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CURRENT AFFAIRS OF MAY 2018

Awards

The former actress who has been conferred BRICS Business Forum Leadership Award for lifetime achievement in Indian cinema – **Sridevi**

The Polish writer who has been awarded the 2018 Man Booker International Prize for her book Flights – **Olga Tokarczuk**

The US based Kathak dancer who has been awarded the Sri Jaydev Rastriya Yuva Pratibha Puraskar 2018 at Jayadev International Dance Festival in Bhubaneswar – **Anindita Aanam**

The founder of Sulabh International who has been chosen for the Nikkei Asia Prize 2018 in culture and community category – **Bindeshwar Pathak**

The Nobel laureate from Bangladesh who has been awarded the 11th Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences Humanitarian Award 2018 – **Muhammad Yunus**

The Jnanpith Award winning author who has been conferred the ONV Literary Prize for his contribution to Malayalam literature – **MT Vasudevan Nair**

The veteran singer who has been awarded the PC Chandra Puraskar by PC Chandra Jewellers – **Asha Bhosle**

Defence

The place in Uttarakhand where India and Nepal are conducting 13th edition of joint military exercise Surya Kiran XIII – **Pithoragarh**

The joint annual air exercise conducted by the United States and South Korea from May 14 to May 22 in South Korea is named – **Max Thunder 2018**

The first ever joint military exercise by the armies of India and Malaysia conducted at Wardieburn Camp in Setapak, Malaysia is named – **Harimau Shakti 2018**

Persons

The former NSDL executive who has been appointed the first ever Chief Financial Officer of the Reserve Bank of India – **Sudha Balakrishnan**

The former Chief Justice of Pakistan who has been named the interim Prime Minister until the general elections in July 18 – **Nasir ul Mulk**

The noted poet, lyricist and former Rajya Sabha MP who passed away on 13 May 2018 – **Balkavi Bairagi**

The noted media personality and entrepreneur with whom NITI Aayog has signed a Statement of Intent to collaborate and support Women Entrepreneurship Platform – **Sushant Singh Rajput**

The former Prime Minister of Malaysia from 1981 to 2003 who has been re-elected to be its seventh Prime Minister (thus becoming the oldest Prime Minister in the world) – **Mahathir Mohammad**

The former Chief of Air Staff, Governor of Maharashtra and Ambassador to France who passed away on 30 April 2018 – **Air Chief Marshall (Retd.) I.H. Latif**

Places

The State in which the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone for NTPC's Patratu Super Thermal Power Project – **Jharkhand**

The State in which setting up of India's first central sports university has been approved by the Union Cabinet – **Manipur**

The place in Andhra Pradesh where setting up of Central University of Andhra Pradesh has been approved by the Union Cabinet – **Jantnaluru, Ananthapur**

The place in Jharkhand where setting up of All India Institute of Medical Sciences has been approved by the Union Cabinet – **Deoghar**

The city in which setting up of National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation has been approved by the Union Cabinet – **Bhopal**

The venue of 2018 ASEAN Indian Film Festival being held from 25 to 30 May with the tagline 'Friendship through Films' – **New Delhi**

The State which has become the first in the country to issue land ownership document online and accept digital signature on it as valid – **Maharashtra**

Railways

The headquarters building of Central Railway designed by Frederick William Stevens, which completed 130 years of its construction on 20th May 2018 – **Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (formerly Victoria Terminus)**

The railway station in Assam which has become the first in the country to run on solar power – **Guwahati**

Sports

The country which has won the Uber Cup badminton tournament (women's) for the first time after 1981 defeating Thailand in the finals – **Japan**

The country which has won the Thomas Cup badminton tournament (men's) for the 10th time defeating Japan in the finals – **China**

The South African cricketer and former Captain who has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket with immediate effect – **AB de Villiers**

The team which has won the 5th Champions Trophy (Women) hockey tournament defeating India in the finals at Donghae city (South Korea) – **South Korea**

The former Australian cricketer who has been appointed the coach of Australian cricket team in place of Darren Lehmann, who resigned following the ball-tampering scandal in South Africa. – **Justin Langer**

Space

The first high resolution satellite for atmospheric observation launched by China from Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre is named – **Gaofen-5**

