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## Today in History on 30 MAY

- **1987: Goa was made the 25th state of India.**

In 1987, Goa was made the 25th state of India. This happened on May 30, 1987, when Goa was separated from Daman and Diu and given statehood. The Government of India recognised Konkani as the official language of Goa in February 1987. Pratapsingh Rane was the first Chief Minister of the newly established Goa state and had previously served as the Chief Minister of Goa, Daman and Diu.



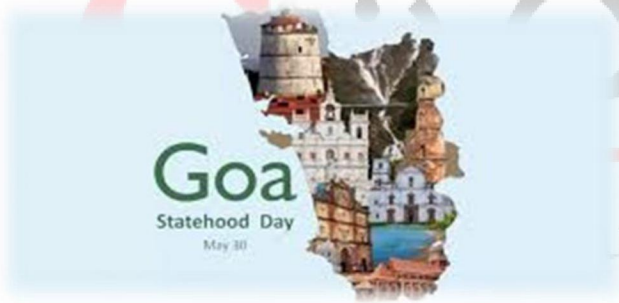
- **2023: Chennai Super Kings team became the winner in IPL 2023.**

MS Dhoni-led Chennai Super Kings team defeated Hardik Pandya-led Gujarat Titans by 5 wickets to become the champion of IPL 2023. Chennai Super Kings are the joint most successful team in the competition along with Mumbai Indians, having won the trophy on five occasions - 2010, 2011, 2018, 2021 and 2023 - under the captaincy of MS Dhoni. CSK has also been the runner-up on five different occasions. No team has reached the IPL final on more occasions.



- **1981: Bangladesh President Ziaur Rahman assassinated.**

Ziaur Rahman, the sixth president of Bangladesh, was assassinated in the southeastern port city of Chittagong on 30 May 1981 by a group of officers, reportedly Awami League supporters in the Bangladesh Army. Rahman had gone to Chittagong to mediate a clash between local leaders of his political party, the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP).





#### ➤ 1498: Christopher Columbus sets out on his third voyage to the Americas.

In 1498, Christopher Columbus began his third voyage to the Americas. On this voyage, he visited Trinidad and the northern coast of South America, before moving on to the settlement of Hispaniola. Columbus began his voyage with six ships from Sanlúcar, Spain, on May 30, 1498. He first traveled to the Portuguese island of Porto Santo, then Madeira, and arrived at Gomera in the Canary Islands on June 19.



#### ➤ 1606: Fifth Sikh Guru Arjan Dev passes away.

In 1606, the fifth Sikh Guru, Guru Arjan Dev Ji passed away. He was tortured to death in Lahore on the orders of Mughal emperor Jahangir. Guru Arjan Dev Ji is known as the first martyred Guru in Sikhism. He

was the first Sikh Guru to compile the Sikh scripture, the Guru Granth Sahib. He also built the Golden Temple in Amritsar, which is an important pilgrimage center for Sikhism.



#### Important NEWS on 30 MAY

#### ➤ India's Pumped Storage Revolution: Greenko, Adani, JSW to Lead 51 GW Push by 2032

India is undertaking a massive transformation in its energy storage landscape with a planned expansion of pumped storage hydropower capacity from less than 5 GW to 51.24 GW by 2032. Key players such as Greenko, Adani Green Energy, and JSW Energy will spearhead nearly two-thirds of these projects, marking a strategic shift to stabilise the power grid amidst rising renewable energy adoption.





#### ➤ Rashtrapati Bhavan Hosts Artists-in-Residence Programme to Promote Folk Art

In a vibrant celebration of India's cultural diversity, a group of renowned Madhubani and Gond artists are showcasing their traditional art forms at the Rashtrapati Bhavan as part of a special week-long Artists-in-Residence programme, also known as Kala Utsav. This initiative highlights the rich folk and tribal artistic heritage of India and offers a national platform for these artisans to display their generations-old craftsmanship.



#### ➤ India Unveils Its Most Powerful Single-Unit Electric Locomotive

In a major stride toward transforming India's freight transportation network, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Indian Railways' first 9000 horsepower (HP) electric locomotive in Dahod, Gujarat. Developed under the "Make in India" initiative in collaboration with Siemens India, the powerful single-unit locomotive is set to revolutionize freight mobility by reducing congestion, turnaround time, and operational costs.



#### ➤ India Champions WHO's Global Traditional Medicine Strategy 2025-2034

At the 78th World Health Assembly held in Geneva under the theme "One World for Health", India reaffirmed its commitment to integrating Traditional Medicine (TM) within mainstream healthcare systems. Representing India, Shri Arindam Bagchi, India's Permanent Representative to the UN in Geneva, emphasized India's leadership





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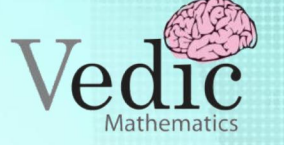
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in advancing evidence-based traditional practices like Ayurveda, Yoga, Siddha, and Unani, welcoming the adoption of the WHO Global Traditional Medicine Strategy 2025–2034.



