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## Today in History on 05 MAY

### ➤ 1479: Birth of Amardas Ji, the third Guru of the Sikhs.

In 1479, Amardas Ji, the third Guru of the Sikhs, was born. He was born on 5 May 1479 in Basarke village of Amritsar district. He was a spiritual thinker and was also known for social reform. Guru Amar Das taught the meaning of Guru Seva through his life, also known as Guru Sewa in Punjabi religious language. Guru Amar Das emphasized both spiritual pursuit as well as ethical daily life.



### ➤ 1999 - Romano Prodi becomes acting President of the European Union.

In 1999, Romano Prodi was appointed as acting President of the European Union. Romano Prodi (born 9 August 1939, Scandiano, Italy) is an Italian politician who was twice Prime Minister of Italy (1996–98; 2006–08) and who served as President of

the European Commission (1999–2004). Prodi graduated from the Catholic University in Milan in 1961 and did postdoctoral work at the London School of Economics. After serving as a professor of economics at the University of Bologna, he entered the government in 1978 as Minister of Industry.



### ➤ 1949 - Jharkhand Party was founded in India.

Jharkhand Party (JP) is one of the oldest political parties in India. It was formed on 5 March 1949 in Ranchi by Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda. The party was formed demanding a separate Jharkhand state. Jharkhand Party participated in the Bihar Legislative Assembly elections of 1952, 1957 and 1962.







➤ 1984: Phu Dorjee became the first Indian to climb Mount Everest without oxygen.

Phu Dorjee was born in Sikkim, he was a Sherpa and was the first Indian to climb Mount Everest solo. In 1984, Phu Dorjee became the first Indian to climb Mount Everest without oxygen. He climbed the summit from the south-east ridge on 5 May 1984. He was a member of an Indian expedition led by Darshan Kumar Khullar.



➤ 2017: ISRO successfully launches South Asia Satellite into space.

India's Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV-F09) on (May 05, 2017) successfully launched the 2230 kg South Asia Satellite (GSAT-9) into its planned geosynchronous transfer orbit (GTO). GSAT-9 satellite is built by ISRO to provide communication services in the South Asian region. It provides various communication applications in Ku-band.



### Important NEWS on 05 MAY

➤ Amit Shah Unveiled Statue of Bodofa Upendranath Brahma

The statue unveiling and road naming in honor of Bodofa Upendranath Brahma on his 35th death anniversary represents a symbolic tribute to his non-violent struggle for tribal identity, cultural preservation, and equal rights. As the architect of peaceful mobilization for Bodoland, Bodofa's legacy continues to inspire tribal youth across India.





#### ➤ India Opposes Global Ban on Chlorpyrifos

India's opposition to banning Chlorpyrifos under the Stockholm Convention has brought into focus the trade-off between food security and chemical safety. Despite scientific evidence and global support for eliminating the pesticide due to its toxic and bioaccumulative nature, India maintains its usage due to a lack of viable alternatives. The issue remains critical in the context of sustainable agriculture, environmental health, and international chemical governance.



#### ➤ Sujata Chaturvedi Appointed As A UPSC Board Member

Sujata Chaturvedi, a 1989-batch IAS officer from Bihar cadre, has assumed charge as Member, UPSC, the premier recruitment body for civil services in India. Known for her vast administrative experience, she has served as Secretary in the Department of Sports, where she initiated landmark events like Khelo India Games, the Anti-Doping Bill, and various sports development policies.



#### ➤ CCI Greenlights Major Stake Acquisition in Coca-Cola India Arm by Jubilant and Goldman Sachs

The CCI's approval of the acquisition of a 40% stake in Hindustan Coca-Cola Holdings (HCCH) by Jubilant Beverages Limited (JBL) and investment in compulsorily convertible preference shares (CCPS) by Jubilant BevCo and Goldman Sachs Asset Management (GSAM) marks a strategic alignment between India's Jubilant Bhartia Group and The Coca-Cola Company (TCCC). The move highlights growing foreign direct investment, collaboration in India's FMCG sector, and an evolving beverage distribution landscape.





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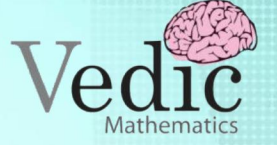
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### CCI Approves KKR's Acquisition of Majority Stake in HealthCare Global Enterprises

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The CCI has approved the acquisition of HealthCare Global Enterprises Ltd. (HCG) by KKR, through Hector Asia Holdings and KIA EBT II Scheme, allowing for a combined stake of up to 77%. The transaction activates an open offer under SEBI's SAST Regulations, highlighting India's robust regulatory framework for mergers and acquisitions. The move reinforces India's growing appeal in the healthcare investment landscape, supported by institutions like CCI, SEBI, and global players like KKR.