Miscellaneous

The web portal and app launched by the Ministry of Power which aims at bringing transparency in power sector of India is named – **Praapti**

The integrated Scheme for school education extending support to States from pre-school to senior secondary levels launched by the Central Govt for the first time in New Delhi is named – **SamagraShiksha**

Russia's first floating nuclear power plant developed by Rosatom which made its maiden voyage in the Arctic Ocean is named – **Akademik Lomonosov**

The commonly used acronym which has been adopted by the Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology to mean "Traditional and non-conventional system of health care and healing which include Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha, Homeoeopathy etc." – **Ayush**

The intellectual property mascot launched by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry for creating awareness about intellectual property crimes is named – **IP Nani**

The investment limit for senior citizens under the Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandan Yojana has been increased from Rs. 7.5 lakhs to – **15 lakhs**

Important Days of May

World Asthma Day: 02 May 2018
Designated by: Global Initiative for Asthma
Theme: It's always the right time to address airways disease
World Press Freedom Day: 03 May 2018
Designated by: UN General Assembly
First Observed in: 1994
Theme: Keeping Power in Check: Media, Justice and the Rule of Law
World Red Cross and Crescent Day: 08 May 2018
Designated by: International Committee of the Red Cross
First Observed in: 1948
Theme: Memorable Smiles from around the World

<p>World Migratory Bird Day: 12 May 2018 Designated by: AEWA Secretariat First Observed in: 2006 Theme: Unifying our voices for bird conservation Note: International Migratory Bird Day started in 1993 is observed in Canada, Mexico, US and Central America.</p>
<p>International Nurses Day: 12 May 2018 Designated by: International Council of Nurses Theme: Nurses: A voice to lead - Health is a human right</p>
<p>International Day of Families: 15 May 2018 Designated by: UN General Assembly Theme: Families and Inclusive Societies First Observed in: 1994</p>
<p>World Telecommunication and Information Society Day: 17 May 2018 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly Theme: Enabling Positive Use of Artificial Intelligence for All First Observed in: 2007</p>
<p>International Day for Biological Diversity: 22 May 2018 Designated by: UN General Assembly Theme: Celebrating 25 years of action for biodiversity First Observed in: 2001</p>
<p>World Turtle Day: 23 May 2018 Designated by: American Tortoise Rescue First Observed in: 2000</p>
<p>International Day for UN Peacekeepers: 29 May 2018 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First Observed in: 2003 Theme: UN Peacekeepers: 70 Years of Service and Sacrifice</p>
<p>World No Tobacco Day: 31 May 2018 Designated by: World Health Organisation First Observed in: 1987 Theme: Tobacco and heart disease</p>

Visitor's Award 2018

Visitor's Award for Research in the field of Basic and Applied Science: 1. Prof. Sanjay K. Jain, Department of Pharmaceutical Science, Dr Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar, Madhya Pradesh, for his contribution to the development of a drug delivery system using folic acid conjugated liposomes containing oxaliplatin for targeted delivery of colon tumors and 2. Prof. Ashis Kumar Mukherjee, Department of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, Tezpur University, Assam, for his research leading to clarity on the molecular complexity and toxicity of the components of the snake venom from different locales of India.

Visitor's Award for Research in the field of Humanities, Arts and Social Science: Prof. Pramod K Nayar, Department of English, School of Humanities, University of Hyderabad, Telangana, for his research and

publications particularly covering the important areas of poetry for the underprivileged, memoirs and fiction, the Bhopal gas tragedy and other episodes.

Visitor's Award for Technology Development: Prof. Ashwani Pareek, School of Life Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, for developing Stress Tolerant Rice of the Next Generation (STRONG).

Note: The President of India is the Visitor of all Central Universities. Visitors awards were instituted by the former President Shri Pranab Mukherjee in 2015.

