

National & International News

169th Anniversary of the Revolt of 1857: India marked the anniversary of the First War of Independence, which officially broke out in Meerut on **May 11, 1857**.

World Yogasana Championship: India announced it will host the inaugural World Yogasana Championship in **Ahmedabad** from June 4 to 8, 2026, with participation from over 40 countries.

India's Renewable Capacity: India now ranks **3rd globally** in installed renewable energy capacity, furthering its commitment to the Paris Climate Agreement.

International Ophthalmology Conference: New Delhi hosted the first international ophthalmology research conference at the Manekshaw Centre.

Economics & Banking

100% FDI in Insurance: The Central Government notified **100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)** in the insurance sector via the **automatic route**, up from the previous 74%.

RBI Penalties: The Reserve Bank of India imposed monetary penalties on **YES Bank** and **Hinduja Housing Finance Ltd.** for non-compliance with regulatory norms.

Apple's Green Investment: Apple Inc. announced a **₹100 crore** investment to strengthen renewable energy infrastructure in India, partnering with CleanMax to develop 150 MW of capacity.

Currency in Circulation: Reports indicated that currency in circulation has reached **₹42.12 lakh crore** in 2026, more than doubling since demonetization.

Appointments & Awards

Puducherry CM: N. Rangasamy was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Puducherry for a record **fifth term**.

Tamil Nadu CM: Joseph Vijay (popularly known as "Thalapathy") took the oath as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu following his party TVK's victory.

Assam Government: Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya invited **Himanta Biswa Sarma** to form the government for a second term.

Lifetime Achievement Award: Padma Shri neurosurgeon **Dr. V.S. Mehta** was selected for the 'Lifetime Achievement Award' by AIIMS.

Defense, Science & Technology

TARA Glide Weapon: DRDO and the IAF successfully conducted the maiden flight-trial of the indigenous **TARA** (Tactical Advanced Range Augmentation) precision-strike glide weapon.

IIT Madras Global Reach: IIT Madras launched its first US center to boost deep-tech startups and the innovation ecosystem.

Samsung Innovation: Samsung launched the 5th edition of its 'Solve for Tomorrow' programme in India to encourage youth innovation.

Government Schemes & MoUs

11 Years of Jan Suraksha: The three social security schemes—**PMSBY, PMJJBY, and APY**—completed 11 years of implementation with over **94.56 crore** total enrollments.

Swasth Bharat Portal: Union Minister J.P. Nadda launched this unified digital platform to integrate multiple health programme systems across India.

ODOP Initiative: The **One District One Product** program reached a new milestone in branding traditional Indian products for the global export market.

Important Days (May 11)

National Technology Day: Celebrated to commemorate the 1998 Pokhran-II nuclear tests.

- **Theme 2026:** "Responsible Innovation for Inclusive Growth"

World Migratory Bird Day: Observed on May 11 (second Saturday of May).

- **Theme 2026:** "Every Bird Counts - Your Observations Matter"

Section 1: National Technology Day (Special Focus)

1. What is the theme for National Technology Day 2026, celebrated on May 11?

- A. From Schools to Startups
- B. Responsible Innovation for Inclusive Growth
- C. Sustainable Technology for a Greener Future
- D. Integrated Approach in Science and Tech

Answer: B. Responsible Innovation for Inclusive Growth

Explanation: National Technology Day is celebrated on May 11 to mark the anniversary of the 1998 Pokhran-II nuclear tests (Operation Shakti). The 2026 theme focuses on ensuring that technological advancements are ethical and accessible to all sections of society.

2. On May 11, 1998, under whose leadership was the 'Operation Shakti' nuclear test conducted?

- A. Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
- B. Dr. R. Chidambaram
- C. Dr. Anil Kakodkar
- D. All of the above

Answer: D. All of the above

Explanation: The tests were a joint effort by the DRDO and the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE). Dr. Kalam led the DRDO team, while Dr. Chidambaram led the DAE team, under the political leadership of PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

3. Which indigenous aircraft made its first flight on May 11, 1998, contributing to the significance of National Technology Day?

- A. Tejas
- B. Hansa-3
- C. Saras
- D. Netra

Answer: B. Hansa-3

Explanation: Alongside the nuclear tests, India's first indigenous composite aircraft, the Hansa-3, took its maiden flight in Bangalore on this day.

Section 2: National & International News

4. Which anniversary of the First War of Independence (Revolt of 1857) was observed on May 11, 2026?

- A. 160th
- B. 165th
- C. 169th

D. 175th

Answer: C. 169th

Explanation: The rebellion officially began on May 10, 1857, in Meerut, and the sepoys reached Delhi on May 11, 1857, declaring Bahadur Shah Zafar as the Emperor of India.

