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## **CURRENT AFFAIRS OF MAY 2026**

### **Awards**

The European nations which have conferred their highest civilian awards on the Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi during his visit to the countries recently – **Sweden and Norway**

The international organisation which has conferred the Agricola Medal 2026 on the Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in recognition of his exceptional leadership to address food security, sustainable agriculture and rural development in India and at the global level – **Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO)**

### **Persons**

The renowned Urdu poet, Padma Shri, Sangeet Natak Akademi and Sahitya Akademi award recipient, who passed away on 28 May 2026 – **Bashir Badr**

The former Union Minister and two times Chief Minister of Uttarakhand who passed away on 19 May 2026 – **Maj Gen BC Khanduri (Retd), AVSM**

The former Prasar Bharati CEO who has been appointed chairperson of the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) succeeding Shri Prasoon Joshi – **Shashi Shekhar Vempati**

The noted lyricist, writer and communications expert who has been appointed as the Chairman of Prasar Bharati, India's public service broadcaster – **Shri Prasoon Joshi**

### **Sports**

The athlete from Indian Navy who has become the first Indian to breach the 10.10 second barrier in a 100 m dash by doing it in 10.09 seconds in National Senior Athletics Federation Competition in Ranchi – **Gurindervir Singh**

The Nepali sherpa who has scaled Mount Everest for the 11th time, breaking her own record for the most climbs up the world's tallest peak by a woman – **Ms. Lakhpa Sherpa**

The Nepali sherpa who has scaled Mount Everest for the 32st time, breaking his own record for the most climbs up the world's tallest peak by a man – **Kami Rita Sherpa**

The country which has won the 2026 Uber Cup badminton championship held in Horsens, Denmark by defeating China in the finals – **South Korea**

The country which has won the 2026 Thomas Cup badminton championship held in Horsens, Denmark by defeating France in the finals – **China**

### **Defence**

The multilateral military exercise conducted by India at Umroi Military Station, Meghalaya, from May 19 to June 1, 2026 with the participation from 12 friendly nations, namely Bhutan, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Seychelles, Sri Lanka and Vietnam is named – **PRAGATI 2026**

The Flag Officer who has appointed as the next Chief of Naval Staff to take over office on 31 May 2026 – **Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, AVSM, VSM**

The General Officer who has been appointed as the next Chief of Defence Staff to take over office from 30 May 2026 – **Lt Gen NS Raja Subramani, PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM (Retd)**

The second edition of India - Cambodia Bilateral Military Exercise conducted at Techo Sen Phnom Thom Mreas Prov Royal Cambodian Air Force Training Centre (Camp Basil), Kampong Speu Province, Kingdom of Cambodia from 04 to 17 May 2026 is named – **CINBAX-II 2026**

### **Places**

The Indian state which has become the first in the north-eastern part of India and third in the country to pass the Uniform Civil Code bill – **Assam**

The State which has offered an incentive of Rs. 30000 and Rs.40000 for the birth of third and fourth child to address declining population growth – **Andhra Pradesh**

The country which has returned Chola era copper plates to India during Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's visit to the country – **Netherlands**

The Indian state which has been officially declared as the first paperless judiciary state on 01 May 2026 by the Chief Justice Surya Kant – **Sikkim**

The country which has announced its decision to quit the OPEC (Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) with effect from 01 May 2026 – **United Arab Emirates**

### **Miscellaneous**

The fort in Rajsamand district of Rajasthan which has been recognised by the UNESCO as the world's second longest continuous intact wall after the Great Wall of China – **Kumbhalgarh Fort**

The Mandarin novel written by Taiwanese writer Yang Shuang-zi which has been chosen for the 2026 International Booker Prize – **Taiwan Travelogue**

The new rate of import duty on gold and silver as announced by the Government of India to conserve foreign exchange and curb imports (old rate 6%) – **15%**

The dam over Narmada river in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh on which a cruise boat capsized killing over 13 people – **Bargi dam**

