

CURRENT AFFAIRS OF MAY 2022

Awards

The book written by Geetanjali Shree which has become the first Hindi book to be awarded the **International Booker Prize** (the book was translated by Daisy Rockwell) – **Tomb of Sand (रेत समाधि)**

The American theoretical physicist, mathematician and 2004 Nobel laureate who has been chosen to be awarded the **2022 Templeton Prize** – **Dr. Frank Anthony Wilczek**

The leading climatologist, agronomist and former farmer from USA, who has been named the 2022 **World Food Prize** Laureate for her pioneering work in modeling the impact of climate change on food production worldwide – **Dr. Cynthia Rosenzweig**

The Indian wildlife conservationist and snow leopard expert who has been awarded the prestigious **Whitley Gold Award 2022** – **Dr. Charu Datt Mishra**

The noted broadcaster, biologist and natural historian who has been awarded the **Champions of the Earth Lifetime Achievement Award** for his dedication to research, documentation, and advocacy by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) – **Sir David Attenborough**

Defence

The army officer from Haryana who has become Indian Army's first woman combat aviator when she graduated from Combat Army Aviation Training School in Nashik – Captain Abhilasha Barak

The Godavari class guided-missile frigate which has been decommissioned after 34 eventful years of service by the Indian Navy at Mumbai – **INS Gomti**

The second of the four Survey Vessels (Large) (SVL) Project being built by GRSE in collaboration with L & T shipbuilding for Indian Navy which was launched on 26 May 22 at Kattupalli, Chennai – **INS Nirdeshak**

The third edition of bilateral exercise by Indian Navy and Bangladesh Navy held at Port Mongla, Bangladesh from 24 May 22 to 27 May 22 is named – **Ex Bongosagar**

Persons

The well-known playback singer of songs in number of languages who passed away on 31 May 2022 – **KK (Krishnakumar Kunnath)**

The former Chief Justice of Jharkhand and judicial member of Lokpal who has been appointed the Acting Chairperson of Lokpal following the completion of term of Justice Pinaki Chandra Bose – **Justice Pradip Kumar Mohanty**

The Indian singer, rapper, songwriter, actor and congress leader associated with Punjabi music and Punjabi cinema who was shot dead on 29 May 2022 – **Sidhu Moose Wala (Shubhdeep Singh Sidhu)**

The Chairperson of Khadi and Village Industries Commission who has been appointed as the new Lt Governor of Delhi with effect from 26 May 2022 – **Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena**

The leader of Australian Labour Party who has been elected as the next Prime Minister of Australia (wef 23.05.2022) succeeding Mr. Scott Morrison – **Mr. Anthony Albanese**

The new Chief Election Commissioner of India who has taken over from Shri Sushil Chandra – **Shri Rajiv Kumar**

The new Chief Minister of Tripura who has been sworn in following the resignation of Shri Biplab Kumar Deb from his post – **Shri Manik Saha**

The new Prime Minister of Sri Lanka who has been appointed following the resignation of Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa – **Mr. Ranil Wickremesinghe**

The former Prosecutor General of South Korea, who has been sworn in as the 13th President of the country on 10 May 2022 – **Mr. Yoon Suk-Yeol**

The mountaineer from Nepal who has set a new record for ascending the Mt Everest maximum number of times by conquering it for the 26th time – **Kami Rita**

The renowned Sanskrit Grammarian, recipient of Padma Shri (2018) who passed away on 12 May 2022 – **Shri Bhagirath Prasad Tripathi (Vagish Shastri)**

The renowned Sanskrit and Hindi scholar, recipient of Padma Shri (2013), Sahitya Akademi Award (2018) and Kalidas Samman, who passed away on 11 May 2022 – **Shri Rama Kant Shukla**

The noted Culture Specialist and Padma Shri (2021) recipient from Odisha who passed away on 08 May 2022 – **Dr. Rajat Kumar Kar**

The mountaineer from Maharashtra who has become the first Indian woman to scale five peaks above 8,000 metres after she scaled Mount Kanchenjunga on 05 May 2022 – **Priyanka Mohite**