### ➤ Anil Kumble Appointed Karnataka Forest Department Ambassador

In a significant move toward enhancing environmental awareness and conservation efforts, the Karnataka government has appointed former Indian cricket team captain Anil Kumble as the ambassador of the State Forest Department and for wildlife conservation. Known not only for his achievements in cricket but also for his past involvement in conservation efforts, Kumble's appointment is expected to boost public engagement in preserving the state's rich biodiversity.



### ➤ Arsenal Triumphs Over Barcelona to Win Women's Champions League 2025

In a historic showdown at the Estadio Jose Alvalade in Lisbon on May, 2025, Arsenal stunned defending champions FC Barcelona 1-0 to clinch their second UEFA Women's Champions League (UWCL) title. The decisive moment came in the 75th minute when substitute Stina Blackstenius scored the only goal of the match, capitalizing on a clever assist from Beth Mead.



### ➤ Availability of ombudsman

The Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court has directed the Secretary to the Department of



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Municipal Administration and Water Supply to ensure that the availability of ombudsman is exhibited prominently at all offices of local bodies. The Tamil Nadu Local Bodies Ombudsman Act was enacted in 2014 to address complaints against the elected members of the local bodies, and also officers and employees.



### Current affairs MCQS on 30 MAY

**Q.1. Recently which institute has discovered a new method to detect topological invariants in quantum materials using spectral functions?**

- (a) Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru
- (b) Raman Research Institute (RRI), Bengaluru
- (c) Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay
- (d) Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi

**Answer: (b) Raman Research Institute (RRI), Bengaluru**

Scientists at Raman Research Institute (RRI), Bengaluru, under the Department of Science and Technology, have discovered a new method to detect topological invariants in quantum materials using spectral functions. Spectral functions are a quantum tool that shows how particles such as energy and electrons behave inside a material. It is commonly used to study electronic structure such as density of states and dispersion relations.

**Q.2. Recently which state became the first state with 100% electrified rail network?**

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Karnataka

**Answer: (b) Gujarat**

Gujarat has achieved a significant milestone in India's green transport mission as it became the 24th state/union territory to achieve 100% railway electrification. Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the achievement at the inauguration of the Dahod Electric Locomotive Factory. The achievement is a testimony to India's efforts to modernise its railway network and move towards a sustainable, energy-efficient transport system.

**Q.3. Where was the community radio station 'Panchsheel Pulse' inaugurated recently?**

- (a) Himachal Pradesh
- (b) Jammu and Kashmir
- (c) Uttarakhand
- (d) Sikkim

**Answer: (c) Uttarakhand**

Pithoragarh, located in Uttarakhand, recently inaugurated its first community radio station, Panchshool Pulse. The station aims to serve border communities by combining local culture, weather information and village stories. The station was launched by Lieutenant General Anindya Sengupta, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Central Command. Its tagline, "Hill se Dil Tak," sums up the essence of connecting the hearts of people living in the mountains.

**Q.4. Recently which Sri Lankan actress passed away?**

- (a) Swarna Mallawarachchi
- (b) Anoja Weerasinghe
- (c) Geetha Kumarasinghe
- (d) Malani Fonseka

**Answer: (d) Malani Fonseka**

Renowned Sri Lankan actress Malini Fonseka - who played the lead role in the Tamil film 'Pilot







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Premnath' [1978] starring Sivaji Ganesan - died in Colombo. She was 78. Ms Fonseka, who began her acting career in the Sinhala theatre in the early 1960s, became a popular artiste and film star and won several awards.

**Q.5. Which country recently launched the world's highest-resolution weather forecasting system, WFS?**

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

**Answer: (a) India**

Taking a significant step towards self-reliance in the field of meteorology in India, the Government of India inaugurated the India Forecasting System (BFS). It has been developed by the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune and is powered by the high-speed supercomputer 'Arka'. The BFS aims to provide the world's most accurate and localized weather predictions with an unprecedented grid resolution capability of 6 km x 6 km. The launch represents a revolutionary upgrade over the earlier 12 km model and catapults India into the global leading category of high-resolution weather forecasting.

**Q.6. Recently, a GI tag was sought for the Sivakasi fireworks industry of which state?**

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

**Answer: (b) Tamil Nadu**

The hundred-year-old fireworks industry in Sivakasi, Tamil Nadu has formally applied for the Geographical Indication (GI) tag to protect its heritage, enhance credibility and open new avenues for exports. The application for the GI tag was submitted by the Tamil Nadu Fireworks and Amorfes Manufacturers Association (TANFAMA) through advocate and IPR attorney P. Suganthi in the

Geographical Indications Registry under the "manufactured goods" category.

**Q.7. The Nag Shankara temple in Vishwanath district of which state was named an ideal temple for turtle conservation?**

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

**Answer: (b) Assam**

Nagshankar in northeastern Assam's Biswanath district has been designated a model temple for turtle conservation. Local MLA Padma Hazarika gave the recognition to the temple on behalf of local authorities and communities at an event held at the temple premises on the occasion of World Turtle Day. The event was organised by Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve, Assam State Zoo, Nagshankar Temple Committee, DBT-NER Biotech Hub Chaiduar College and conservation groups Turtle Survival Alliance (TSA) Foundation India, Aaranyak and Help Earth.