[Dadasaheb Phalke Foundation Awards 2018](#)

Best Actor: **Akshay Kumar**

Best Actress: **Bhumi Pednekar**

Best Singer Male: **Armaan Malik**

Best Singer Female: **Neeti Mohan**

Lifetime Achievement Award: **Rakesh Roshan**

Saraswati Dadasaheb Phalke Best Actress Award (Lifetime): **Farida Jalal**

Most Versatile Actress: **Manisha Koirala**

Most entertaining film: **Sonu ki Titu ki Sweety**

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Palm d'Or: **Shoplifters** directed by Hirokazu Kore-Eda

Best Actor: **Marcello Fonte** for Dogman

Best Director: **Pawel Pawlikowski** for Cold War

Best Actress: **Samal Yeslyamova** for My Little Onek

[New Governors of States](#)

Odisha: Ganeshi Lal

Mizoram: Kummanam Rajasekharan

[CEAT Cricket Awards 2018](#)

CEAT International Cricketer of the Year : **Virat Kohli**

CEAT International Batsman of the Year : **Shikhar Dhawan**

CEAT International Bowler of the Year : **Trent Boult**

CEAT T20 Bowler of the Year : **Rashid Khan**

CEAT T20 Batsman of the Year : **Colin Munro**

CEAT Outstanding Innings of the Year : **Harmanpreet Kaur**

CEAT Domestic Player of The Year : **Mayank Agarwal**

CEAT U 19 Player of The Year : **Shubhman Gill**

CEAT Popular Choice Award : **Chris Gayle**

CEAT Lifetime Achievement Award : **Farokh Engineer**

Everest Achievers 2018

First Indian father-daughter to climb Mt Everest: **Ajeet Bajaj and Deeya**

Oldest Indian woman to climb Mt Everest: **Sangeeta Bahl**

Most number of times scaling of Mt Everest: **Kami Rita Sherpa** (22 times)

Indian Premier League 2018

Held from : 7 April to 27 May 2018

Participants : 8 teams

Winners : **Chennai Super Kings**

Runners up : **Sunrisers Hyderabad**

Player of the series (Most Valuable Player) : **Sunil Naraine** (KKR)

Leading run scorer (Orange Cap) : **Kane Williamson** (SRH)

Leading wicket taker (Purple Cap) : **Andrew Tye** (KXIP)

Emerging Player of the tournament : **Rishabh Pant** (DD)

Media rights purchased by : Star Sports

IPL Fairplay Award : Mumbai Indians

Opening and Final match played at : **Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai**

Number of times CSK has won the trophy : **3** times (2010, 2011 and 2018)

BCCI Annual Awards

Col CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award (2016-17): **Pankaj Roy**

Col CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award (2017-18): **Anshuman Gaekwad**

BCCI Lifetime Achievement Award (Women) (2016-17): **Diana Eduljee**

BCCI Lifetime Achievement Award (Women) (2017-18): **Sudha Shah**

BCCI Special award (2016-17): **Abbas Ali Baig and Naren Tamhane**

BCCI Special award (2017-18): **Budhi Kunderan**

Cabinet Reshuffle

Finance Minister: Shri Piyush Goyal (in addition to Coal, Railway, Corporate Affairs)

Information and Broadcasting Minister: Rajyavardhan Rathore (in addition to Youth Affairs and Sports)

REPLACE action package by WHO

Launched by: World Health Organization

Aim: to eliminate industrially-produced trans-fatty acids from global food supply.

Risk of Transfats: WHO estimates that every year, trans fat intake leads to more than 500,000 deaths of people from cardiovascular disease. Industrially-produced trans fats are contained in hardened vegetable fats, such as margarine and ghee, and are often present in snack food, baked foods, and fried foods. Manufacturers often use them as they have a longer shelf life than other fats.

REPLACE provides six strategic actions to ensure the prompt, complete, and sustained elimination of industrially-produced trans fats from the food supply:

REview dietary sources of industrially-produced trans fats and the landscape for required policy change.

Promote the replacement of industrially-produced trans fats with healthier fats and oils.

Legislate or enact regulatory actions to eliminate industrially-produced trans fats.

Assess and monitor trans fats content in the food supply and changes in trans fat consumption in the population.

Create awareness of the negative health impact of trans fats among policy makers, producers, suppliers, and the public.

Enforce compliance of policies and regulations.

Passing away of EC George Sudharshan (14.05.18)

Theoretical Physicist at: University of Texas

Awards: Padma Vibhushan (2007), CV Raman Award (1970)

Known for: V-A theory of weak interactions and Sudarshan-Glauber representation in quantum optics.
Recommended for Nobel prize several times but never awarded.

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