

International News

1. Which maritime chokepoint was recently secured by the U.S. Central Command under "Project Freedom" to protect global energy supply lines?

- A. Strait of Malacca B. Bab-el-Mandeb
C. Strait of Hormuz D. Palk Strait

Answer: C [Strait of Hormuz]

Detail: The Strait of Hormuz connects the Persian Gulf to the Gulf of Oman. As of May 2026, increased regional instability led to the deployment of naval escorts to safeguard oil tankers, as this route carries roughly 20% of the world's total oil consumption.

2. Where was the 59th Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) held in May 2026?

- A. Manila, Philippines B. New Delhi, India
C. Samarkand, Uzbekistan D. Tokyo, Japan

Answer: C [Samarkand, Uzbekistan]

Detail: The meeting focused on "Bridging the Gap: Sustainable Connectivity for a Resilient Future." During this event, the ADB launched a \$70 billion initiative to enhance digital and transport infrastructure across Central and South Asia.

3. Which country's mission, CAS500-2, was successfully launched by a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket on its record-breaking 33rd landing?

- A. UAE B. Japan
C. South Korea D. Brazil

Answer: C [South Korea]

Detail: South Korea's CAS500-2 is an Earth observation satellite. The launch, conducted from Vandenberg, California, marked a milestone for SpaceX as the first-stage booster executed its 33rd successful recovery.

4. The 2026 Pulitzer Prize in Investigative Reporting was awarded to Indian journalists for exposing which specific global threat?

- A. Illegal Mining in Africa
B. The "Digital Arrest" Scam Network
C. Climate Change in the Arctic
D. Human Trafficking in Europe

Answer: B [The "Digital Arrest" Scam Network]

Detail: The Pulitzer Board recognized the investigative work that dismantled the cross-border

digital arrest scam network. *The New York Times* also broke records this year, reaching a total of 145 Pulitzer Prizes.

National News

5. Which state officially became India's first "Paperless Judiciary State" on 5th May 2026? A.

- Kerala
B. Sikkim
C. Goa
D. Telangana

Answer: B [Sikkim]

Detail: Announced by Justice Surya Kant in Gangtok, Sikkim transitioned all its courts (from District to High Court) to a 100% digital filing and processing system, serving as a model for the national e-Courts Mission Mode Project.

6. India's first "Barrier-Less" Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) toll plaza was recently inaugurated on which National Highway? A. NH-44 (Delhi-Srinagar)

- B. NH-48 (Surat-Bharuch)
C. NH-19 (Delhi-Kolkata)
D. NH-27 (East-West Corridor)

Answer: B [NH-48 (Surat-Bharuch)]

Detail: The Choryasi toll plaza in Gujarat uses RFID and ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) technology, allowing vehicles to pass at highway speeds without stopping. The system was developed in collaboration with ICICI Bank.

7. Which organization recently celebrated the 66th Raising Day of "Project Deepak" in the Western Himalayas? A. Indian Army

- B. Border Roads Organisation (BRO)
C. Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)
D. National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)

Answer: B [Border Roads Organisation (BRO)]

Detail: Project Deepak was established in 1961. It is responsible for maintaining critical infrastructure in Himachal Pradesh and parts of Ladakh, ensuring all-weather connectivity to strategic borders.

8. The Union Cabinet recently approved an increase in the judge strength of the Supreme Court of India. What is the new sanctioned strength (including the CJI)? A. 34

- B. 37
C. 39
D. 41

Answer: B [37]

Detail: To tackle the rising pendency of cases, the Cabinet approved increasing the number of judges from 34 to 37. This follows the recommendation of the SC Collegium headed by CJI Surya Kant.

Economics & Banking

9. Which stock exchange recently launched "Electronic Gold Receipts" (EGRs) that are exempt from GST until physical conversion? A. BSE

- B. NSE
C. MCX
D. NCDEX

Answer: B [NSE]

Detail: The National Stock Exchange (NSE) launched EGRs to formalize gold investments. Trading these receipts in dematerialized form does not attract GST, making it a cost-effective alternative to physical gold for retail investors.