5. India has been ranked at which position globally in terms of installed Renewable Energy capacity as of May 2026?

- A. 1st
- B. 3rd
- C. 5th
- D. 10th

Answer: B. 3rd

Explanation: According to the latest MNRE data, India follows China and the USA in total installed renewable capacity, having surpassed the 200 GW milestone (excluding large hydro).

6. Which city will host the inaugural World Yogasana Championship in June 2026, as announced on May 11?

- A. Rishikesh
- B. Mysuru
- C. Ahmedabad
- D. Varanasi

Answer: C. Ahmedabad

Explanation: The National Yogasana Sports Federation (NYSF) announced that Ahmedabad will host over 40 countries for the first-ever global competitive Yogasana event.

7. Which country recently became the first in the world to implement a "Climate Duty" on high-carbon meat imports?

- A. France
- B. Denmark
- C. Germany
- D. New Zealand

Answer: B. Denmark

Explanation: Starting May 2026, Denmark has introduced a carbon tax on imported meat to align with its goal of carbon neutrality, a first-of-its-kind move in international trade.

Section 3: Economics & Banking

8. The Central Government has recently notified what percentage of FDI in the Insurance sector under the automatic route?

- A. 49%
- B. 74%
- C. 100%
- D. 51%

Answer: C. 100%

Explanation: In a major reform to boost capital inflow, the government moved the insurance sector from 74% to 100% FDI via the automatic route, aimed at increasing insurance penetration.

9. Which multinational tech giant announced a ₹100 crore investment in India's renewable sector in partnership with CleanMax?

- A. Google
- B. Apple Inc.
- C. Microsoft
- D. Meta

Answer: B. Apple Inc.

Explanation: Apple is investing in a joint venture to develop 150 MW of solar and wind projects across India to offset its corporate operational emissions in the country.

10. What was the total "Currency in Circulation" (CiC) in India reported by the RBI on May 11, 2026?

- A. ₹25.50 Lakh Crore
- B. ₹32.10 Lakh Crore
- C. ₹42.12 Lakh Crore
- D. ₹50.00 Lakh Crore

Answer: C. ₹42.12 Lakh Crore

Explanation: Despite the push for digital payments, CiC has seen a steady rise, nearly doubling since the 2016 demonetization period.

11. The RBI imposed a monetary penalty on YES Bank on May 11 for non-compliance with which norms?

- A. KYC/AML Norms
- B. Priority Sector Lending
- C. Cyber Security Framework
- D. Customer Service Standards

Answer: A. KYC/AML Norms

Explanation: YES Bank was fined for lapses in the "Know Your Customer" and "Anti-Money

Laundering" verification processes during 2024-25 audits.

Section 4: Appointments & Awards

12. Who was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Puducherry for a record 5th term on May 11, 2026?

- A. V. Narayanasamy
- B. N. Rangasamy
- C. K. Lakshminarayanan
- D. A. Namassivayam

Answer: B. N. Rangasamy

Explanation: Rangasamy's AINRC-led alliance secured a majority, leading to his 5th appointment as the head of the Union Territory.

13. Which popular actor-turned-politician took the oath as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on May 11?

- A. Kamal Haasan
- B. Joseph Vijay
- C. Rajinikanth
- D. Udhayanidhi Stalin

Answer: B. Joseph Vijay

Explanation: Marking a major shift in state politics, the leader of the TVK (Tamizhaga Vettri Kazhagam) party was sworn in as the CM following the latest assembly elections.

14. Dr. V.S. Mehta, who was awarded the AIIMS Lifetime Achievement Award on May 11, is a renowned specialist in which field?

- A. Cardiology
- B. Oncology
- C. Neurosurgery
- D. Pediatrics

Answer: C. Neurosurgery

Explanation: Padma Shri Dr. Mehta was recognized for his four decades of contribution to neurological sciences and surgical innovation at AIIMS Delhi.

15. Who was appointed as the Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) representing India?

- A. Krishnamurthy Subramanian
- B. Parameswaran Iyer
- C. Rajesh Verma
- D. Arvind Subramanian

Answer: C. Rajesh Verma

Explanation: The 1987-batch IAS officer Rajesh Verma has been appointed to the IMF board in Washington to represent the Indian constituency.

Section 5: Defense & Science

16. Which organization successfully conducted the maiden flight-trial of the 'TARA' glide weapon?

- A. ISRO
- B. DRDO
- C. HAL
- D. Bharat Dynamics

Answer: B. DRDO

Explanation: TARA (Tactical Advanced Range Augmentation) is a precision-strike weapon that can be launched from fighter jets to destroy targets at long ranges with high accuracy.

17. IIT Madras has launched its first international center in which country to boost the global deep-tech ecosystem?

- A. United Kingdom
- B. United Arab Emirates
- C. USA
- D. Tanzania

Answer: C. USA

Explanation: IIT Madras launched the "IITM Global Center" in the US to facilitate research collaboration and startup incubation between Indian and American innovators.

