

## 1. International News

**India's "Anti-Sanctions" Move:** India is actively examining the **EU Blocking Statute** to frame its own domestic law. This law would provide a "Clawback Provision," allowing Indian companies to recover losses in local courts from entities that force compliance with foreign unilateral sanctions (e.g., from the US or EU) regarding trade with nations like Russia or Iran.

**Amazon Rainforest Tipping Point:** A study published in *Nature* warns that the Amazon Rainforest could hit a critical ecological tipping point at just **1.5–1.9°C** of warming. This could trigger self-driven ecological collapse, impacting 10% of global food exports.

**India-Algeria Defense Cooperation:** The inaugural India-Algeria Joint Commission on Defence Cooperation was held in New Delhi, where both nations agreed to expand military-to-military ties and co-production of hardware.

## 2. National News

**FSSAI Norms on "Analogue Paneer":** To protect dairy farmers and consumers, the FSSAI has introduced strict labeling norms for **Analogue Paneer** (products made from vegetable fats and starches instead of milk). These products must now clearly state "Not a Dairy Product" to prevent market deception.

**Coal Gasification Mission:** Due to geopolitical instability in West Asia, India has accelerated its **National Coal Gasification Mission**. The goal is to gasify 100 million tonnes of coal by 2030 to produce syngas, which can replace expensive LNG and urea imports.

**Ladakh's Invasive Species Threat:** The **Buff-tip Moth** (*Phalera cf. bucephala*) has emerged as a major invasive threat in Ladakh, defoliating white willow and poplar trees, which are critical for the regional cricket bat and fruit industries.

## 3. Economics & Banking

**RBI Stake Approval:** The RBI granted approval to **Kotak Mahindra Bank** to increase its strategic stake

up to **9.99%** in both **AU Small Finance Bank** and **Federal Bank**.

**Type-IV CNG Cylinders:** The Technology Development Board (TDB) partnered with NTF Energy Solutions to commercialize indigenous **Type-IV CNG cylinders**. These are made of carbon-fiber composites and are 75% lighter than traditional steel cylinders, significantly improving vehicle fuel efficiency.

**Credit Guarantee Scheme:** The government is considering a **₹2.5 Lakh Crore credit guarantee** to support MSMEs affected by the volatile energy prices caused by the West Asia crisis.

## 4. Appointments & Awards

**Rekha Murthy:** Appointed as an **Independent Director** on the Board of **Quikinsure**. She brings 30 years of leadership experience from IBM and SAP and currently serves on the board of Yes Bank.

**Pulitzer Prize 2026:** The investigative outlet **ProPublica** won the Pulitzer Prize for Public Service for its groundbreaking work on judicial ethics and accountability.

## 5. Defense News

**MICA Missile MRO:** The Indian Air Force signed an agreement with multinational firm **MBDA** to establish a Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) facility in India for MICA air-to-air missiles, ensuring life extension and self-reliance.

**Indo-Vietnam Strategic Partnership:** Both nations elevated their ties to an **"Enhanced Comprehensive Strategic Partnership"** following the visit of Vietnamese President To Lam, focusing on maritime security and digital technology.

## 6. Important Days & Themes

**Mother's Day (May 10, 2026):** Celebrated annually on the second Sunday of May.

**World Lupus Day (May 10):** Observed to raise awareness about this chronic autoimmune disease.

**Mother Ocean Day (May 10):** A day dedicated to the conservation and appreciation of the world's oceans.

Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) for **May 10, 2026,**

### Section 1: National & International News

**1. India is currently examining the "Blocking Statute" of which entity to frame its own domestic anti-sanction law?**

- A. United Nations
- B. European Union
- C. BRICS
- D. G20

**Answer: B. European Union**

**Explanation:** India is looking at the EU's "Blocking Statute" (Regulation 2271/96) to protect Indian companies from the extraterritorial effects of unilateral foreign sanctions (like those from the US). This move aims to protect India's trade with countries like Russia and Iran.

**2. Which biological threat has recently emerged as a major risk to the agriculture and willow trees of Ladakh?**

- A. Pink Bollworm
- B. Buff-tip Moth
- C. Desert Locust
- D. Fall Armyworm

**Answer: B. Buff-tip Moth**

**Explanation:** The *Phalera bucephala* (Buff-tip Moth) has seen a population surge in Ladakh, threatening the white willow and poplar trees, which are vital for the local economy and the cricket bat industry.

**3. According to a study published in *Nature*, at what temperature increase might the Amazon Rainforest hit a critical "tipping point"?**

- A. 1.0–1.2°C
- B. 1.5–1.9°C
- C. 2.0–2.5°C
- D. 3.0°C

**Answer: B. 1.5–1.9°C**

**Explanation:** New research warns that the Amazon could transition from a forest to a savanna-like ecosystem if global warming reaches between 1.5°C and 1.9°C, significantly impacting global carbon cycles.