10. What is the newly approved Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) for Sugarcane for the 2026-27 season? A. ₹340 per quintal

- B. ₹365 per quintal
C. ₹315 per quintal
D. ₹380 per quintal

Answer: B [₹365 per quintal]

Detail: The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) increased the FRP to ₹365/quintal for a basic recovery rate of 10.25%, aiming to boost farmer income and ensure timely payments by sugar mills.

11. Who was recently appointed as the Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in May 2026? A. Swaminathan J.

- B. Rohit Jain
C. Michael Patra
D. M. Rajeshwar Rao

Answer: B [Rohit Jain]

Detail: Rohit Jain, formerly an Executive Director at RBI, was elevated to the post of Deputy Governor, succeeding T. Rabi Sankar upon the completion of his tenure.

12. The Ministry of Power's revised guidelines for HVDC substations mandate what percentage of local content by 2035? A. 50%

- B. 60%
C. 75%
D. 40%

Answer: B [60%]

Detail: The roadmap for "Make in India" in power transmission aims for 60% indigenous content in High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) projects by 2035 to reduce dependency on foreign technology.

Defense News & MOUs

13. India and which country conducted the joint military exercise "CINBAX-II" in Kampong Speu? A. Vietnam

- B. Cambodia
C. Singapore
D. Indonesia

Answer: B [Cambodia]

Detail: The 2nd edition of the Cambodia-India Bilateral Armies Exercise (CINBAX) focused on counter-terrorism and UN Peacekeeping operations, involving the Maratha Light Infantry from the Indian side.

14. The Ministry of Defence signed a ₹1,476 crore deal with which company for "Ground-Based Mobile Electronic Warfare Systems"? A. HAL

- B. DRDO
C. Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
D. Tata Advanced Systems

Answer: C [Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)]

Detail: The contract for five mobile EW systems for the Indian Army falls under the "Buy (Indian-IDDMM)" category, with an indigenous content of over 72%.

15. India and Algeria recently held their inaugural Joint Commission meeting in New Delhi. Which 2024 agreement laid the foundation for this partnership? A. Defense MoU

- B. Space Cooperation Treaty
C. Maritime Security Pact
D. FTA (Free Trade Agreement)

Answer: A [Defense MoU]

Detail: The 2024 MoU became the bedrock for the May 2026 meeting where both nations discussed joint manufacturing and military training, reflecting India's "Africa Outreach."

16. Which Indian state launched a specialized "Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Space Technology" in Bengaluru on 5th May 2026? A. Andhra Pradesh

- B. Karnataka
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Kerala

Answer: B [Karnataka]

Detail: The CoE aims to support startups and research in satellite manufacturing and downstream applications, leveraging Bengaluru's status as India's space hub.

Appointments, Awards & Honors

17. Indian conservationists Parveen Shaikh and Barkha Subba won the 2026 Whitley Awards. These awards are commonly known as? A. The Nobel of Nature

- B. Green Oscars
- C. Blue Planet Prize
- D. Earthshot Prize

Answer: B [Green Oscars]

Detail: They were recognized for protecting the endangered "Indian Skimmer" (bird) and the "Himalayan Salamander." The awards are conferred by the Whitley Fund for Nature (WFN).

18. Who has been appointed as the Non-Executive Chairman of Vodafone Idea (Vi) in May 2026? A. Akash Ambani

- B. Kumar Mangalam Birla
- C. Ravinder Takkar
- D. Sunil Mittal

Answer: B [Kumar Mangalam Birla]

Detail: Birla returned to the position to lead the telecom firm through its significant capital infusion and 5G network expansion phase.

19. Which ministry is responsible for conferring the "National Dhanwantari Ayurveda Award 2026"? A. Ministry of Health

- B. Ministry of Ayush
- C. Ministry of Science & Tech

D. Ministry of Culture

Answer: B [Ministry of Ayush]

Detail: Nominations for this prestigious award, which honors excellence in Ayurvedic research and practice, opened on May 1, 2026.

