

National News & Polity

1. Which political party emerged as the single largest party in the 2026 Tamil Nadu Assembly election trends reported on May 4-5?

- A) DMK
- B) AIADMK
- C) Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK)
- D) BJP

Answer: C) Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK)

Detail: In a major political shift, actor-turned-politician Vijay's party, TVK, emerged as the single-largest party in Tamil Nadu. A notable upset occurred in the Kolathur constituency, where M.K. Stalin lost his seat to TVK's V.S. Babu.

2. Which state saw the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) secure its first-ever government formation according to the May 2026 election results?

- A) Kerala
- B) West Bengal
- C) Tamil Nadu
- D) Punjab

Answer: B) West Bengal

Detail: The 2026 Assembly election results marked a "historic breakthrough" for the BJP in West Bengal, where the party is set to form the government for the first time. Simultaneously, in Assam, Himanta Biswa Sarma led the BJP to its third consecutive term.

3. In the 2026 Kerala Assembly elections, which alliance crossed the majority mark to return to power after a decade?

- A) LDF
- B) UDF
- C) NDA
- D) Third Front

Answer: B) UDF

Detail: The Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF) ended the decade-long rule of the Left Democratic Front (LDF) led by Pinarayi

Vijayan. The UDF crossed the majority mark, signaling a return to power in the coastal state.

International News

4. What is the name of the U.S.-led initiative launched on May 4, 2026, to assist ships stranded in the Strait of Hormuz?

- A) Operation Sentinel
- B) Project Freedom
- C) Hormuz Safe Passage
- D) Operation Guardian

Answer: B) Project Freedom

Detail: President Donald Trump announced "Project Freedom" to guide stranded ships safely out of the Strait of Hormuz. The initiative aims to assist neutral vessels and seafarers affected by regional tensions involving Iran.

5. Which two countries were involved in a diplomatic dialogue regarding Nepal's concerns over the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra through the Lipulekh region in May 2026?

- A) India and Bhutan
- B) China and Pakistan
- C) India and China
- D) Nepal and Bangladesh

Answer: C) India and China

Detail: Ahead of Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri's visit to Nepal, Kathmandu reiterated its sovereign claim over the Kalapani-Limpiyadhura-Lipulekh region, expressing concerns to both New Delhi and Beijing regarding the pilgrimage route.

Economics & Banking

6. Who has been appointed as the Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for a 3-year term effective from May 3, 2026?

- A) T. Rabi Sankar
- B) Rohit Jain
- C) Michael Patra
- D) Swaminathan J.

Answer: B) Rohit Jain

Detail: The Government of India appointed Rohit Jain, formerly an Executive Director at the RBI, as Deputy Governor. He succeeds T. Rabi Sankar, who retired in April 2026.

7. According to the Economic Policy Uncertainty (EPU) Index for India discussed in May 2026, what is the observed relationship between policy uncertainty and consumption?

- A) Positive correlation
- B) No relationship
- C) Negative relationship
- D) Exponential growth

Answer: C) Negative relationship

Detail: High economic policy uncertainty tends to coincide with weaker consumption growth in India. Households often postpone discretionary spending and increase "precautionary savings" when the policy environment is less predictable.

Defense News

8. Defense Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the 'North Tech Symposium 2026' in which city on May 4, 2026?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Prayagraj
- C) Lucknow
- D) Pune

Answer: B) Prayagraj

Detail: The symposium, themed 'Raksha Triveni Sangam', focused on converging technology, industry, and soldiering. Singh emphasized a shift from "reactive" to "proactive" defense planning to build surprise strike capabilities.

9. The 'North Tech Symposium 2026' was jointly organized by which wings of the Indian Army along with the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM)?

- A) Eastern and Western Commands
- B) Northern and Central Commands
- C) Southern and South-Western Commands

D) Training and Maintenance Commands

Answer: B) Northern and Central Commands

Detail: This three-day event featured 284 companies showcasing indigenous defense technologies to enhance operational capability and self-reliance (Atmanirbharta).

Sports

10. Which Indian shooter clinched the gold medal in the 10m Air Pistol Women's event at the 24th Kumar Surendra Singh Memorial Shooting Championship?

- A) Manu Bhaker
- B) Ganemat Sekhon
- C) Anjali Shekhawat
- D) Esha Singh

Answer: C) Anjali Shekhawat

Detail: Rajasthan's Anjali Shekhawat secured the top spot at the Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range in New Delhi on May 4, 2026.

11. Indian shooter Ganemat Sekhon was competing in which tournament in Almaty, Kazakhstan, as of May 4, 2026?

- A) ISSF World Cup Shotgun
- B) Asian Shooting Championship
- C) Commonwealth Games
- D) World Archery Championships

Answer: A) ISSF World Cup Shotgun

Detail: Ganemat Sekhon finished Day 1 just one point outside the top eight in the Skeet event at the Asanov Shooting Club.

Appointments & Awards

12. Which Indian scientist was awarded the 2026 Whitley Award (often called the 'Green Oscar') for conservation work?

- A) Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao
- B) Parveen Shaikh
- C) N. Alim Yusuf
- D) Anita Chaudhary

Answer: B) Parveen Shaikh

Detail: Parveen Shaikh was recognized for her significant contributions to wildlife conservation in India. The Whitley Awards support grassroots conservation leaders in the Global South.