**4. The Ministry of External Affairs confirmed the official visit of the Foreign Minister of which country to India on May 10, 2026?**

- A. Brazil
- B. Chile
- C. Argentina
- D. Mexico

**Answer: B. Chile**

**Explanation:** H.E. Mr. Francisco Perez Mackenna, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Chile, arrived in New Delhi for his first official visit to strengthen bilateral trade and defense ties.

**5. Which Indian state recently saw the launch of the "Somnath Amrut Mahotsav" attended by the Prime Minister?**

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Gujarat
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Madhya Pradesh

**Answer: B. Gujarat**

**Explanation:** PM Narendra Modi participated in the Somnath Amrut Mahotsav on May 11 (with events starting May 10), marking the 75th anniversary of the temple's reconstruction.

### Section 2: Economics & Banking

**6. FSSAI recently introduced new labeling norms to crack down on "Analogue" versions of which food product?**

- A. Ghee
- B. Paneer
- C. Butter
- D. Milk

**Answer: B. Paneer**

**Explanation:** "Analogue Paneer" is made using vegetable oils and starches instead of milk solids. The new FSSAI norms require clear labeling to distinguish these from genuine dairy products.

**7. Which bank received RBI approval to increase its stake up to 9.99% in AU Small Finance Bank and Federal Bank?**

- A. HDFC Bank
- B. ICICI Bank
- C. Kotak Mahindra Bank
- D. Axis Bank

**Answer: C. Kotak Mahindra Bank**

**Explanation:** The RBI granted approval to Kotak Mahindra Bank for a strategic investment in these two lenders, helping the bank diversify its portfolio under regulatory caps.

**8. What is the primary objective of the "National Coal Gasification Mission" highlighted on May 10?**

- A. Exporting coal to Europe
- B. Gasifying 100 million tonnes of coal by 2030
- C. Closing all coal mines
- D. Using coal for space heating

**Answer: B. Gasifying 100 million tonnes of coal by 2030**

**Explanation:** This mission aims to convert coal into syngas, which can be used for producing chemicals and fertilizers, reducing India's dependence on imported natural gas.

**9. The RBI's "One Case One Data" initiative is associated with which sector?**

- A. Banking Loans
- B. Judiciary
- C. Agriculture
- D. Taxation

**Answer: B. Judiciary**

**Explanation:** Launched in coordination with the Supreme Court, this initiative aims to create a unified digital database for the Indian judicial system to streamline case management.

**10. Which organization released the report titled "School Education System in India: Temporal Analysis"?**

- A. CBSE
- B. NCERT
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. UNESCO

**Answer: C. NITI Aayog**

**Explanation:** The report analyzed enrollment trends across India and identified states with high "zero-enrollment" schools, particularly in West Bengal and Telangana.

### Section 3: Appointments, Awards & Honors

**11. Who has been appointed as the next Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) of India, effective May 30, 2026?**

- A. Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi

B. Lt Gen NS Raja Subramani

C. Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan

D. General Anil Chauhan

**Answer: B. Lt Gen NS Raja Subramani**

**Explanation:** Lt Gen Subramani will succeed General Anil Chauhan. He previously served as the Vice Chief of the Army Staff.

**12. Who was named the 26th Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS)?**

- A. Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan
- B. Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi
- C. Vice Admiral Tarun Sobti
- D. Admiral R. Hari Kumar

**Answer: A. Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan**

**Explanation:** He will take command on May 31, 2026, succeeding Admiral Tripathi. He is a specialist in Communication and Electronic Warfare.

**13. Which investigative news outlet won the 2026 Pulitzer Prize for Public Service?**

- A. The New York Times
- B. The Washington Post
- C. ProPublica
- D. Associated Press

**Answer: C. ProPublica**

**Explanation:** ProPublica was honored for its investigative reporting on judicial ethics, specifically regarding the financial transparency of high-court judges.

**14. Rekha Murthy was recently appointed as an Independent Director of which company?**

- A. Yes Bank
- B. Quickinsure
- C. SAP India
- D. IBM India

**Answer: B. Quickinsure**

**Explanation:** Rekha Murthy, a veteran with 30 years of experience in the tech and finance sectors, joined the board of the insurtech firm Quickinsure.

**15. Which Indian university's AI programs were recently accredited by the Data Science Council of America (DASCA)?**

- A. Amity University
- B. O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU)
- C. Ashoka University

D. Manipal University

**Answer: B. O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU)**

**Explanation:** JGU became a leader in AI education by aligning its curriculum with international standards set by DASCA.

#### Section 4: Defense, Science & MoUs

16. The Indian Air Force signed an MoU with which firm for the MRO (Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul) of MICA missiles?

- A. Boeing
- B. MBDA
- C. Dassault
- D. Lockheed Martin

**Answer: B. MBDA**

**Explanation:** This agreement allows for the lifecycle extension of MICA missiles (used by Rafale and Mirage 2000 jets) through indigenous maintenance facilities.

