union: Many countries recognised the Soviet Union, but the United States did not recognise the Soviet Union. Canada recognises Soviet Union: On March 27, Canada formally recognised the Soviet Union.



➤ **1933: Hitler bans labor unions in Germany.**

In 1933, after Adolf Hitler came to power, the Nazi Party banned labor unions. This action was taken on May 2, 1933, when the SA and police occupied the offices of German labor unions. The Nazi Party abolished the labor unions, preventing them from organizing organized opposition against the Nazi government. With this action, the Nazi government tried to eliminate organized opposition from the working class. The Nazi Party also banned all non-

Nazi political parties and turned Germany into a totalitarian regime.



➤ **1945: German troops in Italy surrender.**

In 1945, German troops in Italy surrendered on May 2. This surrender was to the Allies and was an important step towards the end of World War II. With this surrender, the Allies defeated the German army in Italy. 5 days later, on May 7, 1945, Germany surrendered unconditionally to the Western Allies, ending the war in Europe. The surrender of the German army in Italy was an important step towards the end of World War II.







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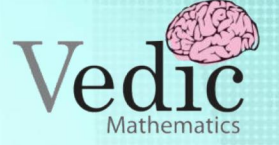
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#### ➤ 1950: France handed over its colony Chandannagar, located near Kolkata, to the Government of India.

In 1950, France handed over its colony Chandannagar, located near Kolkata, to the Government of India. The deal was struck through a treaty in Paris on 2 February 1951, known as the Treaty of the Transfer of the Territory of the Independent City of Chandannagar. In June 1952, the city was officially transferred to India. As of the 2011 census Chandannagar had a total population of 166,867, of which 84,009 (50.3%) were males and 82,858 (49.7%) were females.

the aviation industry. The Comet could travel at a greater speed and longer distances than earlier aircraft. This aircraft provided passengers with a more comfortable and faster experience for traveling long distances.



#### Important NEWS on 02 MAY



#### ➤ 1952: The world's first jet aircraft 'De Havilland' made its first flight from London to Johannesburg.

In 1952, the world's first commercial jet aircraft, called the De Havilland Comet, made its first flight from London to Johannesburg by the British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC). This flight ushered in a new era in civil aviation, revolutionizing

#### ➤ President Appoints Justice Gavai As 52nd CJI Of India

Justice B R Gavai has been appointed as the 52nd Chief Justice of India by President Droupadi Murmu and will take oath on May 14, 2025. He is the second Scheduled Caste judge to hold this post after Justice K G Balakrishnan. Justice Gavai has contributed to several landmark constitutional rulings, including on Article 370, demonetisation, and electoral bonds. He is known for his progressive legal stance and strong record in protecting constitutional values and social justice.







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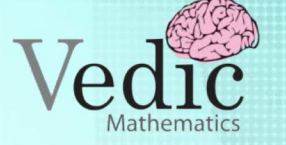
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#### ➤ India Post Partners with SBI Mutual Fund to Streamline KYC

In a move to boost financial inclusion, India Post has signed an MoU with SBI Mutual Fund to provide doorstep KYC verification services across India. The initiative will leverage India Post's nationwide network of 1.64 lakh post offices to collect KYC documents from investors, especially in rural and remote areas, ensuring convenient and secure access to mutual fund investments. The project supports the goals of Jan Nivesh and Digital India, and builds on India Post's prior success in completing over 5 lakh KYC verifications in earlier collaborations.



#### ➤ World Social Report 2025 – A Global Call for Equity and Security

The World Social Report 2025, published by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, emphasizes economic insecurity faced by 60% of people, rising global inequality, declining trust in institutions, and the impact of climate change and conflict. It highlights that the richest 1% hold more wealth than 95% of the global population, and calls for a rebuilding of social contracts, fair taxation, and stronger institutions to meet the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially in health, education, poverty reduction, and inequality.



#### ➤ Green Hydrogen Certification Scheme Launched By MNRE Minister

Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) held a National Workshop in New Delhi to promote MSME participation in the Green Hydrogen Supply Chain. Union Minister Pralhad Joshi launched the Green Hydrogen Certification Scheme (GHCI), a key initiative to ensure traceability and transparency in green hydrogen production. The event featured







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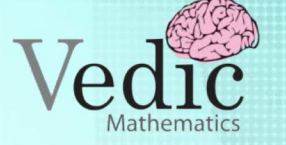
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technical sessions on technology collaboration, biomass-based hydrogen, investments, and supply chain opportunities.



#### ➤ Welfare announcement for government employees by Tamil Nadu Government

The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister has made nine announcements in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly for the welfare of the State government's Police staff. The first announcement is the earned leave surrender, starting from October 1, up to 15 days of earned leave can be surrendered for a cash benefit. Based on the Central Government's decision to increase DA by 2 per cent from January 2025, the State Government will also increase the DA by 2% from the same date for state government employees.