13. Who received the prestigious 'Harvard South Asian Person of the Year Award 2026' in April/May 2026?

- A) Nita Ambani
- B) Sayani Gupta
- C) Rituparna Sengupta
- D) Shubman Gill

Answer: B) Sayani Gupta

Detail: Actor Sayani Gupta was honored for her contributions to cinema and her influence as a South Asian figure on the global stage.

Books & Authors

14. The novel 'John of John', set for release on May 5, 2026, is authored by which Booker Prize winner?

- A) Douglas Stuart
- B) Elizabeth Strout
- C) Sarah Dessen
- D) William Dalrymple

Answer: A) Douglas Stuart

Detail: Douglas Stuart, the author of *Shuggie Bain*, released his latest work *John of John*. It is one of the most anticipated literary releases of 2026.

15. Which Pulitzer Prize-winning author released the novel 'The Things We Never Say' on May 5, 2026?

- A) Kathryn Stockett
- B) Elizabeth Strout
- C) Imani Thompson
- D) Mónica Ojeda

Answer: B) Elizabeth Strout

Detail: Strout's new novel explores themes of loneliness and friendship through the life of a beloved teacher.

Government Schemes & MOUs

16. Under the PM-KISAN scheme, how much annual financial support is provided to eligible landholding farmers in 2026?

- A) Rs 4,000
- B) Rs 6,000
- C) Rs 10,000
- D) Rs 2,000

Answer: B) Rs 6,000

Detail: The scheme continues to disburse Rs 6,000 per year in three equal installments of Rs 2,000 every four months directly into the bank accounts of farmers.

17. What is the maximum loan limit under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) for non-corporate small/micro enterprises as of 2026?

- A) Rs 5 Lakh
- B) Rs 10 Lakh
- C) Rs 20 Lakh
- D) Rs 50 Lakh

Answer: B) Rs 10 Lakh

Detail: PMMY provides collateral-free loans up to Rs 10 lakh to foster entrepreneurship and job creation in the non-farm sector.

Important Days

18. World Asthma Day 2026 is observed on which date?

- A) May 1
- B) May 4
- C) May 5
- D) May 10

Answer: C) May 5

Detail: World Asthma Day is organized by the Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA) and is held on the first Tuesday of May every year (which falls on May 5 in 2026).

19. Which international day celebrated on May 5 honors the contribution of birth attendants to maternal and newborn health?

- A) International Nurses Day

- B) International Midwives Day
- C) World Health Day
- D) Mothers' Care Day

Answer: B) International Midwives Day

Detail: Observed annually on May 5, this day highlights the vital role midwives play in reducing maternal and infant mortality rates.

20. 'World Portuguese Language Day', established by UNESCO, is observed on which date?

- A) May 4
- B) May 5
- C) May 6
- D) May 7

Answer: B) May 5

Detail: This day celebrates the Portuguese language, one of the most spoken languages in the Southern Hemisphere and a bridge between many cultures.

Significant Date

1. World Asthma Day 2026

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

About: Organised by the **Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA)**, this day is observed annually on the **first Tuesday of May**. The 2026 theme focuses on closing the gap in treatment availability, emphasizing that every patient, regardless of geography or economic status, deserves access to life-saving preventive medication.

Key Fact: It is the primary event globally for asthma awareness, focusing on reducing the burden of the disease.

2. International Day of the Midwife (IDM)

Theme: "One Million More Midwives"

About: This day honors the contribution of midwives to maternal and newborn health. The 2026 campaign highlights the critical global shortage of approximately 900,000 to 1 million midwives.

Objective: To advocate for better investment in midwifery education and resources, which could

prevent up to **67% of maternal deaths** annually if fully supported.

3. World Hand Hygiene Day

Theme: "Action Saves Lives: Clean Your Hands"

About: Led by the **World Health Organization (WHO)**, this day targets healthcare workers and the public to maintain strict hand hygiene standards.

Significance: It serves as a reminder that simple hand hygiene is the most effective way to prevent the spread of healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) and antimicrobial resistance.

4. World Pulmonary Hypertension (PH) Day

Theme: "Hope in Every Trial"

About: This day raises awareness for a rare, life-threatening lung and heart condition that is often misdiagnosed.

Focus: The 2026 theme emphasizes the importance of **clinical trials** and research in finding a cure and developing better therapies for "invisible" illnesses.

5. World Portuguese Language Day

About: Established by UNESCO, this day celebrates the cultural and linguistic heritage of the Lusophone (Portuguese-speaking) world.

Context: In 2026, India significantly engaged with this day, hosting events like the **Lusophone Film Fest** in New Delhi, reflecting the growing diplomatic and trade ties between India and Portuguese-speaking nations like Brazil, Angola, and Portugal.

6. African World Heritage Day

Theme: "Strength in Unity" (aligned with the wider 2026 African Heritage focus)

About: Proclaimed by UNESCO, this day aims to raise awareness about the protection and promotion of Africa's cultural and natural heritage sites, many of which are under threat from climate change and conflict.