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## Today in History on 22 MAY

### ➤ 1963: India's first glider Rohini took off.

On May 22, 1963, India soared into the aviation history books with the first flight of the Rohini glider. Developed by the Civil Aviation Department, the RG-1 Rohini represented a leap forward in indigenous aerospace design, marking the nation's burgeoning aspirations in aeronautical engineering.



### ➤ 1972: Pakistan resigns from Commonwealth membership.

In 1972, Pakistan resigned its membership from the Commonwealth. This decision was taken over the issue of independence of East Pakistan, which later became Bangladesh. Later, in 1989, Pakistan re-entered the Commonwealth. In 1971, East Pakistan gained independence as Bangladesh, following which Pakistan resigned from the Commonwealth.



### ➤ 1984: Bachendri Pal became the first Indian woman to conquer the world's highest peak, Everest.

In 1984, Bachendri Pal created history by conquering Mount Everest, becoming the first Indian woman to do so. She achieved this feat on 23 May 1984, when she hoisted the tricolour on the summit of Everest as part of India's first mixed gender team. She led several adventure expeditions, including the "Indo-Nepalese Women's Mount Everest Expedition", "The Great Indian Women's Rafting Voyage", and the "First Indian Women's Trans-Himalayan Expedition".





- 1988: India successfully tested the indigenously developed intercontinental ballistic missile Agni.

Agni V is India's intercontinental ballistic missile. It has been developed by the Defense Research and Development Organization. This 17 meter long and two meter wide Agni-5 missile made with ultra-modern technology is capable of carrying 1 ton payload equipped with nuclear weapons.



### Important NEWS on 22 MAY

- Tripura launches Vikasit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan to empower farmers

Taking a significant step towards increasing agricultural productivity and farmer welfare, the Tripura government has announced the launch of "Vikasit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan" which will run from May 29 to June 12, 2025. The campaign is part of an initiative of the Union Agriculture Ministry aimed at increasing awareness about state and centrally sponsored schemes in rural areas and gram panchayats, increasing agricultural production and reducing costs.

- 1990: The Republic of Yemen emerged with the merger of North and South Yemen.

In 1990, the Republic of Yemen emerged with the merger of North Yemen (Yemen Arab Republic) and South Yemen (Yemen People's Democratic Republic). This merger united two separate countries, which were previously part of different blocs during the Cold War. This unification took place on 22 May 1990.







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### ➤ China and Cambodia launch “Golden Dragon-2025” to boost military ties

China and Cambodia launched the “Golden Dragon-2025” joint military exercise in mid-May 2025, marking a major expansion in the size, scope and technical sophistication of the two countries’ bilateral defense cooperation. This time the exercise involves cutting-edge unmanned warfare systems and covers land, maritime and air operations. It aims to strengthen strategic coordination, humanitarian assistance and counter-terrorism capabilities.



### ➤ Sudan appoints Kamil Idris as first PM since 2023 civil war

Sudan's army chief General Abdel-Fattah al-Burhan appointed Kamil al-Taeb Idris as the country's new prime minister on May 2025, the first time the position has been filled since the civil war began in April 2023. The move is seen as a significant initiative towards political stability, especially after the re-establishment of military control over Khartoum.



### ➤ RBI cancels HCBL Co-operative Bank's license due to lack of capital

The license of Lucknow-based urban cooperative bank HCBL Co-operative Bank was canceled by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on May 2025. The bank had insufficient capital and was unlikely to operate financially sustainable. With this, all banking operations of the bank have been stopped with immediate effect. The Registrar of Cooperative Societies of Uttar Pradesh has been directed to start the liquidation of the bank and appoint a liquidator.

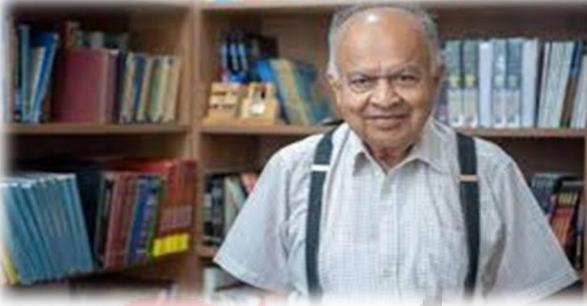


### ➤ Padma Vibhushan Astronomer Jayant Narlikar Passes Away





Renowned astrophysicist, visionary science communicator and Padma Vibhushan awardee Dr Jayant Vishnu Narlikar passed away in Pune at the age of 87. His demise marks the end of an era in Indian science and cosmology. Dr Narlikar was born on 19 July 1938 in Kolhapur, Maharashtra.