18. What is the name of the new high-speed expendable aerial target (HEAT) flight-tested by DRDO in May 2026?

- A. ABHYAS-II
- B. LAKSHYA-III
- C. NISHANT-V
- D. RUSTOM-II

Answer: A. ABHYAS-II

Explanation: ABHYAS-II offers a realistic threat scenario for practicing surface-to-air and air-to-air missile systems.

Section 6: Govt Schemes & MoUs

19. The three 'Jan Suraksha' schemes (PMSBY, PMJJBY, and APY) completed how many years of implementation on May 9-11, 2026?

- A. 10 years
- B. 11 years
- C. 12 years
- D. 15 years

Answer: B. 11 years

Explanation: Launched in 2015, these schemes have provided affordable insurance and pension cover to over 94 crore enrollees as of May 2026.

20. Union Minister J.P. Nadda launched the 'Swasth Bharat Portal' on May 11. What is its primary function?

- A. Online doctor consultations
- B. Integration of all digital health program data
- C. Selling generic medicines
- D. Tracking COVID-26 variants

Answer: B. Integration of all digital health program data

Explanation: The portal acts as a unified dashboard for real-time monitoring of all national health missions and disease surveillance programs.

21. India signed an MoU with which country on May 11 to collaborate on "Green Hydrogen" supply chains?

- A. Japan
- B. Germany
- C. Australia
- D. Saudi Arabia

Answer: B. Germany

Explanation: The MoU focuses on the production, storage, and transport of Green Hydrogen to meet the industrial needs of both nations.

Section 7: Sports & Books

22. Which Indian state hosted the 52nd All India Sainik Schools Principals' Conference on May 11?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Kerala
- C. Haryana
- D. Punjab

Answer: B. Kerala

Explanation: The conference was held at Sainik School Kazhakoottam, Thiruvananthapuram, focusing on the integration of girl cadets and modern technology in military schooling.

23. Who is the winner of the 2026 Madrid Open Men's Singles title?

- A. Carlos Alcaraz
- B. Jannik Sinner
- C. Novak Djokovic
- D. Casper Ruud

Answer: B. Jannik Sinner

Explanation: The Italian tennis star defeated Carlos Alcaraz in a thrilling final to claim his first Madrid Open title on May 10-11, 2026.

24. The book titled *The Silicon Heartland*, which explores India's tech rise, is authored by whom?

- A. Nandan Nilekani
- B. Shashi Tharoor
- C. Rajeev Chandrasekhar
- D. Satya Nadella

Answer: C. Rajeev Chandrasekhar

Explanation: The former minister and tech entrepreneur's book provides a roadmap for India's journey toward becoming a \$1 trillion digital economy.

25. Which Indian athlete won Gold at the Doha Diamond League 2026 in Javelin Throw?

- A. Kishore Jena
- B. Neeraj Chopra
- C. Arshad Nadeem
- D. Jakub Vadlejch

Answer: B. Neeraj Chopra

Explanation: Neeraj Chopra continued his dominance with a winning throw of 89.45m at the Doha Diamond League on May 10, 2026.

Section 8: Important Days & Miscellaneous

26. World Migratory Bird Day 2026 was observed on which date?

- A. May 10
- B. May 11
- C. May 12
- D. May 9

Answer: B. May 11

Explanation: Observed on the second Saturday of May (and October), the 2026 theme is *"Every Bird Counts – Your Observations Matter"*.

27. What is the significance of May 11 in the context of Indian Space history?

- A. Launch of Aryabhata
- B. Launch of Mangalyaan
- C. Anniversary of Rohini RS-1
- D. None of the above

Answer: D. None of the above

Explanation: While May 11 is National Technology Day (Nuclear/Aircraft), the major space milestones usually fall in other months (e.g., Aryabhata in April).

28. The 'One District One Product' (ODOP) initiative reached which milestone on May 11?

- A. 500 products listed
- B. Launch of the ODOP Global Export Portal
- C. Integration with 100% of Indian districts
- D. Both B and C

Answer: D. Both B and C

Explanation: The program has now covered all 780+ districts and launched a dedicated portal for international buyers to source traditional Indian crafts directly.

29. Which Indian state celebrated its 'Statehood Day' recently in May?

- A. Goa
- B. Sikkim
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Gujarat

Answer: B. Sikkim

Explanation: Sikkim celebrates its Statehood Day on May 16, but festivities usually commence from the second week of May (May 11 onwards).

30. The term 'Sovereign AI', frequently mentioned in National Technology Day speeches, refers to:

- A. AI that is free of cost
- B. AI infrastructure owned and controlled by a nation
- C. AI used only for defense
- D. AI that can vote

Answer: B. AI infrastructure owned and controlled by a nation

Explanation: India's "Sovereign AI" strategy aims to build local compute capacity and datasets to ensure data security and technological independence.