Places

The place in Rajasthan where Adani Group has announced the commissioning of India's first wind and solar hybrid power generation plant with a capacity of 390 megawatt – **Jaisalmer**

The Indian state whose tobacco control cell has been chosen to be awarded the WHO's World No Tobacco Day Awards 2022 for the South East Asia Region – **Jharkhand**

The venue of India's biggest Drone Festival - Bharat Drone Mahotsav 2022, inaugurated by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi – **Pragati Maidan, New Delhi**

The town in Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir where India's first **Lavender Festival** was inaugurated by Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh – **Bhaderwah**

The city in which **National Women Legislators Conference 2022** was inaugurated by the President Shri Ram Nath Kovind – **Thiruvananthapuram**

The State in which **Shirui Lily festival** is being organised from 25 to 28 May 2022 – **Manipur**

The venue of 75th World Health Assembly organised by World Health Organisation with the theme Health for Peace, Peace for Health from 22 to 28 May 2022 – **Geneva**

The venue of the fifteenth session of **United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) Conference of Parties** held from 09 to 20 May 2022, with the theme Land. Life. Legacy: From scarcity to prosperity and attended by Union Minister Shri Bhupender Yadav from India – **Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire**

Sports

The Indian wrestler who has been banned for life by the Wrestling Federation of India for violence against the referee in CWG trials – **Satender Malik**

The former Australian cricket all-rounder who passed away on 14 May 2022 – **Andrew Symonds**

The English player who has won the 2022 World Snooker Championships defeating compatriot Judd Trump in the finals – **Ronnie O'Sullivan**

The team which has won the **Santosh Trophy 2021-22** (7th title) defeating West Bengal in the finals at Manjeri Stadium, Mallapuram, Kerala – **Kerala**

Miscellaneous

The sanctuary in Rajasthan which has been notified as India's 52nd Tiger Reserve and 4th in Rajasthan – **Ramgarh Vishdhari Sanctuary**

The place at which scientists have discovered the fossil of a Madtsoiidae snake, which sheds fresh light on the prevalence and existence of this rare serpent species in the Indian subcontinent – **Ladakh**

The theme of International Thalesaemia Day being observed on 08 May 2022 by Thalesaemia International Federation – **Be Aware, Share, Care: Working with the global community as one to improve thalassaemia knowledge**

The tallest statue in the world which has been included in the 8 Wonders of SCO list by the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation – **Statue of Unity**

Global Air Power Rankings 2022

Released by: World Directory of Modern Military Aircraft (WDMMA)

Rank	Force	Aircraft	TvR (TruevalueRating)
1.	US Air Force	5091	242.9
2.	US Navy	2626	142.4
3.	Russian Air Force	3829	114.2
4.	US Army Aviation	4328	112.6
5.	US Marine Corps	1211	85.3
6.	Indian Air Force	1645	69.4
7.	PLA Air Force	2040	63.8

TIME's 100 Most Influential People 2022

Indians in the List

Person	Category
Karuna Nundy	Leaders
Khurram Pervez	Leaders
Gautam Adani	Titans

WHO Global Health Leaders Awards 2022

Recipients

1. Dr. Paul Farmer - Co-founder of Partners-in-Health, an international non-profit organisation
2. Dr. Ahmed Hankir - British-Lebanese psychiatrist
3. Ms Ludmila Sofia Oliveira Varela - A youth sports advocate from Cabo Verde
4. Polio workers in Afghanistan
5. **ASHA Workers from India**
6. Mr Yōhei Sasakawa - WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination

Thomas Cup and Uber Cup 2022

Venue: **Bangkok**, Thailand

Dates: 08 to 15 May 2022

Teams participated: 16 each for Thomas Cup and Uber Cup

Winners of Thomas Cup (Men): **India**

Runners-up of Thomas Cup: **Indonesia**

Indian team (men) - Singles: Lakshya Sen, Kidambi Srikanth, HS Prannoy, Priyanshu Rajawat.

Indian team (men) - Doubles: Satwiksairaj Rankireddy, Chirag Shetty, M.R Arjun, Dhruv Kapila, Krishna Prasad Garaga, Vishnuvardhan Goud Panjala.

