

Today in History on 08 MAY

- 2004 - Sri Lanka's Muralitharan sets the record for most Test wickets taking 521 wickets.

In 2004 Sri Lanka's Muttiah Muralitharan set the record for most wickets taking in Test cricket taking 521 wickets. Muttiah Muralitharan is a Sri Lankan cricketer. He retired from Test cricket in 2010 taking his 800th and final wicket on 22 July 2010 with his last ball of his last Test match. He held this record until Shane Warne overtook him in 2004 taking 532 wickets.



- 2001 - US also withdraws from International Narcotics Control Board.

In 2001, the United States withdrew from the International Narcotics Control Board (IBNC). This decision came at a time when the US had a different view on its drug policies. The United States had some disagreements with the IBNC regarding drug policy,

and they did not agree with some of the decisions of the IBNC.



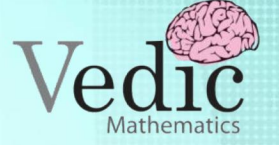
- 1901: The Australian Labor Party is founded.

The Australian Labor Party (ALP), also known as the Labor Party or simply Labor, is the major centre-left political party in Australia and one of the two major parties in Australian politics, alongside the centre-right Liberal Party of Australia. The party has been in government since the 2022 federal election, and with active political branches in all Australian states and territories, they currently hold government in New South Wales, South Australia, Victoria, Western Australia and the Australian Capital Territory.



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➤ 1999 - Chinese Embassy in Belgrade attacked by NATO with missiles.

In 1999, the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade was attacked by NATO with missiles, killing three Chinese journalists and injuring several others. NATO claimed it was a mistake, but the Chinese government denied it. The bombing damaged the embassy and killed three Chinese citizens, while several others were injured.



Important NEWS on 08 MAY

➤ Indian Institute of Foreign Trade gets approval to set up off-campus centre at GIFT City, Gujarat

The Ministry of Education, Government of India has approved the establishment of an off-campus centre of the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), New Delhi at GIFT City in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The centre will be set up in accordance with the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2023, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry said in a statement.



➤ 2000 - 69-year-old Lord Swaraj Pal of Indian origin appointed Vice-Chancellor of Britain's fourth largest university, British University.

In 2000, 69-year-old Lord Swaraj Pal of Indian origin was appointed as the Vice-Chancellor of Britain's fourth largest university, British University (University of Brighton). According to his official biography, Swaraj Paul was born in 1931 in Jalandhar, Punjab province, which was then British India. His father Pyare Lal ran a small foundry factory where he made steel buckets and farming equipment.



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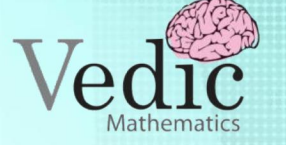
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➤ Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia inaugurates India Telecom 2025

At the inaugural ceremony of the 22nd edition of India Telecom 2025 in New Delhi, Shri Scindia said that India has emerged as the second largest telecom market in the world. He said that the number of mobile users in the country has reached 1.2 billion. India Telecom 2025, organised by Telecom Equipment and Services Export Promotion Council (TEPEC) in collaboration with the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), plays a key role in India's vision of becoming a global hub for telecom manufacturing, services and exports.



➤ Union Home Ministry directs states to conduct civil defence mock drills

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) asked states to conduct mock drills up to the village level in 244 classified districts, including training citizens on aspects of air raid warning signals, crash blackout measures, camouflaging vital installations, evacuation plans, setting up hotlines with the Indian

Air Force and civil defence measures in case of a "hostile attack".



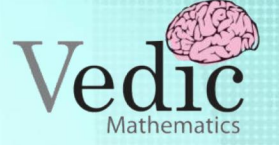
➤ Indian pair of Ankur Bhattacharjee and Abhinandan Pradhanwadi won the Under-19 boys doubles title at WTT Youth Star Contender

Indian pair won the Under-19 boys doubles title at WTT Youth Star Contender In table tennis, Indian players Ankur Bhattacharjee and Abhinandan Pradhanwadi won the Under-19 boys doubles title at the WTT Youth Star Contender in Bangkok yesterday, defeating Korea's Lee Jungmok and Choi Jiwook 3-1 in the final.



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➤ Digital-first Airport Operations Control Centre unveiled at Mumbai Airport

Mumbai International Airport Limited (MIAL) has restructured the AOCC as part of its digital innovation and operational excellence. Jeet Adani, Director, Adani Airport Holdings Limited (AAHL), inaugurated the AOCC, which has undergone a major transformation in the last nine months.



➤ PM Modi inaugurated Bihar Khelo India Youth Games 2025

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the seventh edition of the Bihar Khelo India Youth Games 2025 through a video message. In his address, the Prime Minister said that his government has developed a culture of sports in the country and the Khelo India umbrella event is an example of this which hones sports skills and identifies young talent.