#### ➤ The Draft of Greenhouse Gases Emissions Intensity (GEI) Target Rules, 2025

The Draft Greenhouse Gases Emissions Intensity (GEI) Target Rules, 2025, issued by the Ministry of Environment on April, 2025, aim to regulate GHG emissions intensity in high-emission industries like cement, aluminium, pulp & paper, and chlor-alkali. These rules support India's Carbon Credit Trading Scheme, 2023, and are key to meeting the Paris Agreement commitment of a 45% reduction in emissions intensity of GDP by 2030.





#### ➤ Supreme Court Suggests Minimum Vote Requirement for Unopposed Election Wins

The Supreme Court of India has suggested that candidates declared elected unopposed under Section 53(2) of the RPA, 1951 should secure a minimum percentage of votes (10–15%) to maintain democratic legitimacy. This came in response to a petition by Vidhi Centre, which argued that denying voters the NOTA option violates Article 19(1)(a). The Election Commission opposed the petition, citing the rarity of such cases post-1989 and asserting that any changes would need legislative amendments.



#### Current affairs MCQS on 02 MAY

Q.1. "Investor Camp" is a joint initiative of which two institutions?

- (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
- (b) State Bank of India (SBI) and NITI Aayog
- (c) NITI Aayog and Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

(d) Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) and Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

**Answer: (d) Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) and Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)**

The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Kotak Mahindra Bank and launched the 'Investor Camps' initiative to promote digital investor awareness and financial literacy in India. IEPFA was established in 2016 under the Companies Act, 2013 to manage the Investor Education and Protection Fund (IEPF) and protect the interests of investors. It works under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.

Q.2. Recently, APEDA organized an agriculture capacity building program with which state government?

- (a) Andhra Pradesh
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Telangana
- (d) Karnataka

**Answer: (b) Odisha**

Agricultural and Processed Food Products Alliance Development Authority (PADA) and Government of Odisha organized a school cum capacity building programme to promote agricultural enterprises from Odisha at Dr. MS Swaminathan Hall of Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology (OUAT).

Q.3. M.G.S. Narayanan, who passed away recently, was known for what?

- (a) Scientist
- (b) Politician
- (c) Historian
- (d) Filmmaker

**Answer: (c) Historian**

Renowned historian, author and former chairman of the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) Dr M.G.S. Narayanan passed away at his residence in Kozhikode. He was 92. Muttayil Govindaman





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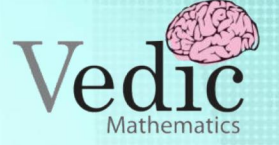
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Sankara Narayanan, popularly known as M.G.S., leaves behind a rich legacy as a distinguished academician, prolific writer and pioneering historian who brought a new perspective and interpretation to the historiography of South India, particularly Kerala.

**Q.4. Where was the Ayushman Vaya Vandana Card launched recently?**

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Bengaluru
- (d) Chennai

**Answer:(b) New Delhi**

Launching the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana, Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta and Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri distributed cards to senior citizens of the capital. The first card under the scheme was given to Ram Singh Negi, the second to Ved Singh and the third to Rajendra Kumar, among others. The main card distribution ceremony was held at the Tyag Raj Stadium in Delhi. All ministers of the Delhi government, all BJP MPs from Delhi, Deputy Speaker of the Assembly Mohan Singh Bisht and Delhi Mayor Raja Iqbal Singh and Deputy Mayor Jai Bhagwan Yadav were present on the occasion.

**Q.5. The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) functions under the administrative control of which ministry?**

- (a) Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
- (b) Ministry of Law and Justice
- (c) Ministry of Finance
- (d) Ministry of Science and Technology

**Answer:(a) Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution**

The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) recently took suo motu action against five restaurants in Delhi for not refunding the mandatory service charge despite a clear ruling by the Delhi High Court. The move protects consumer rights and

prevents unfair practices where customers are pressured to pay extra charges while dining out.

**Q.6. Recently, India's only wolf sanctuary, Mahuadanr Wolf Sanctuary is located in which state?**

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Chhattisgarh
- (c) Jharkhand
- (d) Madhya Pradesh

**Answer:(c) Jharkhand**

Mahuadanr Wolf Sanctuary is located within the Palamu Tiger Reserve in the Latehar district of Jharkhand. It is India's first and only dedicated wolf sanctuary located in Jharkhand. The area is inhabited mainly by tribal communities, over 80% of whom are followers of "Sarna Dharma" - a religion that worships nature.

**Q.7. Who was recently awarded Fiji's highest award, Companion of the Order of Fiji?**

- (a) Payal Kapadia
- (b) Kumar Mangalam Birla
- (c) Madhusudan Sai
- (d) Aamir Khan

**Answer:(c) Madhusudan Sai**

Karnataka humanitarian Madhusudan Sai has been conferred Fiji's highest honour, the 'Companion of the Order of Fiji', by President Ratu Naiqama Lalabalavu. The recognition celebrates Sai's establishment of the Sri Sathya Sai Sanjivani Children's Hospital in Fiji. Sai acknowledges the collective effort in uplifting communities in Fiji and the Pacific region.

