

## Today in History on 24 MAY

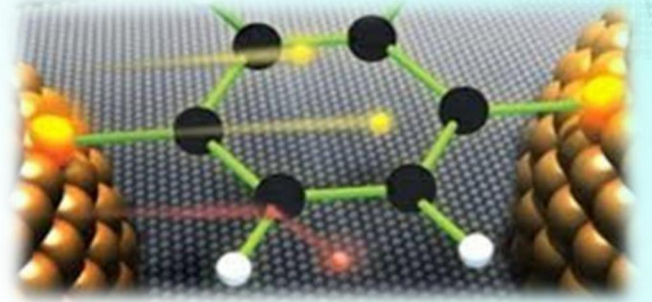
### ➤ 1923- The Irish Civil War ended.

In 1923, the Irish Civil War ended. The war followed the Irish War of Independence, which lasted from 1919 to 1921. The Irish Civil War followed the Irish War of Independence, when the Army of the Irish Republic (IRA) fought for independence against British forces.



### ➤ 2010- Scientists succeeded in creating the world's smallest transistor with silicon, the size of a molecule

In 2010, scientists created a transistor that was so small that it was equal to the size of a molecule. This transistor was made of silicon and its length was only one nanometer. This transistor was made of silicon, which is a semiconductor material. Silicon is widely used in electronic devices, as it is a stable and flexible material.



### ➤ 1875 - Sir Syed Ahmed Khan founded the Muhammadan Anglo Oriental School in Aligarh, now known as Aligarh Muslim University.

In 1875, Sir Syed Ahmed Khan founded the Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental College in Aligarh, which later became Aligarh Muslim University. It was the first Muslim university in South Asia. It was an important part of the Aligarh Movement for the spread of modern education and socio-cultural advancement of Muslims.







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### ➤ 1824 - British capture Rangoon and Burma during the First Anglo-Burmese War.

In 1824, during the First Anglo-Burmese War, the British capture Rangoon and Burma. The war lasted from 1824 to 1826, and ended with the victory of the British East India Company, with Burma losing several territories including Assam, Manipur and Arakan. In 1824, the British invaded Rangoon by land and sea. Rangoon was considered a lightly defended city, but the Burmese resisted.



### Important NEWS on 24 MAY

### ➤ Gujarat's Lion Population Grows by 32% Since 2020

Gujarat's Asiatic lion population has increased by 32% to 891 in 2025, according to the 16th lion census by the Gujarat Forest Department. Under the ₹2,900 crore Project Lion, conservation efforts have led to a 16.67% expansion in lion territory, now covering 35,000 sq. km. However, this growth has resulted in increased human-lion interactions, with a rise in livestock attacks and the need for new habitats outside Gujarat.



### ➤ 1830 - First passenger railroad service begins in the United States.

In 1830, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad begins the first passenger railroad service in the United States. It was a 13-mile route between Baltimore and Ellicott Mills (now Ellicott City) that was the first regularly operated passenger and freight train, pulled by horses.







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### ➤ Trump Unveils \$175 Billion 'Golden Dome': A Space-Age Missile Shield for the US

The Golden Dome is a newly unveiled space-based missile defense system proposed by US President Donald Trump. It seeks to create a multi-layered shield to counter hypersonic and space-launched missile threats, integrating terrestrial assets like THAAD, Patriot, and Aegis, while introducing orbital interceptors and laser weaponry. Despite being in its conceptual stage, the initiative has drawn global scrutiny, especially from China and Russia, who view it as a threat to space stability.



### ➤ IREDA Secures 'Excellent' DPE Rating, Tops Power & NBFC Sector CPSEs

IREDA, the country's largest green financing NBFC, has secured an 'Excellent' rating from the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) for FY 2023-24, ranking among the top 4 CPSEs in India. The recognition reflects its outstanding performance and leadership in the Power and NBFC

sectors. Under the leadership of CMD Pradip Kumar Das, IREDA has consistently contributed to India's renewable energy mission and demonstrated its commitment to sustainable development and nation-building.



### ➤ Morgan Stanley Raises India's Growth Forecast for FY26 and FY27

Morgan Stanley has increased India's GDP growth forecast to 6.2% for FY26 and 6.5% for FY27, driven by robust domestic demand, rising urban and rural consumption, and strong public capital expenditure. The report highlights the stability of macroeconomic fundamentals, expected policy easing by the RBI, and the positive impact of reduced global trade tensions on India's external outlook.