➤ Dr Diane Smith-Gander AO, Chancellor of the University of Western Australia, and Ms Jennifer Howell, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Global Engagement) meet

Hon'ble Chief Minister M. K. Stalin met with Dr. Diane Smith-Gander AO, Chancellor, and Ms. Jennifer Howell, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Global Engagement) of the University of Western Australia at his Camp Office. Tamil Nadu's century-long commitment to inclusive education and human capital development continues to draw the interest of global institutions. The discussion focused on exploring opportunities to strengthen collaboration in education, research, and innovation between Tamil Nadu and Western Australia.





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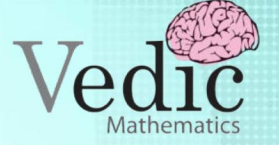
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Current affairs MCQS on 08 MAY

Q.1. Which is the nodal ministry for implementing the Swamitva Yojana recently?

- (a) Ministry of Urban Development
- (b) Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- (c) Ministry of Rural Development
- (d) Ministry of Agriculture

Answer: (b) Ministry of Panchayati Raj

India's SVAMITVA scheme will be highlighted at the World Bank Land Conference in Washington, D.C., showcasing its role in digitalising rural land records. SVAMITVA stands for Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improved Technology in Village Areas and was launched in 2020 as a central sector scheme. It aims to give rural residents legal documents for their residential properties to help them access loans and other financial services. Drone technology is used to survey land parcels in rural inhabited areas across India in phases. The scheme helps bring financial stability to rural citizens by treating property as a financial asset. It also ensures accurate land records for better rural planning and governance. The Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) is the nodal ministry for implementing the scheme. State Revenue or Land Records Departments implement the scheme with support from State Panchayati Raj Departments.

Q.2. In which state was the world's first energy transmission park inaugurated recently?

- (a) Andhra Pradesh
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Telangana
- (d) Tamil Nadu

Answer: (c) Telangana

Telangana Governor Jishnu Dev Varma inaugurated Babuji Vanam, the world's first energy transmission garden at Kanha Shanti Vanam near Hyderabad. Developed in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture, the garden is built to commemorate the

125th birth anniversary of Babuji Maharaj and is the culmination of a year-long national celebration.

Q.3. Who will represent India in the Moscow Victory Day Parade on May 9, 2025?

- (a) Rajnath Singh
- (b) Sanjay Seth
- (c) Narendra Modi
- (d) Nitin Gadkari

Answer: (b) Sanjay Seth

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will not attend Russia's Victory Day celebrations in Moscow on May 9. Singh was scheduled to visit Moscow in place of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who was invited by Russia to attend the parade but his visit was cancelled in the wake of the terror attack in Pahalgam last month. Minister of State for Defence (MoS) Sanjay Seth may represent India at the parade organised to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Soviet Union's victory over Germany in World War II.

Q.4. Who was recently included in the world's most prestigious high-IQ society Mensa International?

- (a) Soumya Guguloth
- (b) Sarvapriya Sangwan
- (c) Vandan Patel
- (d) Sujata Kar

Answer: (c) Vandan Patel

In a heartwarming tale of talent and boundless ambition, Vandan Patel, a 7-year-old Indian-origin boy from Georgia, USA, has made it to Mensa International, the world's oldest and largest high-IQ society – an honour reserved for individuals who score in the top 2% on standardised IQ tests.

Q5. Which organization recently announced the launch of the new digital platform ECINET?

- (a) NITI Aayog
- (b) Election Commission of India
- (c) Reserve Bank of India
- (d) ISRO

Answer: (b) Election Commission of India



In a major initiative, the Election Commission of India is developing a new user-friendly digital interface for voters and its other stakeholders such as election officials, political parties and civil society. The new one-stop platform, ECINET, will integrate and redesign over 40 existing mobile and web applications of the ECI.

Q6. Who was recently awarded the Danish Siddiqui Journalism Award 2025?

- (a) P Shivakami
- (b) Nikhil Singhal
- (c) Sanghamitra Tai Gewad
- (d) Sarvapriya Sangwan

Answer: (d) Sarvapriya Sangwan

Five journalists were awarded the 'Danish Siddiqui Journalism Awards 2025', honouring independent and fearless journalism. Sarvapriya Sangwan (BBC News India) was honoured for her Hindi series 'The Last Man', in which she gave prominence to the voices of India's most marginalised communities.

Q7. Recently, Baglihar Dam is on which river, from which India has stopped giving water to Pakistan?

- (a) Jhelum
- (b) Chenab
- (c) Indus
- (d) Ravi

Answer: (b) Chenab

In a significant escalation of diplomatic and strategic tensions, India has significantly reduced the flow of water to Pakistan from the Baglihar dam on the Chenab river and is preparing to do the same from the Kishanganga project on the Jhelum. The move comes after Pakistan's recent ballistic missile test and India's suspension of the long-standing Indus Water Treaty (IWT). The action signals a shift in India's water diplomacy and its response to persistent cross-border provocations, including the recent deadly terror attack in Pahalgam, Kashmir.

