

## Important Days

### May 08: World Red Cross Day Celebrated

- It is celebrated on the Birth Anniversary of Henry Dunant founder of Red Cross and International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

### May 10: World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD)

- Theme: **"Their Future is our Future"**
- It was initiated in 2006

### May 11: National Technology Day

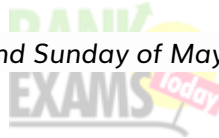
- It is celebrated to memorise the anniversary of Shakti, the Pokhran nuclear test held on 11 May 1998.

### May 12: International Nurses Day

- Theme: **A voice to lead – Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals".**

### May 14: International Mothers' Day

- Mother's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday of May every year.



## National Events

- Assam Declared as Disturbed Area under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act - the AFSPA.
- India's first bio refinery plant which produces ethanol from variety of biomass was inaugurated at Rahu in Pune district.
- Jharkhand became the second state to shift fiscal year to January-December.
- Odisha Government decided to launch boat ambulance services in four districts viz. Koraput, Malkangiri, Kendrapara and Kalahandi
- Haryana Government has decided to initiate the two-month long data generating exercise from June to collect the details of land holdings and status of facilities such as social security pension, scholarship, MGNREGA, loans and LPG connection. The team of data collection will be called Saksham and e-Numerator.
- IRCTC has started cash-on-delivery of tickets booked online
- For the first time in India, Justice CS Karnan of Calcutta high court was sentenced six months jail for contempt of court.

- Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh announced a new strategy against the Maoists—SAMADHAN which refers to S-smart leadership, A-aggressive strategy, M-motivation and training, A-actionable intelligence, D-dashboard-based KPIs H-harnessing technology and A-action plan.
- Kochi Metro's Aluva-Palarivattom corridor will be the first government-owned company in India to appoint the transgender community.
- Government has set up a high-level task force to compute timely data on employment in the country, the team of labour secretary Sathiyavathy, secretary statistics T.C.A. Ananth, Pulak Ghosh of NITI Aayog and Manish Sabharwal (member RBI Board) as members will work under the chairmanship of Arvind Panagariya
- 'Integrated Case Management Information System was uploaded on the Supreme Court website to make the judicial system "extremely transparent"
- Bishu parv or annual hunting festival of Jharkhand's tribal community was celebrated in a bloodless manner in Dalma Wildlife Sanctuary.
- Bengaluru topped the Savills Tech Cities Index of most affordable tech cities among the 22 tech cities of the world.
- India has decided to replace Maitri Station at Antrartic with a new station in the next four.
- The Income Tax Department has launched an e-facility to link Aadhaar with Permanent Account Number (PAN)
- Telangana became the first state to pick the logo for hearing impaired drivers.
- India's first electric taxi trail will be commenced in Nagpur from May 24 2017.
- E-krisi Samvad, an internet-based interface, has been launched by Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
- Election Commission of India has launched National Contact Centre with a toll-free No. 1800111950.
- Border Security Force of India has decided to build invisible laser walls, Kavach on India Pakistan Border.

### **International Events**

- Emmanuel Macron, 39 year old, became the youngest President of France.
- India organised a cultural festival in Egypt to mark the 156th birth
- India has been unanimously elected as the president of the UN-Habitat
- Eager Lion the annual joint military exercise of Jordan and the United States was held in Jordan.
- Neil Chatterjee was nominated for key administration position in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by US President Donald Trump.
- CORPAT, the 29th series of India Indonesia's coordinated patrol was conducted at Port Blair.
- INS Tarkash, a state-of-the art stealth ship, is in the UK for naval exercises and to mark UK India Year of Culture 2017 was welcomed by Sachin Tendulkar on river Thames in London.
- Liberal candidate Moon Jae-in was elected the President of South Korea.
- India emerged as one of the top ODA (Official Development Assistance) donors to Nepal.
- A massive ransomware attack named WannaCry attacked the computer systems across several countries, including India. It was exploited by EternalBlue.

### Sports

- Shiva Thapa won silver medal at the Asian Boxing Championships 2017
- Great Britain won the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup title 2017 after a gap of 23 years by defeating Australia
- India's Vikram Malhotra won his fifth PSA title by defeating Egypt's Youssef Ibrahim in the final of the Abu Dhabi Open.
- Heena Sidhu won bronze medal in 10m Air Pistol at Grand Prix of Liberation Plezn 2017 Shooting championships 2017.
- Jhulan Goswami surpassed the Australian Cathryn Fitzpatrick to become the leading wicket-taker in Women's One-Day International (ODI) cricket, taking her haul to 181 wickets from 153 outings.