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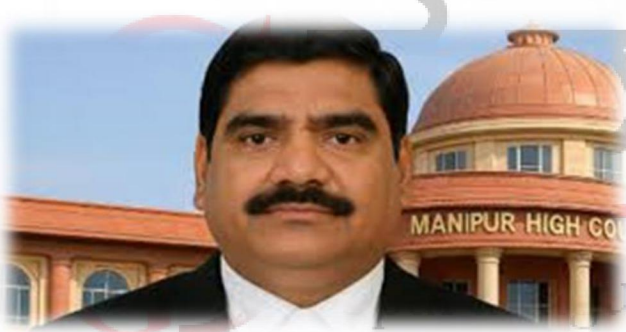


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### ➤ Justice K Somashekar Appointed Chief Justice of Manipur High Court

Justice Kempaiah Somashekar, a seasoned legal professional with over three decades of service, has been appointed Chief Justice of the Manipur High Court by the President of India, following the recommendation of the Supreme Court collegium. The appointment comes in light of the retirement of Justice D. Krishnakumar and marks a critical leadership transition in one of India's relatively new High Courts.



### ➤ India Reaffirms Global Health Commitment at 78th World Health Assembly

India demonstrated strong global leadership at the 78th World Health Assembly by advocating for health equity, universal coverage, and pandemic preparedness. Union Health Secretary Punya Salila Srivastava highlighted the achievements of Ayushman Bharat, India's recognition in maternal

and child health by UN bodies, and its WHO certification as Trachoma-Free.



### ➤ Regional Integrated Command and Control Centres

The Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) will soon set up the Regional Integrated Command and Control Centres (RICCCs) at the Regional Deputy Commissioner (RDC) offices. The RICCCs will effectively mirror the core functionalities of the central Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) already operational at the Ripon Buildings complex.







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### Current affairs MCQS on 24 MAY

**Q.1. Recently which state has become the first fully literate state of India?**

- (a) Mizoram
- (b) Assam
- (c) Uttarakhand
- (d) Himachal Pradesh

**Answer: (a) Mizoram**

Mizoram has been officially declared as a fully literate state. Chief Minister Lalduhoma announced this during a special function held in Aizawl. With this achievement, Mizoram has become the first state in India to achieve full functional literacy. The event held at the auditorium of Mizoram University was attended by several prominent dignitaries including Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Minister of State for Education Jayant Chaudhary, Mizoram Minister for School Education, Higher and Technical Education Dr. Vanlalhlana, Chief Secretary of Mizoram Government Khilli Ram Meena and other senior officials, teachers and students.

**Q.2. Recently which state government launched the developed Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan to empower farmers?**

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

**Answer: (b) Tripura**

In a significant step towards enhancing agricultural machinery and welfare, the Tripura government announced the launch of the "Vikashit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan", which will continue from May 29 to June 12, 2025. The campaign is the first part of the Union Agriculture Ministry's initiative aimed at increasing awareness of the state and centre in rural areas and villages, increasing agricultural production and reducing costs.

**Q.3. Who was M.R. Srinivasan, who passed away recently?**

- (a) Astrophysicist
- (b) Chemist
- (c) Nuclear scientist
- (d) Biologist

**Answer: (c) Nuclear scientist**

Dr M.R. Srinivasan, a key figure in India's nuclear energy development and former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC), died in Udhagamandalam at the age of 95. He is considered one of the key architects of India's peaceful nuclear programme. He played a key role in building the country's first research nuclear reactor and significantly expanded India's nuclear energy capacity during his tenure.

**Q.4. Who recently signed the Take It Down Act in the United States?**

- (a) Joe Biden
- (b) Kamala Harris
- (c) Donald Trump
- (d) Mike Pence

**Answer: (c) Donald Trump**

US President Donald Trump signed the Take It Down Act. Under this, it has now become a crime to share someone's private photos or videos online without consent. This law has been brought to stop the increasing incidents of revenge porn and AI generated deepfake photos. Under this law, if a person intentionally shares someone's private photos or videos without their permission, then it will be considered a crime. Also, social media platforms and websites will have to remove such content within 48 hours and also search and remove its duplicate copy.

**Q.5. Where did the fifth edition of Shirui Lily Festival 2025 start recently?**

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







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#### Answer: (c) Manipur

The fifth edition of the state-level Shirui Lily Festival 2025 in Manipur is starting in Ukhrul district of Manipur. The Shirui Lily Festival is celebrated to showcase and promote the endangered plant- Lilium maculinea. This flower species is found only in Manipur. The five-day festival organized at the Heritage Ground of Shirui village will be inaugurated by Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla.

#### Q.6. Where was Mahout Village, a special complex for elephant caretakers, established recently?

- (a) Coorg
- (b) Wayanad
- (c) Theppakadu
- (d) Bandipur

#### Answer: (c) Theppakadu

For the first time in India, 44 houses have been built for mahouts at the Theppakadu elephant camp in Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, named after dead elephants. These houses are equipped with essential facilities like drinking water, toilets and playgrounds.