Winner of Uber Cup (Women): **South Korea**

Runners-up of Uber Cup: **China**

(Indian team lost in the quarter-finals to Thailand.)

24th Summer Deaflympics 2021

Held from: 01 May to 15 May 2022

Venue: **Caxias do Sul** (Brazil)

Motto: **Sports comes from our hearts**

Medals Tally

#	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1.	Ukraine	62	38	38	138
2.	USA	20	11	24	55
3.	Iran	14	12	14	40
9.	India	8	1	8	17

Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma

Born: 13 Jan 1938 - Passed away: 10 May 2022

Indian classical musician and santoor player

Awards: Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1986); Padma Shri (1991); Padma Bhushan (2001)

Composed music for films jointly with Hariprasad Chaurasia in the name of Shiv-Hari duo. Some of the films are **Silsila, Faasle, Chandni, Darr**

Notable albums: Call of the Valley; The Valley Recalls; Essential Evening Chants

World Press Freedom Index 2022

Released by: Reporters without Borders

#	Name	#	Name
1.	Norway	76.	Nepal
2.	Denmark	150.	India
3.	Sweden	157.	Pakistan
4.	Estonia	162.	Bangladesh
5.	Finland	146.	Sri Lanka

Yog Utsav Countdown to International Yoga Day 21.06.2022

#	Countdown Day	Date	Venue
1.	100th day	13 March 2022	Vigyan Bhavan, Delhi
2.	75th day	07 April 2022	Red Fort, Delhi
3.	50th day	02 May 2022	Shivsagar, Assam
4.	25th day	27 May 2022	Hyderabad, Telangana

Important Days of May

<p>World Press Freedom Day: 03 May 2022 Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 1994 Theme: Journalism under Digital Siege</p>
<p>World Asthma Day: 03 May 2022 (1st Tuesday of May) Designated by: Global Initiative for Asthma Theme: Closing Gaps in Asthma Care First observed in: 1998</p>
<p>World Red Cross and Crescent Day: 08 May 2022 Designated by: International Committee of the Red Cross First Observed in: 1948 Theme: #BeHumanKind</p>
<p>International Nurses Day: 12 May 2022 Designated by: International Council of Nurses Theme: Nurses: A Voice to Lead - Invest in Nursing and respect rights to secure global health</p>
<p>World Migratory Bird Day: 14 May 2022 Designated by: AEWA Secretariat First Observed in: 2006 Theme: Light Pollution Slogan: Dim the Lights for Birds at Night</p>
<p>International Day of Families: 15 May 2022 Designated by: UN General Assembly Theme: Families and Urbanization First Observed in: 1994</p>
<p>International Day of Vesak: 16 May 2022 (Full Moon day of May every year) Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First Observed in: 2000</p>
<p>World Telecommunication and Information Society Day: 17 May 2022 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly Theme: Digital Technologies for Older Persons and Healthy Ageing First Observed in: 2007</p>
<p>World Bee Day: 20 May 2022 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First Observed in: 2018 Theme: Bee Engaged: Celebrating the diversity of bees and beekeeping systems</p>

<p>World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development: 21 May 2022 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First Observed in: 2003</p>
<p>International Day for Biological Diversity: 22 May 2022 Designated by: UN General Assembly Theme: Building a Shared Future for all Life First Observed in: 2001</p>
<p>World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development: 21 May 2022 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First Observed in: 2003</p>
<p>International Day for UN Peacekeepers: 29 May 2022 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First Observed in: 2003 Theme: People. Peace. Progress. The Power of Partnerships</p>
<p>World No Tobacco Day: 31 May 2022 Designated by: World Health Organisation First Observed in: 1987 Focus: Tobacco: Threat to our environment</p>

[75th Cannes Film Festival 2022](#)

Venue: **Cannes, France**

Dates: 17 to 28 May 2022

Palm d'Or: **Triangle of Sadness** by Ruben Ostlund

Best Director: **Park Chan-wook** for **Decision to Leave**

Best Actress: **Zar Amir Ebrahimi** for **Holy Spider**

Best Actor: **Song Kang-ho** for **Broker**

Honorary Palme d'Or: **Forest Whitaker and Tom Cruise**

L'Œil d'or: **All That Breathes** (documentary) by **Shaunak Sen**

[TATA IPL 2022](#)

