



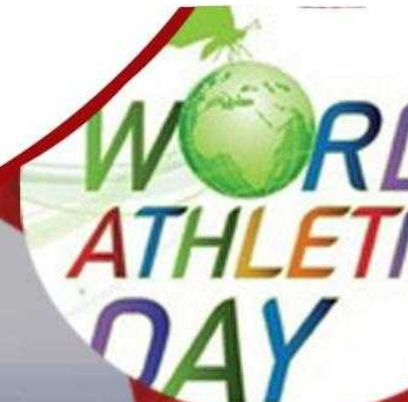
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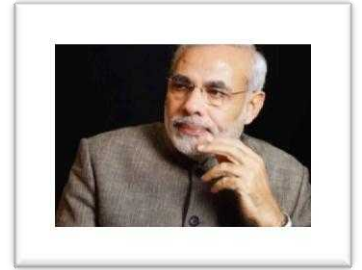
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## NATIONAL NEWS

### May 1

1. Who is the head of Defence Cyber Agency (DCA) to tackle non-civilian cyber issues arise from China and Pakistan ?

**Answer :** Rear Admiral Mohit Gupta

**Explanation :**

- Ministry of Defence (MoD) is expecting to raise a Defence Cyber Agency (DCA) by May to tackle non-civilian cyber issues arise from China and Pakistan, including safeguarding critical infrastructure. **Rear Admiral Mohit Gupta**, Senior Navy officer will be the first head of this agency, headquartered in New Delhi.

2. Recently which insurance company collaborated with WhatsApp to sell 2-wheeler policies ?

**Answer :** Bharti AXA General Insurance

**Explanation :**

- Bharti AXA General Insurance, the first company in the domestic non-life insurance industry has collaborated with web aggregator, Wishfin Insurance to sell 2-wheeler policies via social media messaging platform, WhatsApp.

### May 2

1. Delhi High Court has issued notice to which airlines company to ensure refunds or provide alternative travel mode for passengers who have booked tickets with the airlines?

**Answer :** Jet Airways

**Explanation :**

- **The Delhi High Court** has issued notice to **Jet Airways** on a plea seeking direction to **the Civil Aviation Ministry and DGCA** to ensure refunds or provide alternative travel mode for passengers who have booked tickets with the airlines. The Jet Airways had last month announced a temporary suspension of its operations after it failed to receive emergency funds from lenders.

2. Which ministry has constituted a committee to implement the National Clean Air Program (NCAP)?

**Answer :** Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

**Explanation :**

- Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) has constituted a committee to implement the National Clean Air Program (NCAP).
- The objective is to reduce the **PM (particulate matter) 2.5 and PM 10** concentration by **20% to 30%** in at least **102 cities by 2024**.

### May 3

1. Who is the head of the committee which was constituted by Central Works Public Department (CPWD) to formulate a design policy for building construction and infrastructure development?

**Answer :** M K Sharma

**Explanation :**

- **The Central Works Public Department (CPWD)** has constituted an expert committee to formulate a design policy for building construction and infrastructure development. The committee has been set up under the chairmanship of CPWD's

2. Which organization has launched 'Udyam', a skilling centre in Bengaluru in association with Lok Bharti Education Society?

**Answer :** LIC Housing Finance

**Explanation :**

- **LIC Housing Finance (LIC HFL)** has launched 'Udyam', a skilling centre in **Bengaluru**. It was launched in association with **Lok Bharti Education Society**, the implementing partner.
- The Centres of Excellence will provide training to marginalised youth in the BFSI, retail, and IT/ ITES sectors.

3. Indian government had proposed which-coloured number plate for all electric vehicles in the country?

**Answer :** green

**Explanation :**

- **Indian government** had earlier proposed a special **green-coloured number plate for all electric vehicles** in the country. Putting the year old plan in action, the Central government has now asked the state transport departments to make it mandatory for all EVs to use the green number plates, irrespective of the year in which they were bought.

4. In Meghalaya Geological Survey of India (GSI) North Eastern Region (NER) installed 2 Geological display boards at which places?

**Answer :** Mawmluh cave and Therriaghat cave

**Explanation :**

- **The Geological Survey of India (GSI)** North Eastern Region (NER) installed 2 geological display boards at 2 important geological sites with geo-scientific information. The sites are **Mawmluh cave and Therriaghat** cave in Meghalaya.

