

## International & National News

1. On May 3, 2026, which global organization's member countries (specifically OPEC+) announced an oil production hike of 188,000 barrels per day despite the recent exit of the UAE?

- A) IEA
- B) OPEC+
- C) G7
- D) BRICS

**Answer: B) OPEC+**

**Detail:** Seven major producers, including Saudi Arabia and Russia, increased production quotas to ensure market stability following the shock withdrawal of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) from the cartel earlier in the week.

2. Which country launched its domestically developed Earth-observation satellite, CAS500-2 (Next-Generation Medium Satellite No. 2), on May 3, 2026?

- A) India
- B) Japan
- C) South Korea
- D) Israel

**Answer: C) South Korea**

**Detail:** The CAS500-2 was launched to provide high-resolution imagery for land management and environmental monitoring, marking a milestone in South Korea's independent space capabilities.

3. The Supreme Court of India scheduled a hearing for May 4 regarding a PIL that seeks to restrict the issuance of new Aadhaar cards to which age group?

- A) Above 18 years
- B) Only up to 6 years
- C) Senior citizens only
- D) NRIs

**Answer: B) Only up to 6 years**

**Detail:** The PIL argues that issuing new Aadhaar cards primarily to children under six—and implementing stricter guidelines for adults—is necessary to curb illegal infiltration and ensure the integrity of the database.

4. Which volcano in the Philippines saw renewed activity on May 3, 2026, leading to mass evacuations?

- A) Mount Pinatubo
- B) Mayon Volcano
- C) Taal Volcano
- D) Mount Kanlaon

**Answer: B) Mayon Volcano**

**Detail:** Located in the Albay province, Mayon Volcano's increased seismic activity and gas emissions prompted authorities to raise the alert level and move thousands of residents to safety.

5. What is the theme for World Press Freedom Day observed on May 3, 2026?

- A) Journalism under Digital Siege
- B) Media for Democracy
- C) Shaping a Future of Rights
- D) Shaping a Future of Peace

**Answer: D) Shaping a Future of Peace**

**Detail:** Observed annually on May 3, this day highlights the importance of an independent press. In the 2026 RSF Index, India's ranking was reported to have slipped to 157th.

## Economics, Banking & Schemes

6. The Union Health Ministry of India launched the revamped "RBSK 2.0" on May 3, 2026. What does RBSK stand for?

- A) Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram
- B) Regional Banking Service Kendra
- C) Rural Business Support Kingdom
- D) Rashtriya Bal Shiksha Kendra

**Answer: A) Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram**

**Detail:** RBSK 2.0 focuses on screening children from birth to 18 years for "4 Ds": Defects at birth, Deficiencies, Diseases, and Developmental delays, with new emphasis on lifestyle diseases.

7. Who delivered the keynote address "Indian Financial Markets – Resilience and Resurgence" at the 25th FIMMDA-PDAI Annual Conference in Amsterdam?

- A) Nirmala Sitharaman
- B) Shaktikanta Das
- C) Sanjay Malhotra
- D) Raghuram Rajan

**Answer: C) Sanjay Malhotra**

**Detail:** Shri Sanjay Malhotra, serving as the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India in 2026, emphasized the need for Indian banks to evolve as global market-makers.

8. On May 3, 2026, the Indian Ministry of Health launched the first-ever "Guidance Document" for the management of which condition in children?

- A) Obesity
- B) Diabetes Mellitus
- C) Asthma
- D) Anemia

**Answer: B) Diabetes Mellitus**  
**Detail:** The document provides standardized protocols for healthcare providers to manage Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes in the pediatric population.

9. Which private entity acquired a 75% majority stake in the IPL team Rajasthan Royals for approximately ₹15,600 crore in May 2026?

- A) Adani Group
- B) Mittal Family (Lakshmi & Aditya Mittal)
- C) Reliance Industries
- D) Tata Group

**Answer: B) Mittal Family (Lakshmi & Aditya Mittal)**

**Detail:** Along with Adar Poonawalla, the Mittals secured the stake after a rival consortium led by Kal Somani pulled out.

**10. In the Union Budget 2026-27, what is the record allocation provided to the Ministry of Defence?**

- A) ₹5.94 lakh crore
- B) ₹6.21 lakh crore
- C) ₹7.85 lakh crore
- D) ₹8.10 lakh crore

**Answer: C) ₹7.85 lakh crore**

**Detail:** This represents a 15% increase over the previous year, following heightened security needs and strategic modernization under "Operation Sindoor."

## Appointments, Awards & Honors

**11. Who became the first person from Arunachal Pradesh to be appointed as a full-time member of NITI Aayog in May 2026?**

- A) Pema Khandu
- B) Dr. Joram Aniya
- C) Kiren Rijiju
- D) Tashi Namgyal

**Answer: B) Dr. Joram Aniya**

**Detail:** Her appointment is seen as a strategic move to integrate North-Eastern perspectives into national policy planning.