#### ➤ Kamla Persad-Bissessar's Historic Return as Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago

Kamla Persad-Bissessar has returned as Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago after her party, the United National Congress (UNC), ousted the People's National Movement (PNM). Her leadership comes at a critical time, as the country faces economic hardships, crime surges, and growing public dissatisfaction. With promises to create jobs, reopen hospitals, and address the needs of senior citizens, her win represents a significant shift in the political landscape.



#### ➤ Tamil Nadu Assembly introduces bill to curtail powers of Governor-Chancellor in appointment of Vice-Chancellor of Physical Education Sports University

Recently, in Tamil Nadu, there has been a demand to replace the Governor-Chancellor's powers with those of the state government in the appointment





and removal of the Vice Chancellor of the Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University. The Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly has adopted a bill to this effect, reports The Hindu. This means that the state government would have the power to appoint and remove the Vice Chancellor, rather than the Governor.



#### Current affairs MCQS on 05 MAY

Q.1. Who launched the AI Kiran initiative to empower Indian women in artificial intelligence?

- (a) Google India
- (b) Meta India
- (c) Microsoft India
- (d) Amazon India

**Answer: (b) Meta India**

Aiming to address the low participation of women in generative AI fields, Kirthiga Reddy, Facebook India's (now Meta) first employee and former managing director, has announced women-focused AI platform AI Kiran. The initiative will connect, mentor, fund and certify Indian women in the field of AI. Its special focus will be on impactful areas like health, education and sustainability. The platform aims to put Indian women at the center of the global AI revolution.

Q.2. According to the recent Bloomberg's 2025 list, which family tops the list of top 10 richest families in Asia?

- (a) Chiravanand family
- (b) Ambani family
- (c) Hartono family
- (d) Adani family

**Answer: (b) Ambani family**

Bloomberg has released the much-awaited list of Asia's top 10 wealthiest families for 2025, which includes six Indian families. The Ambani family, owners of Reliance Industries, tops the list with a net worth of \$90.5 billion (₹7.85 lakh crore). The list features family business empires that have grown over generations to become an economic powerhouse in Asia, especially India, where family companies are the bastion of the corporate world.

Q.3. Where did the Maharashtra government recently purchase the historical sword of Maratha warrior Raghuji Bhosale?

- (a) New York
- (b) London
- (c) Paris
- (d) Dubai

**Answer: (b) London**

The Maharashtra government bought the historic sword of Maratha warrior Raghuji Bhosale I for ₹47.15 lakh at an auction held in London. The sword is a symbol of Maratha valour and heritage. It is made in the 'Firangi' style, with a European type single-edged blade, gold decorations and inscriptions in Devanagari script. Raghuji Bhosale I played an important role in strengthening the Maratha empire and expanding it in east-central India. This historic acquisition is being considered an important step towards preserving Maratha culture and heritage.

Q.4. Who recently took over the role of Secretary of the Revenue Department in the Finance Ministry?

- (a) Alok Joshi
- (b) Santosh Kumar
- (c) Arvind Srivastava
- (d) Pralhad Joshi

**Answer: (c) Arvind Srivastava**





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Shri Arvind Srivastava assumed charge as Secretary, Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet had appointed Shri Srivastava as Secretary, Department of Revenue. Prior to this, Shri Srivastava, a 1994 batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of Karnataka cadre, has served as Joint Secretary and then as Additional Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office.

**Q.5. Where will the fourth round of nuclear talks between Iran and the United States be held recently?**

- (a) Vienna
- (b) Rome
- (c) Geneva
- (d) Paris

**Answer: (b) Rome**

Iran's Foreign Minister Saeed Abbas Araghchi said the fourth round of Omani-mediated indirect nuclear talks between Iran and the US will be held in Rome. Mr Araghchi made this announcement during a cabinet meeting in Tehran while responding to questions about Iran's ongoing talks with the US over its nuclear programme and US sanctions.

**Q.6. Who was recently appointed as Mumbai Police Commissioner?**

- (a) Arvind Srivastava
- (b) Deven Bharti
- (c) Lisamma P.B.
- (d) Sujata Chaturvedi

**Answer: (b) Deven Bharti**

Deven Bharti is the new Police Commissioner of Mumbai. He will replace Vivek Phansalkar. Bharti is a 1994 batch IPS officer. He was the Special Commissioner of Mumbai Police. He handled the 26/11 Mumbai attacks case. He also investigated the Sheena Bora murder case. The state Home Department has ordered the appointment of Bharti. His role has been reduced to the post of Additional Director General of Police.

**Q.7. Recently which Vice President released the book "Challenges are my favourite" based on the Governor of Uttar Pradesh?**

- (a) Venkaiah Naidu
- (b) Jagdeep Dhankhar
- (c) Hamid Ansari
- (d) Ram Nath Kovind

**Answer: (b) Jagdeep Dhankhar**

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar arrived on a one-day visit to the capital Lucknow. Here he participated in the release program of the book 'Chunautiyaan Mujhe Pasand Hain' based on the life of UP Governor Anandi Ben Patel. The program was organized at AKTU in Jankipuram. During this, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Deputy Chief Minister Brajesh Pathak and Keshav Prasad Maurya, Assembly Speaker Satish Mahana and former Governor Kalraj Mishra along with cabinet ministers were present.