#### **May 4**

1. Vice President, M. Venkaiah Naidu unveiled a postage stamp in New Delhi to commemorate the 750th birth anniversary of which spiritual leader?

**Answer :** Sri Vedanta Desikan

**Explanation :**

- In order to commemorate the 750th birth anniversary of Sri Vedanta Desikan, Vice President, **M. Venkaiah Naidu unveiled** a postage stamp in New Delhi on May 2, 2019. The stamp has been released by Indian postal department.
- The releasing of commemorative postage stamps inspire the younger generation to practice humanism, peace and compassion propagated by the great saint and spiritual icon.

2. At which place the annual 14th edition of Sino-Indian border trade have opened?

**Answer :** Nathu La

**Explanation :**

- Sino-Indian border trade's annual 14th edition opened at **Nathu La**, which is the frontier post at Sino-Indian border in Sikkim.
- Officials and traders of India and China made their presence at the border to symbolise the beginning of the border trade.

#### **May 5**

1. Who is the Defence Minister of China?

**Answer :** General Wei Fenghe

**Explanation :**

- **Nirmala Sitharaman**, the current Defence Minister of India held a bilateral meeting with **General Wei Fenghe, Honourable Defence Minister of China**, in which they discussed **regional and bilateral security issues**.
- The meeting was held on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defence Ministers' Meet in **Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan**.

2. The 11th meeting of the joint working group on counter-terrorism between India and Australia held at which place?

**Answer :** Canberra

**Explanation :**

- The 11th meeting of the joint working group on counter-terrorism between India and Australia held at **Canberra, Australia** on May 2, 2019. **Mahaveer Singhvi**, Joint Secretary (Counter-Terrorism) led Indian delegation while **Paul Foley**, Australia's Ambassador for Counter Terrorism led Australian delegation for the meeting.
- The objective of this meeting is to discuss the counter-terrorism challenges which both countries are facing such as financing of terrorism, the use of the internet for terror purposes, radicalisation and foreign terrorist fighters.

### May 6

1. Ministry of Electronics & IT, CSC (Common Services Centre) e-Governance Services India Limited, has partnered with which institute to upscale 'Unnat Bharat Abhiyan'?

**Answer :** (IIT) Kanpur

**Explanation :**

- A Special Purpose Vehicle under the Ministry of Electronics & IT, (Information Technology) **CSC (Common Services Centre) e-Governance Services India Limited**, has partnered with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) **Kanpur** to upscale '**Unnat Bharat Abhiyan**'.
- 'Unnat Bharat Abhiyan project' is being led by Dr. Reeta Singh, from IIT Kanpur.

2. In which state Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has received the green nod to drill 6 development wells?

**Answer :** Assam

**Explanation :**

- State-owned **Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)** has received the green nod to drill 6 development wells in Assam at an estimated cost of **Rs 240 crore**.
- The Union Environment Ministry has given the environment clearance for six development wells in five mining lease blocks in Jorhat and Golghat districts.

### May 7

1. Who quit Paytm's president post?

**Answer :** Bhushan Patil

**Explanation :**

- **Bhushan Patil**, president at **Paytm**, has quit the company. Patil, who joined Paytm after a five year stint with Alibaba, had initially joined the Noida-based company to look after its cross border commerce business.

- With Paytm focusing on its domestic commerce business, he was one of the key executives for Paytm Mall. Patil joined Paytm in March 2016.

### May 8

1. India-US Bilateral trade meeting was held in which place?

**Answer :** New Delhi

**Explanation :**

- On May 6th, 2019, **India-US Bilateral trade meeting** was held in **New Delhi**. It was co-chaired by **Suresh Prabhu**, Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Government of India and **Mr. Wilbur Ross**, Secretary of Commerce, USA.

2. Which Person's Life History based film have been agreed to jointly produce by India and Bangladesh in a meeting ?

**Answer :** Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman

**Explanation :**

- India and Bangladesh in a meeting agreed to jointly produce the film based on the life and works of **Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman** and documentary of **Bangladesh Liberation War 1971**.
- The delegation from Bangladesh side led by **Dr. Gowher Rizvi**, Adviser to Prime Minister of Bangladesh met **Amit Khare**, Secretary of Information and Broadcasting Ministry.

3. What is the name of the destroyer which was decommissioned at Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam recently after completing its 36 years of journey?

**Answer :** INS Ranjit

**Explanation :**

- Completing its journey of 36 years, **INS Ranjit, a Rajput class destroyer** was decommissioned at **Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam** recently. Commissioned on 15 September 1983 by **Captain Vishnu Bhagwat** in erstwhile **Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR)**, the ship was used for yeoman service.