**12. Which Indian cricketer was conferred with the Padma Shri award in the 2026 ceremony for leading India to the 2024 T20 World Cup title?**

- A) Virat Kohli
- B) Rohit Sharma
- C) Hardik Pandya
- D) Jasprit Bumrah

**Answer: B) Rohit Sharma**

**Detail:** Rohit Sharma and Harmanpreet Kaur (who led the women to an ODI World Cup win) were both honored with the Padma Shri in 2026.

**13. Vijay Amritraj, who was recently honored in the 2026 Padma Awards, received which category of the award?**

- A) Padma Shri
- B) Padma Bhushan
- C) Padma Vibhushan
- D) Bharat Ratna

**Answer: B) Padma Bhushan**

**Detail:** The tennis legend was recognized for his immense contribution to Indian sports and his global representation of the country.

**14. Which foreign coach was posthumously awarded the Padma Shri in 2026 for his role in developing India's wrestling ecosystem?**

- A) Gary Kirsten
- B) Vladimer Mestvirishvili
- C) Roelant Oltmans
- D) Pullela Gopichand

**Answer: B) Vladimer Mestvirishvili**

**Detail:** A legendary coach from Georgia, he trained Olympic medalists like Yogeshwar Dutt and Bajrang Punia.

## Defense, Science & Sports

**15. India successfully conducted the second flight test of its long-range hypersonic anti-ship missile (LR-AShM) on May 3, 2026. What is its reported range?**

- A) 500 km
- B) 1000 km
- C) 1500 km
- D) 2000 km

**Answer: C) 1500 km**

**Detail:** Developed by DRDO, this missile significantly enhances India's maritime strike capabilities and deterrence in the Indo-Pacific.

**16. Which Indian startup launched "Mission Drishti," the world's first OptoSAR (Optical + SAR) satellite, on a SpaceX rocket in May 2026?**

- A) Skyroot Aerospace
- B) Pixxel
- C) GalaxEye
- D) Agnikul Cosmos

**Answer: C) GalaxEye**

**Detail:** The 190-kg satellite combines optical and Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) sensors to provide all-weather, high-resolution imagery.

**17. Indian Railways reached a major milestone on May 2-3, 2026, by rolling out which numbered Vande Bharat trainset?**

- A) 50th
- B) 75th
- C) 100th
- D) 150th

**Answer: C) 100<sup>th</sup>**

**Detail:** The 100th trainset was manufactured at the Modern Coach Factory (MCF) in Raebareli.

18. Who became the youngest individual to successfully swim across the Palk Strait on May 3, 2026?

- A) Mihir Sen
- B) Ishank Singh
- C) Rohan More
- D) Bhakti Sharma

**Answer: B) Ishank Singh**

**Detail:** The young swimmer completed the stretch between Sri Lanka and India, setting a new record for endurance at a young age.

## Books, Authors & Important Days

19. Every year, May 3 is celebrated as "Sun Day" to promote which of the following?

- A) Skin Cancer Awareness
- B) Solar Energy Advocacy
- C) Summer Solstice
- D) Space Exploration

**Answer: B) Solar Energy Advocacy**

**Detail:** Sun Day aims to educate the public on the environmental benefits of solar power and renewable energy.

20. Veteran actor Sudesh Kumar, who passed away on May 3, 2026, was best known for his role in which classic 1964 Hindi film?

- A) Mother India
- B) Dosti
- C) Pyaasa
- D) Sholay

**Answer: B) Dosti**  
**Detail:** Sudesh Kumar was a prominent figure in the golden era of Indian cinema, and his performance in *Dosti* remains a career highlight.

## International & Global Observances

### Detailed Highlights

#### 1. World Press Freedom Day

This is the most critical day for competitive exam preparation (UPSC, Banking, SSC).

- **Theme:** "Shaping a Future of Peace". The 2026 global conference is hosted in **Lusaka, Zambia**.
- **Key Fact:** In the 2026 World Press Freedom Index released today, India's ranking is reported to have slipped to **157th**.

#### 2. World Laughter Day

This day was first created in 1998 by Dr. Madan Kataria, founder of the Laughter Yoga movement. Since it falls on the first Sunday of May, it is celebrated today to highlight the physical and mental health benefits of laughter.

#### 3. Sun Day

Initiated to educate the public on the environmental benefits of solar power. It encourages a shift toward clean energy to combat climate change.

## Other Notable Observances (May 3)

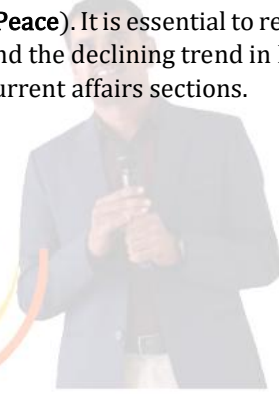
**National Public Radio Day:** Celebrating the role of public broadcasting in education and community.

**National Textiles Day:** Recognizing the importance of the textile industry in global trade and culture.

**International Bereaved Mother's Day:** Observed on the first Sunday of May to support mothers who have lost children.

### Quick Recap for Exams

**Primary focus:** World Press Freedom Day (**Theme: Shaping a Future of Peace**). It is essential to remember the host city (**Lusaka**) and the declining trend in India's press freedom index for current affairs sections.



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