**Q.8. Recently which country will allow only those people to climb Mount Everest who have climbed a peak of 7000 meters?**

- (a) Bhutan
- (b) India
- (c) Nepal
- (d) China

**Answer: (c) Nepal**

Nepal is going to introduce a new draft law, which aims to allow only experienced mountaineers to climb Mount Everest. According to this proposed rule, only those mountaineers will be eligible to climb Everest who have previously successfully climbed a peak higher than 7,000 meters. This move has been taken in view of concerns of increasing mortality rate, overcrowding and environmental degradation.

**Q.9. Who recently took over the post of Chief of Integrated Defence Staff?**

- (a) Anil Chauhan
- (b) Manoj Pandey
- (c) R. Hari Kumar







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(d) Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit

**Answer: (d) Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit**

Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit assumed charge as Chief of Integrated Defence Staff (CISC) at Integrated Defence Staff Headquarters in New Delhi. Before assuming charge, Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit laid a wreath at the National War Memorial in New Delhi and paid homage to the martyred soldiers. He also inspected the Ceremonial Guard of Honour at South Block Lawns.

**Q.10. Who recently took over as Additional Director General of Military Nursing Service in New Delhi?**

- (a) Shri Lakshmi P.B.
- (b) Sujata Chaturvedi
- (c) Nidhi Khare
- (d) Major General Lisamma P.B.

**Answer: (d) Major General Lisamma P.B.**

Major General Lisamma PV has taken over as the new Additional Director General (ADG) of the Military Nursing Service (MNS), the top post in the nursing wing of the Indian Army. She took over the post after Major General Sheena PD retired after 40 years of service. Major General Lisamma hails from Kollam district of Kerala and is an alumnus of the School of Nursing at Military Hospital, Jalandhar.

**Q.11. Where did Election Commission recently launch capacity building programme for election officials?**

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

**Answer: (c) New Delhi**

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Shri Gyanesh Kumar inaugurated a two-day Capacity Building Training Programme for Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) and Booth Level Officers (BLOs) of Bihar and EROs and BLO Observers of Haryana, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh at the India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management (IIIDEM), New Delhi. This training programme is

part of the Commission's ongoing preparations for the forthcoming Assembly elections. A total of 369 grassroots election officers are participating in this mixed batch training programme.

**Q.12. Who recently resigned as the Acting President of South Korea?**

- (a) Yoon Suk Yeol
- (b) Lee Myung-bak
- (c) Han Duck-soo
- (d) Park Geun-hye

**Answer: (c) Han Duck-soo**

South Korea's caretaker Prime Minister Han Duk-soo said he is resigning from his post to take on heavy responsibility as he runs in next month's presidential election. Han has emerged as a potential conservative flag-bearer amid disarray in the main conservative People's Power Party following the recent ouster of President Yoon Suk-yol. Observers expect Han to officially launch his presidential campaign soon.

**Q.13. Who recently took oath as a member of Union Public Service Commission?**

- (a) Anant Ambani
- (b) Shri Lakshmi P.B.
- (c) Sujata Chaturvedi
- (d) Alok Joshi

**Answer: (c) Sujata Chaturvedi**

Ms Sujata Chaturvedi took the oath of office and secrecy as Member of Union Public Service Commission. Ms Chaturvedi is former Secretary, Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. Lt Gen Raj Shukla (Retd), the senior-most member of the Commission administered the oath to her. Sujata Chaturvedi is a graduate in English and post graduate in History from Nagpur University. She also holds M.Phil in Public Administration and Diploma in Russian Language.

**Q.14. Which country topped the recently held first Asian Under-15 and Under-17 Boxing Championships?**





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- (a) India
- (b) Uzbekistan
- (c) Kazakhstan
- (d) Thailand

**Answer: (c) Kazakhstan**

Indian boxers concluded their campaign on a high note by winning four more gold medals on the last day of the first Asian Under-15 and Under-17 Championships. India won a total of 15 gold, six silver and 22 bronze medals and finished second behind Kazakhstan while Uzbekistan finished third. India's Under-17 team won four gold medals on the last day of the tournament and all four medals were won by girls.

**Q.15. Recently India Post has partnered with which organisation to simplify KYC verification?**

- (a) HDFC Bank
- (b) ICICI Bank
- (c) Reserve Bank of India
- (d) SBI Mutual Fund

**Answer: (d) SBI Mutual Fund**

With an aim to make mutual fund investments simple and accessible in India, especially in remote areas, the Department of Posts (DoP) and SBI Funds Management Limited (SBIFM) have come together to initiate a collaborative initiative. Under this partnership, postmen will now go door-to-door to facilitate KYC verification. This service ensures a safe, accurate and convenient onboarding process for investors. The initiative leverages the vast postal network of India Post to connect more and more people to mutual fund investments.

