

## National News

1. Which state announced that caste enumeration will be conducted alongside the national census operations starting in May 2026? A) Bihar

- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Karnataka

**Answer: B) Uttar Pradesh**

**Explanation:** Sheetal Verma, the Director of Census Operations in **Uttar Pradesh**, confirmed on May 2, 2026, that the upcoming census exercise in the state will include **caste enumeration**. This move follows growing national discourse on the need for updated caste-based data for social welfare planning.

2. The Supreme Court of India recently clarified that during "poll time," state and central government officers belong to which authority?

- A) The Prime Minister's Office
- B) The respective State Chief Minister
- C) The Election Commission of India (ECI)
- D) The Ministry of Home Affairs

**Answer: C) The Election Commission of India (ECI)**

**Explanation:** On May 2, 2026, the Supreme Court ruled that it is a "fallacy" to believe government employees owe allegiance to political parties during elections. Once the Model Code of Conduct is in effect, all officers on election duty are deemed to be on **deputation to the ECI** and are subject to its control, superintendence, and discipline.

## International News

3. Which international grouping held a Deputy Foreign Ministers meeting in New Delhi on May 2, 2026, focused on the Gaza humanitarian crisis?

- A) G7
- B) QUAD
- C) BRICS
- D) ASEAN

**Answer: C) BRICS**

**Explanation:** Special envoys and Deputy Foreign Ministers from **BRICS** nations met in New Delhi to discuss the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. They specifically focused on the situation in **Gaza**, reaffirmed support for **UNRWA**, and

condemned attacks against the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL).

4. In May 2026, which country's citizens became the largest migrant community in Australia, surpassing England for the first time?

- A) China
- B) India
- C) New Zealand
- D) Philippines

**Answer: B) India**

**Explanation:** Recent demographic data released in May 2026 shows that **Indians** have officially become the largest migrant group in **Australia**. This shift highlights the rapid growth of skilled migration and the strengthening of the India-Australia "Comprehensive Strategic Partnership."

## Banking & Economics

5. India achieved a historic milestone in GST collections for April 2026. What was the total amount collected?

- A) ₹1.87 Lakh Crore
- B) ₹2.10 Lakh Crore
- C) ₹2.43 Lakh Crore
- D) ₹2.65 Lakh Crore

**Answer: C) ₹2.43 Lakh Crore**

**Explanation:** India's **GST collections** hit a record high of **₹2.43 Lakh Crore** in April 2026 (reported May 2). This 10% year-on-year growth is attributed to increased domestic transactions, robust economic activity, and improved tax compliance.

6. Which digital payment system in India hit a milestone of 24,162 crore transactions in the fiscal year ending 2026?

- A) RTGS
- B) NEFT
- C) UPI
- D) IMPS

**Answer: C) UPI**

**Explanation:** The **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)** cemented its global dominance by processing over **24,162 crore transactions** worth ₹314 lakh crore in FY26. This underscores India's successful transition toward a "less-cash" economy.



## Appointments

7. Who has been appointed as the Festival Director for the 57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa?

- A) Karan Johar
- B) Ashutosh Gowariker
- C) SS Rajamouli
- D) Prasoon Joshi

**Answer: B) Ashutosh Gowariker**

**Explanation:** Renowned filmmaker **Ashutosh Gowariker** (known for *Lagaan*) was appointed as the Festival Director for the **57th IFFI**. His role will involve curating the international cinema segment and enhancing the festival's global prestige.

8. Who has been appointed as the President of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) for a five-year tenure?

- A) Justice Ashok Bhushan
- B) Justice Anupinder Singh Grewal
- C) Justice DY Chandrachud
- D) Justice Hima Kohli

**Answer: B) Justice Anupinder Singh Grewal**

**Explanation:** Justice Anupinder Singh Grewal took charge as the President of the NCLT on May 2, 2026. His appointment is critical for streamlining corporate insolvency and liquidation proceedings under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC).

## Defense News

9. Three District Reserve Guard (DRG) personnel were recently martyred in an IED blast during a demining operation in which state?

- A) Manipur
- B) Chhattisgarh
- C) Odisha
- D) Jharkhand

**Answer: B) Chhattisgarh**

**Explanation:** On May 2, 2026, three personnel of the **Chhattisgarh Police's District Reserve Guard (DRG)** were killed by an IED planted by Maoists in the **Kanker district**. The incident occurred during a demining operation aimed at clearing roads for safe passage.

10. India recently urged which European nation to refrain from sharing sensitive defense technologies with Pakistan?

- A) France
- B) Germany
- C) Italy
- D) Spain

**Answer: C) Italy**

**Explanation:** During high-level strategic talks, India formally urged **Italy** to exercise caution regarding defense exports to Pakistan, citing concerns over regional stability and the potential misuse of advanced technologies.

## Sports

11. Which veteran bowler topped the 'Purple Cap' race in IPL 2026 as of May 2nd?

- A) Jasprit Bumrah
- B) Bhuvneshwar Kumar
- C) Mohammed Shami
- D) Yuzvendra Chahal

**Answer: B) Bhuvneshwar Kumar**

**Explanation:** Representing **Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB)**, 36-year-old **Bhuvneshwar Kumar** stunned fans by leading the wicket-taking charts (Purple Cap) in the 2026 IPL season, proving his enduring class in the T20 format.

12. Which legendary Mexican goalkeeper announced his plans to retire after the 2026 FIFA World Cup?

- A) Jorge Campos
- B) Guillermo Ochoa
- C) Keylor Navas
- D) Emiliano Martínez

**Answer: B) Guillermo Ochoa**

**Explanation:** Guillermo "Memo" Ochoa, famous for his heroic performances in multiple World Cups, announced that the **2026 FIFA World Cup** (co-hosted by Mexico) will be his final professional outing.