#### **Devender Singh becomes 2nd Indian javelin thrower to qualify for London Worlds.**

- Olly, the representative of Odisha's Olive Ridley sea turtle has been announced as the mascot of Asian Athletics Championships to be held at Kalinga Stadium, Odisha.
- The National Basketball Association (NBA) opened its first NBA Academy in New Delhi
- Harpreet Singh and Anil Kumar claimed bronze medal in 80kg and 85kg categories respectively at Asian Wrestling Championship 2017 while woman wrestler Jyoti claimed the bronze medal in 75kg category. Sakshi Malik and Vinesh Phogat bagged silver medals and Ritu Phogat won bronze in 48kg category.
- Former Indian captain Sourav Ganguly was named captain of Cricket Australia's Greatest Champions Trophy XI 2017.
- Chelsea won the 2016-17 Premier League title by defeating West Bromwich



### Banking & Finance

- RBI lowered the threshold needed for implementing a Corrective Action Plan. A minimum of 60% of creditors by value and 50% of creditors by number will now be valid. Earlier, 75% of the lenders by value and 60% by number needed to sign off on a CAP.
- The government of India announced a major restructuring of the PSU bank boards with the appointment of new heads of seven PSU banks and a reshuffle of the management of Punjab National Bank and Bank of India.
- Bank of India has cut its marginal cost of funds-based lending rates by 5-10 basis points for May. The revised rates are in the 8.25-8.40 per cent range.
- State Bank of India (SBI) cut rates on home loans of up to Rs30 lakh by 25 basis points for new borrowers. The rate was reduced to 8.35% from 8.60%. For loans ranging from Rs30 lakh to Rs75 lakh, the bank has cut rates by 10 basis points.
- Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance launched PoS Saral Nivesh -- the first product to be approved by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India's (IRDAI) guidelines on point of sale-life insurance products.
- Cashback portal Cashkaro.com has tied up with YES Bank to launch card-linked offers as part of its loyalty programme for both offline and online shoppers.

- LIC Housing Finance has come up with a new home loan product 'Griha Siddhi' under which women can borrow loans up to Rs. 25 lakh at an interest rate of 8.35 per cent per annum. For other borrowers, the interest rate will be 8.40 per cent.

### Science & Technology

- Scientists using NASA telescopes have detected "a strong water signature" in the atmosphere of a distant Neptune-sized planet called HAT-P-26b
- Ranking/Index
- The Hinduja brothers have topped the 2017 list of UK's 1,000 wealthiest people
- Retail Mogul Yusuff Ali and Pepsico executive Sanjeev Chadha are among the top 100 Indian business leaders in the Arab World 2017, of Forbes Middle East 100 Indian business leaders

### Awards & Achievements

Saqib Majeed (Freelance Photographer)	2016 Wisden-MCC (Melbourne Cricket Council) Cricket Photograph of the Year
Konkona Sensharma	best director for A Death in the Gunj and best actress Lipstick Under My Burkha 2017's New York Indian Film Festival (NYIFF).
Mukti Bhawan	Best Film at 2017's New York Indian Film Festival (NYIFF).
Emma Watson	first-ever Genderless Acting Award for the Best Actor category at the MTV Movie and TV Awards.
Sony Picture Networks	Aon Best Employers India in the 2017
N'Golo Kante	Footballer of the Year by Football Writers' Association
Chanda Kochhar	first Indian woman to win Woodrow Wilson Award for Global Corporate Citizenship.
Vikram Visha	India's Young Scientist
NDTV	Media For Sanitation'
M P Veerendra Kumar	K Chandrasekharan Memorial Award
V.V.S. Laxman	life membership to the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC).
7th annual Asian Awards	

## Weekly Current Affairs May 07 to May 14

Sachin Tendulkar	Fellowship Award
Om Puri	outstanding achievement in Cinema(posthumously)
Adnan Sami	Adnan Sami
Krishnan Guru-Murthy	Outstanding Achievement in Television
Ajay Banga	Business Leader of the Year
Masayoshi Son	Entrepreneur of the year
Nisha Dutt	Social Entrepreneur of the year

### Appointments

Amitabh Bachchan	WHO's goodwill ambassador for hepatitis in South-East Asia region
Justice (Retd.) Mukul Mudgal	Head of FIFA's governance committee at the world football governing body's 67th Congress
Vinay Mohan Kwatra	Ambassador of India to France
Harinder Rao	General Manager (GM) of the Eastern Railway
Anil K Gupta	General Manager (GM) of the Western Railway
Taranjeet Singh	Director of Twitter India
Sanjay Mitra	Defence secretary
Usha Ananthasubramanian	MD & CEO of Allahabad Bank
Venu Rajamony	India's Ambassador to the Netherlands
R Subramania Kumar	MD and CEO of Indian Overseas Bank
Rajkiran Rai G	MD and CEO of the Union Bank of India.
Usha Ananthasubramanian	MD and CEO Allahabad Bank
Melwyn Rego	MD and CEO Syndicate Bank
Sunil Mehta	MD and CEO Punjab National Bank.
Dinabandhu Mohapatra	MD and CEO Bank of India
R A Sankara Narayanan	MD and CEO of Vijaya Bank.
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