#### Q.7. Who won the presidential election in Romania recently?

- (a) Klaus Iohannis
- (b) Victor Ponta
- (c) Nicusor Dan
- (d) Dacian Cioloș

#### Answer: (c) Nicusor Dan

In European politics, pro-EU candidates and parties made significant gains in Romania, Poland and Portugal in elections held over the weekend. In Romania, pro-EU candidate Nicusor Dan won a decisive victory over radical right-wing nationalist George Simion in the second round of the presidential race, widely seen as a geopolitical referendum. With 99 percent of votes counted, Dan won nearly 54 percent of the vote, while Simion got more than 46 percent, a dramatic turnaround after Simion led in the first round earlier this month.

#### Q.8. Where will the Indian Navy induct a 5th century-inspired tailored ship recently?

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

#### Answer: (b) Karnataka

The Indian Navy will induct this ancient ship into its fleet and will also name it. The ceremony to be held in Karwar, Karnataka will formally mark the induction of this ship into the Indian Navy. The ship is a newly designed 5th century ship, inspired by a painting from the Ajanta caves. The ceremony will be presided over by Union Culture Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat as the chief guest. The ship will then sail from Gujarat to Oman, reviving ancient Indian maritime trade routes.

#### Q.9. Who launched a new portal for Overseas Citizen of India recently?

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

#### Answer: (d) Amit Shah

Home Minister Amit Shah launched the new Overseas Citizen of India-OCI portal in New Delhi. The new portal will provide better functionality, enhanced security and friendly experience for the existing over 50 lakh OCI cardholders and new users. Speaking on the occasion, the Home Minister said that India is making continuous efforts to provide world-class immigration facilities to OCI cardholders.

#### Q.10. According to recent ICRA, what is the projected growth rate for India's economy in the fourth quarter of FY 2025?

- (a) 6.9%
- (b) 7.2%
- (c) 6.5%
- (d) 7.5%

#### Answer: (a) 6.9%







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ICRA has projected India's fourth quarter GDP growth rate at 6.9%, which would result in 6.3% growth for FY25, lower than the CSO's 6.5% estimate. This anticipated slowdown stems from uneven private consumption and investment trends, further compounded by tariff uncertainties. While services exports have maintained strong growth, merchandise exports have declined during the same period.

**Q.11. Recently, the Chief Minister of which state launched the Indira Sora Giri Jala Vikas Yojana?**

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

**Answer: (b) Telangana**

Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy launched the state government's Indira Soura Giri Jala Vikas Yojana at Macharam village in Nagarkurnool district. The scheme aims to empower tribal farmers and make them self-reliant by providing them free solar electric pumps for irrigation. The Chief Minister also released a 12-point 'Nallamala Manifesto', which includes the state government's developmental initiatives for tribal communities living in forest areas.

**Q.12. Where did Union Home Minister Amit Shah recently announce the e-FIR initiative?**

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) Delhi
- (c) Bengaluru
- (d) Kolkata

**Answer: (b) Delhi**

In a significant step towards tackling cybercrime, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has launched a new initiative called e-Zero FIR under its Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C). The move, announced by Union Home Minister Amit Shah, aims to speed up registration of FIRs in high-value cyber financial fraud cases. Currently rolled out as a pilot project in Delhi, the system will automatically

convert complaints lodged through the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal (NCRP) or helpline 1930 into Zero FIRs for cases involving losses of more than ₹10 lakh - significantly increasing the response time in nabbing cybercriminals.

**Q.13. Who was recently appointed as the Prime Minister of Sudan?**

- (a) Kamil Idris
- (b) Abdullah Hamdok
- (c) Omar al-Bashir
- (d) Mohammed Hamdan

**Answer: (a) Kamil Idris**

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

**Q.14. Recently, the National Cadet Corps (NCC) expedition team conquered which mountain peak?**

- (a) Kanchenjunga
- (b) Nanda Devi
- (c) Mount Everest
- (d) Annapurna

**Answer: (c) Mount Everest**

The National Cadet Corps (NCC) mountaineering team has returned safely to Everest Base Camp after successfully climbing the world's highest peak Mount Everest (8,848.86 m). This historic feat is the third successful climb of Mount Everest by the NCC expedition team, earlier it was done in 2013 and 2016.

**Q.15. Where was the 16 feet tall statue of Lord Hanuman installed recently?**

- (a) Guyana
- (b) Suriname
- (c) Trinidad
- (d) Barbados

**Answer: (a) Guyana**



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A 16-foot-high statue of Bajrangbali has been installed at the Sita Ram Radhe Shyam temple on the Essequibo coast in Sparta, Guyana. The Indian Embassy has described the statue as a symbol of faith, friendship and determination. The embassy said that the Sooklal family brought the statue of Bajrangbali from India and installed it in memory of their parents.

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