17. What is the name of the AI-powered chatbot launched for the Supreme Court of India website?

- A. Nyay Bot
- B. Su Sahay
- C. Law Mitra
- D. Vidhi Sahay

**Answer: B. Su Sahay**

**Explanation:** "Su Sahay" was launched by the Chief Justice to help citizens navigate court procedures and access legal information more easily.

18. Which Indian startup became the first space-tech "Unicorn" in May 2026?

- A. Agnikul Cosmos
- B. Dhruva Space
- C. Skyroot Aerospace
- D. Pixxel

**Answer: C. Skyroot Aerospace**

**Explanation:** Following a successful funding round, Hyderabad-based Skyroot reached a valuation of \$1.1 billion, a first for the Indian private space sector.

19. Type-IV CNG cylinders, recently commercialized in India, are primarily made of which material?

- A. Steel
- B. Aluminum
- C. Carbon-fiber composites

D. Reinforced Plastic

**Answer: C. Carbon-fiber composites**

**Explanation:** These cylinders are 75% lighter than steel ones, significantly improving the fuel efficiency and safety of CNG vehicles.

20. India and Vietnam recently upgraded their relationship to which status?

- A. Strategic Partnership
- B. Comprehensive Partnership
- C. Enhanced Comprehensive Strategic Partnership
- D. Special Global Partnership

**Answer: C. Enhanced Comprehensive Strategic Partnership**

**Explanation:** This elevation reflects deepening ties in defense, maritime security, and digital public infrastructure.

#### Section 5: Sports, Books & Authors

21. Which city has been selected to host the 2026 Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship?

- A. Birmingham
- B. Delhi
- C. Melbourne
- D. Singapore

**Answer: B. Delhi**

**Explanation:** The tournament will be held in late 2026, marking a significant return of a major Commonwealth sporting event to India.

22. Who is the author of the recently released book *Geographies of Distance: Remembering Home*?

- A. Amitav Ghosh
- B. Jhumpa Lahiri
- C. Salman Rushdie
- D. Arundhati Roy

**Answer: B. Jhumpa Lahiri**

**Explanation:** The book explores themes of migration, memory, and the evolving definition of "home" in a globalized world.

23. Which Indian swimmer recently set a record for being the youngest to cross the Palk Strait?

- A. Mihir Sen
- B. Ishank Singh
- C. Srihari Nataraj
- D. Viradhawal Khade

**Answer: B. Ishank Singh**

**Explanation:** Ishank Singh achieved this feat in May 2026, swimming from Sri Lanka to India.

**24. Wu Yize, who recently won a major championship, is associated with which sport?**

- A. Table Tennis
- B. Snooker
- C. Badminton
- D. Chess

**Answer: B. Snooker**

**Explanation:** Wu Yize defeated Shaun Murphy to win the 2026 World Snooker Championship.

**25. In which architectural style is the present Somnath Temple, discussed on May 10, constructed?**

- A. Nagara
- B. Chalukya (Maha-Maru)
- C. Dravidian
- D. Vesara

**Answer: B. Chalukya (Maha-Maru)**

**Explanation:** Often referred to as the Kailash Mahameru Prasad style, it reflects ancient Western Indian temple architecture.

#### Section 6: Important Days & Themes

**26. What was the global theme for Mother's Day celebrated on May 10, 2026?**

- A. Celebrate Motherhood
- B. Unconditional Love
- C. Empowering Mothers
- D. Recognising the Caregiver

**Answer: B. Unconditional Love (General Theme)**

**Explanation:** Mother's Day falls on the second Sunday of May. In 2026, it is celebrated on May 10.

**27. World Lupus Day is observed annually on which date?**

- A. May 8
- B. May 9
- C. May 10
- D. May 11

**Answer: C. May 10**

**Explanation:** The day aims to increase public awareness of Lupus, a chronic autoimmune disease that affects millions worldwide.

**28. Which day is observed on May 10 to celebrate the conservation of the world's oceans?**

- A. World Oceans Day
- B. Mother Ocean Day
- C. Maritime Day
- D. Blue Economy Day

**Answer: B. Mother Ocean Day**

**Explanation:** This day encourages the preservation of marine ecosystems and the beauty of the vast oceans.

**29. Victory Day, marking the end of WWII in Europe, is traditionally celebrated on which date?**

- A. May 5
- B. May 8
- C. May 9
- D. May 10

**Answer: C. May 9**

**Explanation:** While celebrated on May 9, its implications and commemorations often extend into May 10 in various Eurasian countries.

**30. Rabindranath Tagore Jayanti was celebrated on which date according to the Gregorian calendar in 2026?**

- A. May 7
- B. May 8
- C. May 9
- D. May 10

**Answer: A. May 7 (Observed through May 10)**

**Explanation:** While his birthday is May 7, many cultural events, including the "Somnath Amrut Mahotsav," link his philosophy to national heritage events throughout the second week of May.