

CURRENT AFFAIRS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2020

Awards

The Indian military officer who has been chosen to be awarded the United Nations Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award (2019) – **Major Suman Gawani**

Defence

The operation launched by the Indian Navy as a part of national effort to repatriate Indian citizens from other countries – **Operation Samudra Setu**

Persons

The well-known astrologer and astrology columnist who passed away on 29 May 2020 – **Bejan Daruwalla**

The Indian economist who has been appointed by the World Bank to a key position on climate change and disaster management in South Asia – **Abhas Jha**

The Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare who has been elected as the Chair of the Executive Board of World Health Organization for the year 2020-21 replacing Dr Hiroki Nakatani of Japan – **Dr. Harsh Vardhan**

Places

The country which has become the first European nation to declare an end of corona virus outbreak – **Slovenia**

The state which has launched the FIR Aapke Dwar Yojana, a facility to lodge and FIR without visiting the police station, thus becoming the first state in the country to do so – **Madhya Pradesh**

The city in which leakage of styrene gas from the LG Polymers chemical plant killed 13 people and affected more than 1000 people – **Visakhapatnam**

Sports

Indian hockey legend and part of gold medal winning team at London, Helsinki and Melbourne who passed away on 25 May 2020 – **Balbir Singh Sr.**

The Indian tennis player who has become the first from the country to win International Tennis Federation's Fed Cup Heart Award for Asia/Oceania zone for her successful return to the court post-motherhood – **Sania Mirza**

The legendary footballer and recipient of Padma Shri, Arjuna Award, Banga Bibhushan who passed away on 30 April 2020 – **Chuni Goswami**

Miscellaneous

The super cyclonic storm which originated in Bay of Bengal near Sri Lanka and made landfall in West Bengal causing large scale loss of lives and property was named – **Amphan**

The programme launched by Ministry of Tribal Affairs to provide mentorship to tribal youth through digital mode is named – **GOAL (Going Online As Leaders)**

The mission under which India has despatched Food Items, COVID related Medicines including HCQ Tablets and Special Ayurvedic Medicines to Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles, Madagascar and Comoros – **Mission SAGAR**

The new currency which is equal to 10,000 rials, introduced by Iran after a sharp fall in the value of the currency as a result of crippling U.S. sanctions is named – **Toman**

The theme of virtual summit of Non-Aligned Movement held on 04 May 2020 under the chairmanship of President of Republic of Azerbaijan HE Ilham Aliyev – **We are together against COVID-19**

The agricultural product from Kashmir which has been granted GI (Geographical Indication) tag by GI Registry – **Saffron**

Shri Ajit Jogi

Born: 29 April 1946

Death: 29 May 2020

Former IAS officer. **First Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh** from its formation on 09 November 2000 to 06 December 2003. Also MP of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha before becoming CM.

Nikkei Asia Prize 2020

Business and Innovation category: Anthony Tan and Tan Hooi Ling (Malaysia). Founders of Grab, which started as a ride-hailing app operator but whose business has rapidly expanded to food and grocery delivery services and cashless payment solutions.

Science and Technology category: **Thalappil Pradeep** (Professor at IIT, Madras, India). He developed the world's first filters for drinking water that incorporate the deionizing technology he established. The filters help supply clean water for 2 paisa (0.03 cents) per liter in India.

Culture and Community category: Ram Prasad Kadel, Nepal, curator of the Music Museum of Nepal. He opened a private museum in Kathmandu that features his collection of musical instruments.

Important Days of May

World Press Freedom Day: 03 May 2020

Designated by: UN General Assembly

First Observed in: 1994

Theme: Journalism without Fear and Favour

<p>World Asthma Day: 05 May 2020 (1st Tuesday of May) Designated by: Global Initiative for Asthma Theme: Hold your breath First observed in: 1998 Note: World Asthma Day will be observed on 05 May every year from 2020 onwards.</p>
<p>International Day of Vesak: 07 May 2020 (Full Moon day of May every year) Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First Observed in: 2000</p>
<p>World Red Cross and Crescent Day: 08 May 2020 Designated by: International Committee of the Red Cross First Observed in: 1948</p>
<p>World Migratory Bird Day: 11 May 2020 Designated by: AEW Secretariat First Observed in: 2006 Theme: Birds connect our world</p>
<p>International Nurses Day: 12 May 2020 Designated by: International Council of Nurses Theme: Nurses: A voice to lead - Nursing the World to Health</p>
<p>International Day of Families: 15 May 2020 Designated by: UN General Assembly Theme: Families in Development: Copenhagen and Beijing + 25 First Observed in: 1994</p>
<p>World Telecommunication and Information Society Day: 17 May 2020 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly Theme: Connect 2030: ICTs for Sustainable Development Goals First Observed in: 2007</p>
<p>International Day for Biological Diversity: 22 May 2020 Designated by: UN General Assembly Theme: Our Solutions are in Nature First Observed in: 2001</p>
<p>International Day for UN Peacekeepers: 29 May 2020 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First Observed in: 2003 Theme: Women in Peacekeeping: A Key to Peace</p>
<p>World No Tobacco Day: 31 May 2020 Designated by: World Health Organisation First Observed in: 1987 Focus: Tobacco and related industry tactics to attract younger generations</p>

Pulitzer Prize 2020

Category : Feature Photography

Winners: **Channi Anand, Mukhtar Khan and Dar Yasin** of **Associated Press**

Citation: For striking images captured during a communications blackout in Kashmir depicting life in the contested territory after India stripped it of its semi-autonomy.

Geographical Indication Tags

Sohrai Khovar painting: **Jharkhand**

Telai RumaI: **Telangana**

Abbreviations in News

GARUD - Government Authorisation for Relief Using Drones

SAGAR - Security and Growth for All in the Region

CIPET - Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering and Technology (renamed from Central Institute of Plastics Engineering & Technology.)

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