

Daily Current Affairs 22 May 2026: Siliguri Corridor | Biodiversity | Chips

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National News

01 Strategic Development of Siliguri Corridor (Chicken's Neck)

The West Bengal government has recently transferred **120** acres of land and **7** national highways to the central government and the BSF. This region is a vital link connecting North-East India to the mainland, spanning just **22** km in width and roughly **60** km in length. Geographically, it is bordered by Bangladesh to the east and Nepal to the west.

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- The Siliguri Corridor is famously known as the "Chicken's Neck."
- The BSF was established in **1965**.
- This corridor passes directly alongside the city of Siliguri.

02 India's First Greenfield Semiconductor Facility

Tata Semiconductor Assembly and Test Pvt Ltd is setting up a state-of-the-art plant in Morigaon, Assam. With an investment of **27,000** crore rupees, the facility aims to produce **48** million chips daily.

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- Silicon is the primary material used in semiconductor manufacturing.
- The India Semiconductor Mission was launched in **2021**.

03 Statue of Bhagwan Birsa Munda

Central Minister K. Rammohan Naidu unveiled a new statue at the Birsa Munda Airport in Ranchi, honoring the historic anti-British Ulgulan movement (1899-1900).

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- Birsa Munda is revered as 'Dharti Aaba' or the Father of the Earth.
- Jharkhand attained statehood on **15 November 2000**.

International News

04 International Day for Biological Diversity

This day is observed globally on **22 May** every year. The theme for **2026** is "Acting locally for global impact."

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- The Convention on Biological Diversity was adopted in **1992**.
- Its headquarters is located in Montreal, Canada.

05 Agricola Medal for PM Narendra Modi

The FAO has honored Prime Minister Modi with this medal in recognition of India's significant contributions to food security and sustainable agriculture.

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- The FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization) was established in **1945**.
- The organization is headquartered in Rome, Italy.

06 Global Water Summit and India's Success

At the Global Water Summit held in Madrid, Spain, the Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board was awarded the "Utility of the Year" title.

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- India's Jal Shakti Ministry was formed in **2019**.

Sports and Appointments

07 Compound Archery Team Coach

Dave Cousins, a former world champion from America, has been appointed as the head coach for the national team, with a clear focus on the **2028** Olympics.

08 Commonwealth Chess Association

Bharat Singh Chauhan has been re-elected as the president for the **2026-2030** term.

09 Royal Society Fellowship

Professor Manindra Agrawal has been elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society, London. He is globally renowned for his work on the **AKS** Primality Test.

Medical Research

10 ICMR Clinical Trial Meet

A meeting held in New Delhi emphasized the integration of modern medicine and Ayurveda, focusing on new avenues for research.

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