### ➤ India prepares new sea route to Northeast via Myanmar, bypassing Bangladesh

India is set to redefine connectivity for its northeastern states with the development of a high-speed four-lane highway from Shillong to Silchar, which will bypass Bangladesh and integrate with the Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project in Myanmar. This landmark infrastructure initiative will enhance strategic and economic connectivity between the Northeast and Kolkata through the sea, becoming a key link in India's Act East policy.



### ➤ Negative growth rate in agriculture

Tamil Nadu has experienced a negative growth rate in agriculture and its allied activities during 2024-25, for the first time in eight years. Last year, the growth rate in real terms was minus 0.09%. In the same time, the State had achieved a real economic growth rate of 9.69%.



### Current affairs MCQS on 22 MAY

Q.1. Recently which state government has launched India's first Vistadome Jungle Safari train?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Madhya Pradesh

**Answer: (c) Uttar Pradesh**

Uttar Pradesh has launched India's first jungle safari train with vistadome coaches between Katarniaghat





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Wildlife Sanctuary and Dudhwa Tiger Reserve. The Vistadome train has large glass windows and transparent roofs for a panoramic view of the forest. It runs on weekends, and there are plans to run it daily to attract more tourists. The train covers a distance of 107 km in about 4 hours and 25 minutes, with a fare of ₹275 per person. It is part of the 'One Destination Three Forests' campaign connecting Dudhwa, Katarniaghat and Kishanpur sanctuaries. The Uttar Pradesh Eco Tourism Development Board aims to promote eco-tourism and generate local employment.

**Q.2. Who recently launched the new website of the Ministry of Steel in New Delhi?**

- (a) Jyotiraditya Scindia
- (b) Jagat Prakash Nadda
- (c) Manohar Lal Khattar
- (d) H.D. Kumaraswamy

**Answer: (d) H.D. Kumaraswamy**

Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries H.D. Kumaraswamy launched the new website of the Ministry of Steel in New Delhi. Posting on social media, Mr. Kumaraswamy said the new website will provide timely and important information to all stakeholders. Designed to enhance transparency, accessibility and efficiency, the website features a user-friendly interface, improved cyber security and compliance with Guidelines for Indian Government Websites (GIGW) for accessibility. Key features of the website include modern design, policy documents, industry data and information on initiatives.

**Q.3. Recently which IIT suspended all academic agreements with Turkish universities?**

- (a) IIT Delhi
- (b) IIT Bombay
- (c) IIT Madras
- (d) IIT Kanpur

**Answer: (b) IIT Bombay**

Recently, IIT Bombay took the initiative to suspend academic collaboration with Turkish universities

due to Turkey's support to Pakistan during its military conflict with India. Following this, several Indian universities, including IIT Roorkee, JNU and Jamia Millia Islamia, have also severed ties with Turkish institutions.

**Q.4. Who recently won the Miss World Sports Challenge?**

- (a) Miss India
- (b) Miss Brazil
- (c) Alice Redma (Miss Estonia)
- (d) Miss Nigeria

**Answer: (c) Alice Redma (Miss Estonia)**

In a stunning display of athleticism and global camaraderie, Miss Estonia Elise Randmaa created history by winning the gold medal at the Miss World 2025 Sports Challenge held at the Gachibowli Indoor Stadium in Hyderabad. Competing with 107 delegates from across the globe, Randmaa's win marked Estonia's first progression to the next round of the Miss World competition in over two decades. The event blended competitive spirit with cultural grandeur, featuring vibrant Indian performances as well as intense sports challenges, highlighting Hyderabad's growing stature as a host of prestigious international events.

**Q.5. Who was recently included in the vision board of Telangana Rising?**

- (a) Amartya Sen
- (b) Raghuram Rajan
- (c) Abhijit Banerjee
- (d) Kaushik Basu

**Answer: (c) Abhijit Banerjee**

Nobel laureate Professor Abhijit Banerjee has joined the Telangana Rising Vision Board as an advisor, and will provide his expertise to shape the state's long-term development agenda. During his meeting with Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy at the Integrated Command and Control Centre, Professor Banerjee shared his vision on inclusive economic growth, job creation, urban innovation and skills—the key components of Telangana's future roadmap.







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**Q.6. Recently in which northeastern state an integrated aqua park will be set up?**

- (a) Assam
- (b) Tripura
- (c) Manipur
- (d) Meghalaya

**Answer: (b) Tripura**

Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Rajiv Ranjan Singh laid the foundation stone of an integrated water park worth Rs 100 crore in Unakoti district of Tripura. He laid the foundation stone of the park located at BC Nagar through virtual medium from Rabindra Bhavan in Agartala. Union Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying George Kurien, State Fisheries Minister Sudhanshu Das and Social Welfare Minister Tinku Roy were also present on the occasion. Talking to reporters during the event, Singh said that the Center has decided to set up 11 integrated water parks across the country to increase fish production.

