

CURRENT AFFAIRS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2021

Awards

The Indian scientist who has been awarded the Energy Frontiers Award 2020 by the Rome based multinational oil and gas company Eni – **Prof CNR Rao**

The Indian activist who has been chosen for the 2021 Whitley Awards for his efforts in preserving rare Amur falcons – **Y. Nuklu Phom**

The global nutrition expert (dual national of Trinidad and Tobago and Denmark) who has been chosen for the 2021 World Food Prize for trailblazing research on small native fish species in Bangladesh – **Dr Shakuntala Haraksingh Thilsted**

Defence

The first destroyer of Indian Navy, built in Russia under the name Nadezhny which was decommissioned at Naval Dockyard in Visakhapatnam – **INS Rajput**

Persons - Obituaries

The veteran journalist, freedom fighter and activist who passed away on 26 May 2021 in Bengaluru – **Shri HS Doreswamy**

The veteran cardiologist and former national president of Indian Medical Association and also the recipient of BC Roy Award and Padma Shri, who passed away on 17.05.2021 – **Dr. KK Aggarwal**

The former Chief Minister of Rajasthan and former Governor of Haryana and Bihar who passed away on 19 May 2021 – **Shri Jagannath Pahadia**

The well-known philanthropist and Chairperson of Times Group who passed away on 13 May 2021 – **Smt Indu Jain**

The Rajya Sabha MP and well-known sculptor, recipient of Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan, who passed away on 09.05.2021 – **Shri Raghunath Mohapatra**

The veteran music composer, winner of Sangeet Natak Akademi Award and Padma Shri who passed away on 07.05.2021 – **Shri Vanraj Bhatia**

The founder and chief of the Rashtriya Lok Dal and son of former Prime Minister of India late Chaudhary Charan Singh who passed away on 06 May 2021 – **Shri Ajit Singh**

The freedom fighter and former personal secretary of Mahatma Gandhi who passed away on 04 May 2021 at the age of 99 years – **Shri V Kalyanam**

The former Lt Governor of Delhi and Goa and former Governor of Jammu and Kashmir who passed away on 03 May 2021 – **Shri Jagmohan**

The well-known sitar maestro, recipient of Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan who passed away on 01 May 2021 – **Pandit Devabrata Chaudhuri**

Persons - Others

The IPS officer of 1985 batch who has been appointed the Director of Central Bureau of Investigation – **Shri Subodh Kumar Jaiswal**

The contestant from Mexico who has been crowned Miss Universe 2020 at the beauty pageant held in Hollywood, Florida on 16 May 2021 – **Miss Andrea Meza**

Sports

The present President of International Hockey Federation who has been re-elected for the second term till 2024 – **Narinder Batra**

The sherpa guide from Nepal who has broken his own record of climbing Mt Everest by doing it for the 25th time – **Kami Rita**

The English professional snooker player who has won the 2021 World Snooker Championship held in England from 17 April to 03 May 2021 – **Mark Selby**

Places

The Indian state which has approved the setting up of Legislative Council in the State – **West Bengal**

The new and 23rd district created out of Sangrur district in Punjab – **Malerkotla**

Themes

The theme of UN Global Road Safety Week observed from 17 to 23 May 2021 – **Streets for Life #Love30**

The new motto of Go Air airlines which has rebranded itself as Go First airlines – **You Come First**

Miscellaneous

The severe cyclonic storm of Arabian Sea which caused heavy rainfall in Kerala, Karnataka, Goa, Maharashtra and Gujarat and also caused loss of lives and property was named – **Cyclone Tauktae**

The severe cyclonic storm which arose in Bay of Bengal and made landfall in Odisha caused destruction of crops in Odisha, West Bengal and Jharkhand was named – **Yaas**

The Prime Minister's Scheme for mentoring young authors launched by the Ministry of Education is named – **YUVA**

Covid-19

The mission launched by Indian Navy for transportation of relief materials like Oxygen tankers for Covid-19 patients is named – **Operation Samudra Setu II**

The antibody detection-based kit developed by Defence Institute of Physiology and Allied Sciences (DIPAS), a laboratory of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is named – **DIPCOVAN**

The dedicated community support helpline operationalised by the Union Ministry of Ayush to provide AYUSH-based approaches and solutions for the challenges raised by Covid-19 – **14443**

Assembly Elections 2021

#	State	Party/Alliance Won	Chief Minister
1.	West Bengal	All India Trinamool Congress	Ms. Mamata Banerjee
2.	Tamil Nadu	Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam	Shri M.K. Stalin
3.	Kerala	Left Democratic Front	Shri P Vijayan
4.	Assam	Bharatiya Janata Party	Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma
5.	Puducherry	All India NR Congress & Bharatiya Janata Party	Shri N Rangaswamy

Shri Sundarlal Bahuguna

Born: 9 January 1927; Passed away: 21 May 2021

Noted Indian environmentalist and Chipko movement leader.