**Q.8. Who recently became the first Indian to win the F2 Monaco Grand Prix Sprint?**

- (a) Jehan Daruwalla
- (b) Arjun Maini
- (c) Kush Maini
- (d) Narain Karthikeyan

**Answer: (c) Kush Maini**

Under the sparkling skies of the Côte d'Azur, Kush Maini etched his name in racing history with a stunning victory in the Formula 2 Sprint Race on the iconic streets of Monaco. Demonstrating precision, composure and unwavering focus, he secured his first F2 win of the season and his first podium with DAMS Lucas Oil at motorsport's most prestigious venue. This historic achievement makes him the first Indian driver to win at Monaco.

**Q.9. Which team recently won the Women's Champions League trophy by defeating Barcelona?**







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- (a) Chelsea
- (b) Manchester City
- (c) Arsenal
- (d) Liverpool

**Answer: (c) Arsenal**

Arsenal won their second UEFA Women's Champions League (UWCL) title by defeating defending champions FC Barcelona 1-0 in a historic match played at the Estadio Jose Alvalade stadium in Lisbon, Portugal. The decisive moment of the match came in the 75th minute when substitute Stina Blackstenius scored from a brilliant assist by Beth Mead. The win was a historic achievement for Arsenal, ending Barcelona's dream of winning a third consecutive title.

**Q.10. Where did Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan recently launch the Vikas Bharat Sankalp Yatra?**

- (a) Bhopal
- (b) Indore
- (c) Sehore
- (d) Gwalior

**Answer: (c) Sehore**

Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Rural Development Shri Shivraj Singh Chauhan started the Vikassheel Bharat Sankalp Yatra from Sehore district of Sehore Vidisha parliamentary constituency. During this, Shri Shivraj Singh interacted with the beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Forest Department schemes and Tribal Welfare Schemes in Ladkui. Along with this, he discussed organic farming, commercial farming, horticulture and self-employment in Bhadkui and Chhindgaon and also interacted with Ladli Bahana and Lakhpatti Didi.

**Q.11. Which company recently launched the AI-based 3D video communication platform 'Beam'?**

- (a) Microsoft
- (b) Apple
- (c) Google
- (d) Meta

**Answer: (c) Google**

Google recently launched an AI-based 3D video communication platform called Google Beam, which makes conversations between people at far distances virtual but as real as face-to-face conversations. The technology, earlier known as Project Starline, has now been commercialised and is setting a new direction in the world of virtual meetings – that too without the need for headsets or glasses.

**Q.12. Which state topped the medal tally in the first Khelo India Beach Games held recently in Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu?**

- (a) Manipur
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Maharashtra

**Answer: (a) Manipur**

Manipur topped the medal tally with 14 medals - five gold, six silver and three bronze - at the first Khelo India Beach Games 2025. The Union Territories of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu hosted the first Khelo India Beach Games 2025.

**Q.13. Recently, which state government launched 'One Family, One Entrepreneur' campaign?**

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

**Answer: (c) Andhra Pradesh**

Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Kondapalli Srinivas launched the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Andhra Pradesh Entrepreneur Development Forum and CII Tirupati Entrepreneur Development Forum in Tirupati. He also unveiled the CII project 'Abhivridhi Padam Lo Swarna Andhra Pradesh Nutan Prayanam'. Addressing the gathering, he said, "The Andhra Pradesh government has launched the flagship programme 'One Family, One Entrepreneur' aimed at promoting the culture of entrepreneurship





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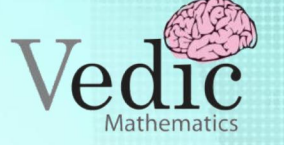
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in every household. This initiative plays a vital role in the development of MSMEs as a tool for self-reliance, innovation and employment generation."

**Q.14. Where did Prime Minister Modi recently dedicate the Dahod Locomotive Plant to the nation?**

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Maharashtra

**Answer: (b) Gujarat**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone, inaugurated and dedicated to the nation various development projects worth over Rs 24,000 crore in Dahod, Gujarat. In his fiery address, he recalled the symbolic significance of the day he was first sworn in as Prime Minister in 2014 - and reflected on India's transformational journey since then. "India has moved from an age of despair and darkness to a new era of confidence and optimism," he said.

**Q.15. Recently, which country's Foreign Minister Dr. Abdullah Khalil came to India on a three-day visit?**

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

**Answer: (c) Maldives**

His Excellency Dr. Abdullah Khaleel, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Maldives is on a visit to India. Dr. Khaleel, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Maldives led the Maldives side in the 2nd India-Maldives High Level Core Group (HLCG) meeting to monitor progress in the implementation of the India-Maldives Vision Document on Comprehensive Economic and Maritime Security Partnership. During the meeting, implementation of the shared vision including political exchanges, defence and security cooperation, development partnership, trade, economy, health, people to people contacts were discussed.