**Q.7. Recently which country's foreign exchange reserves increased by \$4.5 billion?**

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

**Answer: (a) India**

India's foreign exchange reserves rose by \$4.5 billion to \$690.62 billion, according to data released by the Reserve Bank of India. Earlier, India's foreign exchange reserves fell by \$2.06 billion to \$686.06 billion, snapping a streak of eight consecutive weeks of gains, after which the reserves had hit a six-month high.

**Q.8. Recently who inaugurated the new Multi-Agency Centre in North Block in New Delhi?**

- (a) Amit Shah
- (b) Rajnath Singh
- (c) S. Jaishankar

(d) Nitin Gadkari

**Answer: (a) Amit Shah**

Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the new Multi Agency Center (MAC) in North Block. On this occasion, the Home Minister said that 'Operation Sindhur' is a unique symbol of the strong political will of Prime Minister Modi, accurate intelligence of our agencies and the infallible firepower of our three armies.

**Q.9. Recently where did the Indian Army and NDRF conduct relief exercises?**

- (a) Arunachal Pradesh
- (b) Meghalaya
- (c) Assam
- (d) Nagaland

**Answer: (c) Assam**

In a significant step towards strengthening India's disaster response capabilities, the Indian Army and the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) conducted Raahat Abhyas - a large-scale joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) simulation. Held in Assam, the exercise was aimed at improving coordination between civil and military agencies during natural disasters like floods and earthquakes, especially in the vulnerable Northeast region.

**Q.10. Which country recently won the SAFF Under-19 Championship 2025 by defeating Bangladesh?**

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

**Answer: (b) India**

In a thrilling final held at the Golden Jubilee Stadium in Yupia, Arunachal Pradesh, India U-19 football team defeated Bangladesh 4-3 in a tense penalty shootout to win the SAFF U-19 Championship 2025. After a 1-1 draw in regular time, the Blue Colts showed composure under pressure and secured their second regional title, having previously won the tournament in 2023. With this win, India







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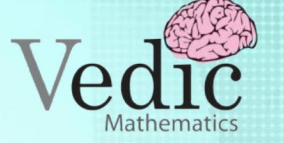
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confirmed their rising prominence in South Asian youth football.

**Q.11. Recently, India has imposed port restrictions on the import of readymade garments and processed food items from which country?**

- (a) Sri Lanka
- (b) Nepal
- (c) Bangladesh
- (d) Myanmar

**Answer: (c) Bangladesh**

India has imposed port restrictions on certain imports from Bangladesh, including readymade garments and processed food items. The action, affecting land customs stations and integrated check posts, follows a thaw in relations and is aimed at responding to Bangladesh's measures on Indian yarn and value-added goods.

**Q.12. Who was recently awarded the 58th Jnanpith Award?**

- (a) Ruskin Bond
- (b) Vikram Seth
- (c) Gulzar and Rambhadracharya
- (d) Amish Tripathi

**Answer: (c) Gulzar and Rambhadracharya**

President Draupadi Murmu conferred the 58th Jnanpith Award on Sanskrit scholar Swami Ramabhadracharya at a ceremony held in New Delhi. Swami Rambhadracharya and eminent Urdu poet and lyricist Gulzar have been selected for this prestigious award for 2023. These eminent personalities have been honored with this award for their outstanding contribution in the field of literature.

**Q.13. Recently, which state has made robotics education compulsory for class 10 students?**

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

**Answer: (a) Kerala**

In a landmark move that sets a new benchmark for educational innovation in the country, Kerala has become the first state in the country to make robotics education, including practical experiments, available to all students of Class X. From the new academic year, over 4.3 lakh students across the state will enter the world of robotics through a new ICT (Information and Communication Technology) curriculum.

**Q.14. Where did the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) host WADA's Global Anti-Doping Intelligence and Investigation Network workshop?**

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

**Answer: (b) New Delhi**

National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) India in collaboration with Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports hosted the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Intelligence and Investigation Workshop in New Delhi. Organised under the aegis of WADA and in partnership with INTERPOL and Sport Integrity Australia, the event was attended by representatives from national anti-doping organisations and law enforcement agencies from India, Indonesia, Maldives, Sri Lanka, Philippines and officials from South Asia Regional Anti-Doping Organization. It brought together intelligence and investigation experts from across the world to share information, strengthen collaboration and enhance the global anti-doping system.

**Q.15. Recently surgeons from which country performed the world's first human bladder transplant?**

- (a) United Kingdom
- (b) Germany
- (c) United States of America
- (d) Canada

**Answer: (c) United States of America**





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Recently, American surgeons have performed the world's first human bladder transplant. The procedure was performed by doctors from the University of California at Southern California (UCLA) and the University of Southern California (USC), and it took place at the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles.

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