Q8. Who recently won the election as the Prime Minister of Singapore?

- (a) Yamandu Orsi
- (b) Eli Volozhan
- (c) Constantine Tsoulous
- (d) Lawrence Wong

Answer: (d) Lawrence Wong

Singapore's long-ruling People's Action Party (PAP) has scored another landslide victory in the general election, continuing its 66-year reign. The Elections Department has announced that Prime Minister Lawrence Wong's PAP has won 82 parliamentary seats after vote counting finished, with five additional seats won unopposed, giving them a total of 87 out of 97 seats.

Q.9. Shivanand ji, who passed away recently, was associated with which profession?

- (a) Physicist
- (b) Yoga Guru
- (c) Journalist
- (d) Musician

Answer: (b) Yoga Guru

129-year-old Yogacharya Swami Shivanand, awarded Padma Shri, passed away. In the year 2022, the then President Ram Nath Kovind honored this yoga guru of Kashi with Padma Shri.

Q.10. Recently, India bought Igla-S missile system from which country?

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

Answer: (d) Russia

The Indian Army has received state-of-the-art Igla-S air defence missiles from Russia, giving a major boost to the country's air defence capability. These are being deployed at the front lines to shoot down enemy fighter jets, drones and attack helicopters from very close ranges. These missiles have been supplied under a special procurement contract worth Rs 250 crore signed by the Indian Army with Russia. The deal has been done keeping in view the urgent operational needs to further strengthen the



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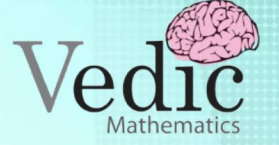
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air defence in the border areas. This inventory boost will further strengthen the army's missile capability on the western front with Pakistan.

Q.11. Recently, the President of which country created a world record by holding a 15-hour press conference?

- (a) Ukraine
- (b) Maldives
- (c) Moldova
- (d) Belarus

Answer: (b) Maldives

Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu held a marathon press conference for nearly 15 hours. This marathon session broke the previous record of 14 hours set by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky in 2019. According to the President's Office, 46-year-old Muizzu answered many questions from journalists, many of which were asked by the general public.

Q.12. Recently, which is the first state to introduce a dedicated policy for ships?

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Andhra Pradesh
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Odisha

Answer: (c) Maharashtra

The Maharashtra State Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister (CM) Devendra Fadnavis approved the 'Shipbuilding, Ship Repair and Ship Recycling Policy 2025', making Maharashtra the first state in India to introduce a dedicated policy in the maritime manufacturing sector. The initiative is in line with the central government's Maritime India Vision 2030 and AMRUT Kal Vision 2047, which aim to position India among the top five countries in global shipbuilding by 2047.

Q.13. Recently, who won the second term as the Prime Minister of Australia?

- (a) Mark Carney
- (b) Christian Stocker

- (c) Anthony Albanese
- (d) Lawrence Wong

Answer: (c) Anthony Albanese

Anthony Albanese has become the first Australian prime minister in two decades to win a second consecutive three-year term. It is a dramatic comeback for his Labor Party in a general election hit by a cost-of-living crisis. Labor was on course for an unexpectedly large parliamentary majority as conservative Liberal Party leader Peter Dutton conceded defeat after losing his seat.

Q.14. Where was the foundation stone of the country's first AI-based data center park laid recently?

- (a) Bhopal
- (b) Hyderabad
- (c) Nava Raipur
- (d) Bengaluru

Answer: (c) Nava Raipur

The foundation of the country's first Artificial Intelligence based Data Center Park was laid in Nava Raipur, Chhattisgarh. Its foundation stone was laid by Chief Minister Vishnu Dev Sai in Sector-22. This data center park is being developed in an area of 13.5 acres, out of which 2.7 hectares will be developed as a Special Economic Zone (SEZ). About 500 direct and 1500 indirect employment opportunities will be created through this project.

Q.15. Recently, in which state, Lakundi monuments have been proposed to be included in the UNESCO World Heritage List?

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Rajasthan

Answer: (c) Karnataka

In a significant step towards preserving India's cultural heritage, the ancient temples and monuments in and around Lakkundi in Karnataka are in the final stages of being included in the UNESCO Tentative List of World Heritage Sites.





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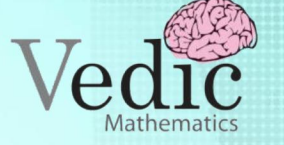
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These temples were built during the Kalyana Chalukya period (10th-12th century AD) and are considered extremely rich in architecture.

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