**Q.8. Recently, which country announced the end of the Ebola Sudan virus outbreak?**

- (a) Nigeria
- (b) Uganda
- (c) Kenya
- (d) Ghana

**Answer:(b) Uganda**

Uganda has declared the end of the Ebola Sudan virus disease (SVD) outbreak after completing the







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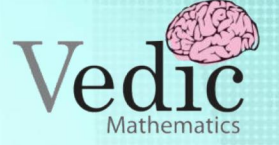
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mandatory 42-day countdown with no new confirmed cases. The announcement came less than three months after the virus was first detected in the capital, Kampala. Uganda's Health Minister Ruth Aceng made the announcement in the eastern city of Mbale, one of the areas affected by Ebola.

**Q.9. Who recently released the World Social Report 2025?**

- (a) World Bank
- (b) United Nations
- (c) International Monetary Fund
- (d) World Health Organization

**Answer:(b) United Nations**

The World Social Report 2025, published by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) in collaboration with UNU-WIDER, is the UN's flagship publication analysing global social development trends. This edition places special emphasis on growing inequalities in income, employment and institutional trust. The report proposes strategies to re-align global efforts towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

**Q.10. Which state suffered significant losses due to African Swine Fever recently?**

- (a) Assam
- (b) Tripura
- (c) Mizoram
- (d) Nagaland

**Answer:(c) Mizoram**

Mizoram is currently grappling with a severe outbreak of African Swine Fever (ASF), which has led to the death of over 3,000 pigs within a month, with the main impact being in Siaha, Lawngtlai, Lunglei and Mamit districts. The outbreak has not only devastated local pig farms but has also forced authorities to enforce slaughter measures in an attempt to curb the spread of the disease.

**Q.11. Trends in World Military Expenditure report is published by which organisation?**

- (a) Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)
- (b) World Bank
- (c) International Monetary Fund
- (d) United Nations

**Answer:(a) Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)**

India's military spending was nearly nine times that of Pakistan, according to the 2024 edition of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute's (SIPRI) "Trends in World Military Expenditure" report. The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) is a Swedish think tank that publishes this annual report analysing global military expenditure.

**Q.12. Which football club recently won the Copa del Rey Cup by defeating Real Madrid?**

- (a) Atletico Madrid
- (b) Barcelona
- (c) Sevilla
- (d) Valencia

**Answer:(b) Barcelona**

Barcelona won the Copa del Rey Cup by defeating Real Madrid 3-2 in the final played in Seville, Spain. This is Barcelona's record 32nd Spanish Cup title. Jules Kounde's late goal in extra time gave Barcelona its second trophy of the season. Earlier, Barcelona had won the Spanish Super Cup by defeating Real Madrid.

**Q.13. Which country topped the medal table in the recent 2nd Asian Yoga Sports Championship?**

- (a) Japan
- (b) India
- (c) Mongolia
- (d) China

**Answer:(b) India**

India made a historic performance in the 2nd Asian Yoga Sports Championship by winning a record 83 gold, three silver and one bronze medal to top the tournament with a total of 84 medals. More than 21 countries including Japan, Mongolia, Nepal, Sri





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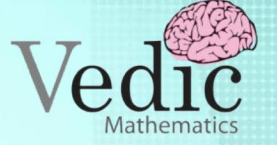
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Lanka, Uzbekistan participated in the championship held at KD Jadhav Complex of Indira Gandhi Stadium. India topped the medal tally with an unprecedented 83 gold medals, while Japan secured second place with three gold, three silver and four bronze medals. While Mongolia, Oman and Nepal were in the top five. Countries like Uzbekistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Kazakhstan and Bhutan also performed well.

**Q.14. Who recently launched the guidelines and portal for Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme?**

- (a) Rajnath Singh
- (b) Nitin Gadkari
- (c) Ashwini Vaishnav
- (d) Piyush Goyal

**Answer:(c) Ashwini Vaishnav**

Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology Shri Ashwini Vaishnav launched the Guidelines and Portal for Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS), a major step towards strengthening India's electronics manufacturing ecosystem.

**Q.15. With which country did India recently sign an agreement to purchase 26 Rafale marine fighter jets?**

- (a) United States
- (b) Russia
- (c) United Kingdom
- (d) France

**Answer:(d) France**

India and France signed an inter-governmental agreement (IGA) for the purchase of 26 Rafale aircraft for the Indian Navy. Manufactured by French company Dassault Aviation, the Rafale-Marine is a fully stealth maritime fighter aircraft. The delivery of these aircraft will be completed by 2030, with the crews to be trained in France and India.