20. The Supreme Court Collegium recommended the appointment of 10 new judges to which High Court on 4th May 2026? A. Allahabad High Court

- B. Punjab and Haryana High Court
- C. Delhi High Court
- D. Bombay High Court

Answer: B [Punjab and Haryana High Court]

Detail: The Collegium approved 10 advocates, including Monica Chhibber Sharma and Navdeep Singh, to be elevated as permanent judges to clear the massive backlog in the P&H High Court.

Sports, Books & Authors

21. Who won the 2026 BWF Thomas Cup title held in Denmark? A. India

- B. Indonesia
- C. China
- D. France

Answer: C [China]

Detail: China defeated France in a historic final to clinch their 13th title. France reached the Thomas Cup final for the first time in history.

22. Alex Zanardi, who passed away in May 2026, was an iconic figure in which two sports? A. F1 Racing and Para-cycling

- B. Tennis and Swimming
- C. Cricket and Football
- D. Golf and Athletics

Answer: A [F1 Racing and Para-cycling]

Detail: After a tragic crash in 2001 resulting in the loss of his legs, the former F1 driver became a multi-time Paralympic gold medalist in hand-cycling, inspiring millions worldwide.

23. Which Indian athlete recently set a new National Record in the Men's 3000m Steeplechase at the Doha Diamond League? A. Neeraj Chopra

- B. Avinash Sable
- C. Gulveer Singh
- D. Kishore Jena

Answer: B [Avinash Sable]

Detail: Sable clocked a record time of 8:09.91, breaking his own previous record and securing a spot on the podium.

24. The book titled "The Silicon Silk Road," released in May 2026, focuses on which theme? A. Ancient Trade Routes
B. China's Global Tech Influence
C. Indian IT Revolution
D. AI in Middle East

Answer: B [China's Global Tech Influence]

Detail: The book analyzes how digital infrastructure and submarine cables are reshaping modern geopolitics between Asia and Europe.

Important Days & Govt Schemes

25. The Ministry of Health (MoHFW) launched the "4Ts" framework for children. What does this help identify? A. Tuberculosis
B. Type 1 Diabetes
C. Thyroid Disorders
D. Tooth Decay

Answer: B [Type 1 Diabetes]

Detail: The 4Ts mnemonic (**Toilet, Thirsty, Tired, Thinner**) is designed to help parents and teachers recognize early symptoms of diabetes in children to prevent life-threatening complications.

26. Which day is observed globally on May 5th to mark the linguistic heritage of Lusophone nations?

- A. World Hand Hygiene Day
- B. World Portuguese Language Day
- C. International Midwives Day
- D. World Asthma Day

Answer: B [World Portuguese Language Day]

Detail: 2026 marks the 30th anniversary of the Community of Portuguese Language Countries (CPLP).

27. What is the theme for "World Laughter Day 2026," observed on the first Sunday of May? A. Laughter for Health

- B. World Peace through Laughter
- C. Joy of Living
- D. Connect with a Smile

Answer: B [World Peace through Laughter]

Detail: Founded in 1998, the day promotes global brotherhood and peace through the universal language of laughter.

28. "IS 19631: 2026," a new standard introduced by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), pertains to? A. EV Chargers
B. Portable Ramps for Wheelchairs
C. Solar Water Heaters
D. Organic Fertilizers

Answer: B [Portable Ramps for Wheelchairs]

Detail: Part of the "Barrier-Free India" initiative, this standard ensures that ramps in public transport and buildings meet safety and durability requirements for people with disabilities.

29. The Ministry of Panchayati Raj released the "PAI 2.0" index for FY24. Which state topped the index?

- A. Kerala
- B. Tripura
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Odisha

Answer: B [Tripura]

Detail: The Panchayat Audit Index (PAI) 2.0 measures the transparency and financial accountability of local bodies. Tripura secured the top spot for its digital auditing practices.

30. On which date is "World Athletics Day 2026" observed globally to promote fitness among youth?

- A. May 5
- B. May 7
- C. May 8
- D. May 4

Answer: B [May 7]

Detail: Established by the World Athletics (formerly IAAF), this day encourages school and club participation in athletic events to promote a healthy lifestyle.