Held from 26 Mar to 29 May 2022

Winners: **Gujarat Titans**

Runners-up: **Rajasthan Royals**

Teams: 10

Player of the Series: **Jos Buttler** (Rajasthan Royals)

Most Runs: **Jos Buttler** (Rajasthan Royals)

Most Wickets: **Yuzvendra Chahal** (Rajasthan Royals)

Final played at: **Narendra Modi Stadium**, Ahmedabad

Player of the final match: **Hardik Pandya** (Gujarat Titans)

Travel and Tourism Competitiveness Index 2021

Released by: World Economic Forum

Rank	Country	Rank	Country
1	Japan	12	China
2	USA	54	India
3	Spain	74	Sri Lanka

Sangeeta Kalanidhi Awards

Awarded by: Music Academy, Chennai

Year	Recipient	Field
2020	Neyveli Santhanagopalan	Vocalist, Composer
2021	Thiruvarur Bakthavathsalam	Mridangam player
2022	Lalgudi GJR Krishnan and Lalgudi Vijayalakshmi	Violinists

2022 IBA Women's World Boxing Championships

Held from: 08 May to 20 May 2022

Venue: Istanbul, Turkey

Medals Tally

#	Country	Gold	Silver	Broze	Total
1.	Turkey	5	0	2	7
2.	Ireland	2	0	0	2
3.	Canada	1	1	0	2
4.	India	1	0	2	3

Gold medal for India was won by **Nikhath Zareen** in the Flyweight category

Bronze medals for India were won by **Manisha Moun** in Featherweight category and **Parveen Hooda** in Light Welterweight category.

Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

Important points

- Born: 07 Sep 1948; Passed away: 13 May 2022
- **Second President of UAE** from 03 November 2004 till his death
- Burj Khalifa is named in his honour
- Succeeded by his brother Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan

Pulitzer Prizes 2022

Awardees in important categories

#	Category	Winner
1.	Public Service	The Washington Post for covering the assault on Capitol on January 6, 2021.
2.	Feature Photography	Adnan Abidi, Sanna Irshad Mattoo, Amit Dave and Late Danish Siddiqui of Reuters, for images of COVID toll in India
3.	Special Citations	Journalists of Ukraine

Life Insurance Corporation of India IPO

Highlights

- Size of LIC IPO: 221.8 million shares.
- Percentage of stake for sale: 3.5%
- Price band: Rs. 902 to 949 per share
- Discount to policy holders: Rs. 60
- Discount to retail investors: Rs. 40
- The issue was oversubscribed by 2.95 times on the closing day.

Amrit Sarovar Mission

Important points

1. The mission was launched by the Prime Minister on 24th April 2022 with a view to conserve water for the future
2. The Mission is aimed at developing and rejuvenating 75 water bodies in each district of the country as a part of celebration of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.
3. In total, it would lead to creation of 50,000 water bodies of a size of about an Acre or more.
4. Six ministries/departments namely - Dept of Rural Development, Department of land resources, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Department of Water resources, Ministry of

Panchayati Raj, Ministry of Forest, Environment and Climate changes would be involved in implementing this mission.

5. Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Application and Geo-informatics(BISAG-N) has been engaged as Technical partner for the Mission.
6. The Mission Amrit Sarovar is to be completed by 15th August 2023.
7. Local freedom fighter, their family members, Martyr's family members, Padma Awardee and citizens of the local area wherein an Amrit Sarovar is to be constructed, will be engaged at all stages.
8. On every 15th August, National Flag hoisting will be organised on every Amrit Sarovar site.
9. So far, 12,241 sites are finalised for construction of Amrit Sarovars by States/Districts, out of which works has started on 4,856 Amrit Sarovars.
10. India's first Amrit Sarovar was inaugurated in Patwai, Rampur (Uttar Pradesh) on 13 May 2022 by the Union Minister Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi.

State of Inequality in India Report

Released by **Dr Bibek Debroy**, Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM)

Compiled by **The Institute for Competitiveness**

The Report is in 2 parts - 1. Economic Facets of Inequality 2. Socio-Economic Manifestations

1. Economic Facets of Inequality

Data basis: **Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) 2019-20** carried out by National Statistical Office under Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.