### Important Days of May

<b>World Press Freedom Day: 03 May 2025</b> Theme: <b>Shaping a Future at Peace</b> Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 1994
<b>World Red Cross and Crescent Day: 08 May 2025</b> Theme: <b>United in Humanity</b> Designated by: International Committee of the Red Cross First Observed in: 1948
<b>World Asthma Day: 06 May 2025 (1st Tuesday of May)</b> Theme: <b>Access to anti-inflammatory inhalers for everyone with asthma – still an urgent need</b> Designated by: Global Initiative for Asthma First Observed in: 1998
<b>World Migratory Bird Day: 09 May 2025</b> Theme: <b>Every Bird Counts – Your Observations Matter!</b> Designated by: AEWASecretariat First Observed in: 2006
<b>International Nurses Day: 12 May 2025</b> Theme: <b>Our Nurses. Our Future. Empowered Nurses Save Lives</b> Designated by: International Council of Nurses First Observed in: 1974
<b>International Day of Families: 15 May 2025</b> Theme: <b>Families, Inequalities and Child Wellbeing</b> Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 1994
<b>World Telecommunication and Information Society Day: 17 May 2025</b> Theme: <b>Digital lifelines: Strengthening resilience in a connected world</b> Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 2007

<p><b>World Hypertension Day:</b> 17 May 2025  Theme: <b>Controlling Hypertension Together!</b>  Designated by: World Hypertension League  First Observed in: 2005</p>
<p><b>World Bee Day:</b> 20 May 2025  Theme: <b>Bee together for people and the planet</b>  Designated by: UN General Assembly  First Observed in: 2018</p>
<p><b>World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development:</b> 21 May 2025  Designated by: UN General Assembly  First Observed in: 2003</p>
<p><b>International Day for Biological Diversity:</b> 22 May 2025  Theme: <b>Acting locally for global impact</b>  Designated by: UN General Assembly  First Observed in: 2001</p>
<p><b>World Football Day:</b> 25 May 2025  Designated by: UN General Assembly  First Observed in: 2024</p>
<p><b>International Day for UN Peacekeepers:</b> 29 May 2025  Theme: <b>Invest in Peace</b>  Designated by: UN General Assembly  First Observed in: 2003</p>
<p><b>World No Tobacco Day:</b> 31 May 2025  Theme: <b>Unmasking the Appeal - Countering Tobacco and Nicotine Addiction</b>  Designated by: World Health Organisation  First Observed in: 1987</p>
<p><b>World Autism Awareness Day:</b> 02 April 2026  Designated by: UN General Assembly  Theme: <b>Autism and Humanity – Every Life Has Value</b>  First Observed in: 2008</p>
<p><b>International Mine Awareness Day:</b> 04 April 2026  Designated by: United Nations General Assembly  Theme: <b>Invest in Peace, Invest in Mine Action</b>  First Observed in: 2006</p>
<p><b>International Day of Sport for Development and Peace:</b> 06 April 2026  Designated by: United Nations General Assembly  First Observed in: 2014  Theme: <b>Sport: Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers</b></p>
<p><b>World Health Day:</b> 07 April 2026  Designated by: World Health Organisation  Theme: <b>Together for Health. Stand with Science</b>  First Observed in: 1950</p>

<p><b>International Day of Human Space Flight:</b> 12 April 2026          Designated by: UN General Assembly          First Observed in: 2011</p>
<p><b>World Haemophilia Day:</b> 17 April 2026          Designated by: World Federation of Haemophilia          Theme: <b>Diagnosis: First step to care</b>          First Observed in: 1989</p>
<p><b>International Day for Monuments and Sites (World Heritage Day):</b> 18 April 2026          Designated by: UNESCO          First Observed in: 1983          Theme: <b>Disaster and Conflict Resilient Heritage – Preparedness, Response and Recovery</b></p>
<p><b>International Mother Earth Day:</b> 22 April 2026          Designated by: UN General Assembly          First Observed in: 2010          Note: Earth Day was first observed in 1970 in the United States and it went global in 1990. The same day was adopted by the UN in 2009 as the International Mother Earth Day.</p>
<p><b>UN English Language Day:</b> 23 April 2026          Designated by: UN Dept of Public Information          First Observed in: 2010</p>
<p><b>World Malaria Day:</b> 25 April 2026          Designated by: World Health Organisation          First Observed in: 2007          Theme: <b>Driven to End Malaria: Now We Can. Now We Must</b></p>
<p><b>World Intellectual Property Day:</b> 26 April 2026          Designated by: World Intellectual Property Organisation          First Observed in: 2000          Theme: <b>IP and Sports: Ready, Set, Innovate</b></p>
<p><b>World Day for Safety and Health at Work:</b> 28 April 2026          Designated by: International Labour Organisation          First Observed in: 2003</p>

### **New Chief Ministers**

- West Bengal: **Shri Suvendu Adhikari**
- Tamil Nadu: **Shri Joseph Vijay**
- Puducherry: **Shri N Rangaswamy** (2nd consecutive term)
- Assam: **Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma** (2nd consecutive term)
- Kerala: **Shri VD Satheesan**