Awards

- 1981: Padma Shri Award
- 1987: Right Livelihood Award (Chipko Movement)
- 1986: Jamnalal Bajaj Award for constructive work.
- 2009: Padma Vibhushan Award

Books Written

- India's Environment: Myth & Reality with Vandana Shiva, Medha Patkar
- Environmental Crisis and Humans at Risk: Priorities for action with Rajiv K.Sinha
- Bhu Prayog Men Buniyadi Parivartan Ki Or (Hindi)
- Dharti Ki Pukar (Hindi)

Vaccines for COVID-19

#	Brand Name	Type	Developed by	Manufactured by
1.	Comirnaty (Tozinameran)	mRNA.	BioNTech (German company)	Pfizer
2.	Vaxzevria, Covishield (AZD1222)	Viral vector	Oxford University and AstraZeneca (British-Swedish MNC)	AstraZeneca at 25 sites including Serum Institute of India
3.	Gam-COVID-Vac, Sputnik-V	Viral Vector	Gamaleya Research Institute	Gamaleya Research Institute, Russia
4.	Janssen COVID-19, Ad26.COVS.2.S	Viral Vector	Janssen Vaccines, Netherlands & Janssen Pharma, Belgium (subsidiaries of Johnson & Johnson, USA)	Johnson & Johnson
5.	COVAXIN	Inactivated Virus	Bharat Biotech, ICMR and National Institute of Virology, India	Bharat Biotech, India
6.	CoronaVac, Sinovac	Inactivated Virus	Sinovac Biotech Ltd, China	Sinovac Biotech (China), Bio Pharma (Indonesia), Instituto Butantan (Brazil)
7.	Moderna COVID-19 vaccine/mRNA-1273	mRNA	Moderna Inc, The US National Inst of Allergy and Infectious Disease (NIAID) and Biomedical Advance Research and Development Authority (BARDA)	Modern Inc (USA)

Important Days of May

<p>World Press Freedom Day: 03 May 2021 Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 1994 Theme: Information as a Public Good</p>
<p>World Asthma Day: 05 May 2021 (1st Tuesday of May) Designated by: Global Initiative for Asthma Theme: Uncovering Asthma Misconceptions First observed in: 1998</p>
<p>World Red Cross and Crescent Day: 08 May 2021 Designated by: International Committee of the Red Cross First Observed in: 1948 Theme: Together we are unstoppable</p>

<p>World Migratory Bird Day: 08 May 2021 Designated by: AEWASecretariat First Observed in: 2006 Theme: Sing, Fly, Soar - Like a Bird</p>
<p>International Nurses Day: 12 May 2021 Designated by: International Council of Nurses Theme: Nurses: A Voice to Lead - A vision for future healthcare</p>
<p>International Day of Families: 15 May 2021 Designated by: UN General Assembly Theme: Families and New Technologies First Observed in: 1994</p>
<p>World Telecommunication and Information Society Day: 17 May 2021 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly Theme: Accelerating digital transformation in challenging times First Observed in: 2007</p>
<p>International Day for Biological Diversity: 22 May 2021 Designated by: UN General Assembly Theme: We're part of the solution #ForNature First Observed in: 2001</p>
<p>International Day of Vesak: 26 May 2021 (Full Moon day of May every year) Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First Observed in: 2000</p>
<p>International Day for UN Peacekeepers: 29 May 2021 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First Observed in: 2003 Theme: The road to a lasting peace: Leveraging the power of youth for peace and security.</p>
<p>World No Tobacco Day: 31 May 2021 Designated by: World Health Organisation First Observed in: 1987 Focus: Commit to Quit</p>

2021 Laureus Sports Awards

Awarded by Laureus Sport for Good Foundation

1. Sportsman of the Year Award: **Rafael Nadal**
2. Sportswoman of the Year Award: **Naomi Osaka**
3. Team of the Year Award: **Bayern Munich**
4. Breakthrough of the Year Award: **Patrick Mahomes**
5. Comeback of the Year Award: **Max Parrot**
6. Sport for Good Award: **KICKFORMORE by KICKFAIR**
7. Lifetime Achievement Award: **Billie Jean King**
8. Athlete Advocate of the Year Award: **Lewis Hamilton**
9. Sporting Inspiration Award: **Mohamed Salah**

2021 International Booker Prize shortlist

- **At Night All Blood is Black** by David Diop, (translated from French by Anna Moschovakis)
- **The Dangers of Smoking in Bed** by Mariana Enríquez, (translated from Spanish by Megan McDowell)
- **When We Cease to Understand the World** by Benjamín Labatut, (translated from Spanish by Adrian Nathan West)
- **The Employees** by Olga Ravn, (translated from Danish by Martin Aitken)
- **In Memory of Memory** by Maria Stepanova, (translated from Russian by Sasha Dugdale)
- **The War of the Poor** by Éric Vuillard, (translated from French by Mark Polizzotti)

Books in News

Star Gazing – The Players in My Life by **Ravi Shastri**

Abbreviations in News

YUVA: Young, Upcoming and Versatile Authors