Important Points

1. The annual cumulative wages of India is around Rs. 18,69,91,00,000 (Rs. 1869.91 crores).
2. The top 1% earned nearly Rs. 1,27,48,00,000 (Rs. 127.48 crores) while the bottom 10% earned Rs. 32,10,00,000 (Rs. 32.10 crores) indicating that the top 1% earns THRICE as much as the bottom 10%.
3. Top 10% earns 32.52% of the total income.
4. In 2019-20, 20.71% were casual workers, 45.78% were self-employed and 33.50 were regular salaried.
5. A monthly salary of minimum Rs 25,000 (Rs 300,000 yearly) is amongst the top 10% of the total wages earned.
6. Nearly 15% of the entire workforce earns less than Rs. 50,000 p.a. (less than Rs. 5,000 per month).
7. The overall Labour Force Participation Rate (above 15 years) for 2019-20 is 53.5%.
8. The Male Labour Force Participation Rate for 2019-20 is 76.8% and the Female Labour Force Participation Rate is 30%.
9. In 2019-20, WPR (for 15 years and above) was 50.9%.

10. The country's unemployment rate for 2019-20 was 4.8%.
11. Nagaland has the highest UR of 25.8% and Lakshadweep has a UR of 13.7% for 2019-20, the highest for states and UTs respectively.
12. Note: Worker Population Ratio (WPR) and the Unemployment Rate (UR).
13. WPR can be defined as the percentage of employed persons in the population, and the Unemployment Rate is measured as the percentage of persons unemployed among the persons in the labour force.

Khelo India University Games 2021

Venue: **Bengaluru**

#	University	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1.	Jain University	20	7	5	32
2.	Lovely Professional University	17	15	19	51
3.	Panjab University	15	9	24	48

QUAD SUMMIT 2022

Venue: **Tokyo**

Date: 24 May 2022

Attended by: Prime Minister Anthony Albanese of Australia, Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida of Japan, and President Joe Biden of the United States

Highlights of the Joint Statement issued at the end of the Summit.

1. Steadfast commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific that is inclusive and resilient. Ukraine: Strong resolve to maintain peace and stability in the region.
2. ASEAN: Reaffirm unwavering support for ASEAN unit and centrality.
3. KOREA: Reaffirm commitment to the complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, consistent with United Nations Security Council Resolutions (UNSCRs).
4. MYANMAR: Remain deeply concerned by the crisis in Myanmar, which has caused grave humanitarian suffering and posed challenges to regional stability.
5. TERRORISM: Condemn unequivocally terrorism and violent extremism in all its forms and manifestations and reiterate that there can be no justification for acts of terror on any grounds whatsoever.
6. **COVID-19 and Global Health Security:** Commit, as members of the Group of Friends of UHC, to take global leadership to further strengthen and reform the global health architecture for enhancing PPR and promoting UHC in the lead up to the UN High Level Meeting on UHC to be held in 2023. **Climate:** To steadfastly implement the Paris Agreement and deliver on the outcomes of COP26.

7. Launch of "**Quad Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Package (Q-CHAMP)**" with "mitigation" and "adaptation" as its two themes. Q-CHAMP includes ongoing activities under the Quad Climate Working Group on: green shipping and ports aiming for a shared green corridor framework building on each Quad country's input; clean energy cooperation in clean hydrogen and methane emissions from the natural gas sector.
Cybersecurity: Recognize an urgent need to take a collective approach to enhancing cybersecurity.
Quad Fellowship: Official launch of the Quad Fellowship, which will bring 100 students from India, Japan and Australia to the United States each year to pursue graduate degrees in STEM fields, and is administered by Schmidt Futures. The first class of Quad Fellows will begin their studies in the third quarter of 2023.
8. **Space:** Each Quad partner will endeavor to improve public access to Earth observation satellite data and applications.
9. **Maritime Domain Awareness and HADR:** Establishment of the "Quad Partnership on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) in the Indo-Pacific". This Partnership will further strengthen the collaboration to effectively respond to disasters in the region.

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