## Awards & Honors

13. Which medical technology company recently received the ISO 50001 certification for energy management across its Surat and Hyderabad facilities?

- A) Philips Healthcare
- B) SMT (Sahajanand Medical Technologies)
- C) Siemens Healthineers
- D) Apollo Hospitals

**Answer: B) SMT (Sahajanand Medical Technologies)**

**Explanation:** SMT became a leader in the medical device sector for sustainability by bagging the ISO 50001 certification. This award recognizes their efforts in optimizing energy usage while maintaining stringent manufacturing standards.

## Government Schemes & MoUs

**14. Under the 'Namo Stall Scheme' launched in Ranchi, what is the primary benefit provided to street vendors?**

- A) Interest-free loans of ₹1 Lakh
- B) Modern, standardized vending stalls
- C) Free health insurance for families
- D) Digital literacy training only

**Answer: B) Modern, standardized vending stalls**

**Explanation:** The Namo Stall Scheme aims to formalize the street vending sector by providing modernized, eco-friendly stalls to vendors. This initiative helps in urban planning while providing vendors with a dignified and weather-resistant workspace.

**15. India and which country held high-level talks on May 2, 2026, to expand their bilateral trade and explore a potential Free Trade Agreement (FTA)?**

- A) USA
- B) United Kingdom
- C) Russia
- D) Japan

**Answer: B) United Kingdom**

**Explanation:** India and the UK held a new round of high-level economic talks on May 2, focusing on finalizing the long-awaited FTA and expanding cooperation in green energy and technology.

## Science & Technology

**16. The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) conducted a trial of which system on May 2, 2026?**

- A) Solar Storm Warning System
- B) Cell Broadcast Alert System
- C) Tsunami Early Warning Buoys

- D) 6G Satellite Network

**Answer: B) Cell Broadcast Alert System**

**Explanation:** The Cell Broadcast Alert System trial sent flash test messages to mobile phones across India at 11:42 AM. Developed by C-DOT, this system allows authorities to send emergency alerts to all phones in a specific geographic area without needing their phone numbers.

**17. Which IIT launched the 'Universal Programmable Photonic Integrated Circuit (PPIC) Test Engine' in May 2026?**

- A) IIT Delhi
- B) IIT Bombay
- C) IIT Madras
- D) IIT Kanpur

**Answer: C) IIT Madras**

**Explanation:** IIT Madras launched the PPIC Test Engine to automate the validation of photonic modules. This is a significant step toward making India a hub for next-generation semiconductor and optical communication testing.

## Important Days

**18. Which health-related day was observed on May 2, 2026 (the first Saturday of May)?**

- A) World Malaria Day
- B) World Asthma Day
- C) World Tuberculosis Day
- D) National Vaccination Day

**Answer: B) World Asthma Day**

**Explanation:** World Asthma Day 2026 was observed on May 2. The day is organized by the Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA) to improve asthma awareness and care around the globe.

## Books & Authors

**19. Which prominent leader's biography, titled *The Architect of New India*, was released in May 2026?**

- A) Amit Shah
- B) Narendra Modi
- C) S. Jaishankar
- D) Nitin Gadkari

**Answer: B) Narendra Modi**

**Explanation:** A new comprehensive biography focusing on the infrastructure and digital transformation of India under PM Narendra Modi's

tenure was released, titled "The Architect of New India."

## Environment

20. According to the data released on May 2, 2026, which state in India has the highest tiger population, crossing the 1,000 mark?

- A) Karnataka
- B) Uttarakhand
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Maharashtra

**Answer: C) Madhya Pradesh**

**Explanation:** Madhya Pradesh (the "Tiger State") reported that its tiger population has crossed 1,000, with high densities noted in the Bandhavgarh and Kanha Tiger Reserves. This success has also led to discussions on managing human-wildlife conflict.

For competitive exams, knowing the specific themes for important days is crucial. On **2nd May 2026**, there are three major global observances.

### 1. World Tuna Day

Established by the United Nations (UN) in 2016, this day highlights the importance of sustainable fishing and food security.

- **2026 Theme:** "Sustaining Tuna, Sustaining Nations"
- **Significance:** Tuna is a major source of food and economic value for many countries. The theme emphasizes that the long-term stewardship of tuna stocks is directly linked to the economic stability and resilience of nations that depend on them.
- **Key Fact for Exams:** It was first officially observed globally on May 2, 2017.

### 2. World Asthma Day

World Asthma Day is organized by the Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA). While it is traditionally observed on the **first Tuesday of May** (which falls on **May 5, 2026**), major awareness campaigns and preparatory medical events often begin on May 2nd.

- **2026 Theme:** "Access to anti-inflammatory inhalers for everyone with asthma – still an urgent need"

- **Significance:** This theme focuses on ensuring that life-saving inhaled corticosteroids (ICS) are affordable and available globally, particularly in low-and-middle-income countries where 96% of asthma deaths occur.

### 3. International Harry Potter Day

Though not an intergovernmental holiday, it is widely recognized in "General Awareness" sections of culture-focused exams.

- **Significance:** May 2nd marks the anniversary of the fictional "**Battle of Hogwarts**" (May 2, 1998). It was officially declared an international day in 2012 to celebrate the cultural and literary impact of J.K. Rowling's series.
- **Concept:** It symbolises the triumph of courage and friendship over fear.