### May 9

1. Who headed the meeting for stakeholders in the renewable energy industry termed as 'chintan baithak' ?

**Answer :** Shri Anand Kumar

**Explanation :**

- **The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)** held a session for stakeholders in the **renewable energy industry** termed as '**chintan baithak**', where CEOs (Chief Executive Officers) made presentations on subject matters, namely, regulatory hurdles, energy storage, transmission constraints and low cost, long term funding.
- The meeting was headed by **Secretary, MNRE, Shri Anand Kumar**.

2. Which organization was decided to commemorate the 6th day of each month as 'Protection Day'?

**Answer :** Max Life Insurance Co Ltd

**Explanation :**

- **Max Life Insurance Co Ltd** has notified that it will commemorate the **6th day of each** month as '**Protection Day**'. The objective of this initiative was to raise awareness on **financial protection**.
- **Aalok Bhan, Director and Chief Marketing Officer**, Max Life notified that this date of the calendar month was selected, because, generally, number 6 indicates love, harmony and is also a symbol of secured financial future.

### May 10

1. Who is the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkey?

**Answer :** Mr Sedat Onal

**Explanation :**

- As part of the regular exchange between India and Turkey, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkey, **Mr Sedat Onal** visited India from **7th May-9th May, 2019**. Mr Sedat Onal had previously visited India as part of the delegation of **President Recep Tayyip Erdogan in May 2017**.
- Off-late the political exchange between India and Turkey have strengthened our deep-rooted ties that goes back to many centuries, and opened up **various new arenas for cooperation**.

2. After a meeting of Commerce Secretary Anup Wadhawan and General Administration of Customs of China (GACC) Vice Minister Li Guo, India and China signed a protocol for exportation of which indian food?

**Answer :** Indian Chilli Meal

**Explanation :**

- After a meeting of **Commerce Secretary Anup Wadhawan** and General Administration of Customs of China (**GACC**) **Vice Minister Li Guo**, India and China signed a protocol for **exportation of Indian chilli meal** to China.

### May 11

1. Who resigned the Andhra Pradesh Tribal Welfare Minister post?

**Answer :** Kidari sravan Kumar

**Explanation :**

- **Tribal welfare minister of Andhra Pradesh, Kidari Sravan Kumar** resigned from his ministerial post recently. He was given the charge of the ministry on November 11, 2018, after the sudden demise of his father KS Rao.
- He contested in the recently concluded assembly elections **from Araku constituency**, results of which will be announced on May 23. His father represented the Araku assembly constituency and was killed by Maoists on September 23, 2018.

2. What is the name of the Anti-Naxal women's commando deployed by the Chhattisgarh police?

**Answer :** Danteshwari Ladake.

**Explanation :**

- The Chhattisgarh police has deployed first ever Anti-Naxal women's commando unit named '**Danteshwari Ladake**' or '**Fighters of Goddess Danteshwari**'. These women commandos have inducted in the **District Reserve Guard (DRG)** which is Chhattisgarh's frontline anti-naxal force.
- This specially raised squad was part of the security forces "**short action teams**" which inducted in the state's Naxal-hit **Dantewada district**.



3. India's first ever ice cafe is located in which state?

**Answer :** Jammu and Kashmir.

**Explanation :**

- Border Road Organisation officials have created India's first ever ice cafe in the mountain village of Gaya in Ladakh region of Jammu and Kashmir, at 14,000 feet height above sea level, on the famous ManaliLeh Highway.
- The ice sculpture, resembles a Buddhist meditation place, was created by natural process.

### May 12

1. Which Countries hold Foreign office consultations in which both countries have agreed to strengthen their ties in various fields?

**Answer :** India and United Kingdom.

**Explanation :**

- India and United Kingdom (UK) hold **Foreign Office consultations** in which both countries have agreed to strengthen their ties in the field of Indo-Pacific cooperation, climate change, disaster resilience, development in third world countries and others. Foreign Secretary, **Vijay Gokhale** led the Indian delegation and **Sir Simon McDonald**, Perm

### May 13

1. Which states faces the critical shortage of healthcare professionals as per WHO report?

**Answer :** Bihar, Jharkhand, U.P & Rajasthan.

**Explanation :**

- The **WHO** (World Health Organization) has published a research paper titled '**Forecasting the future need and gaps in requirements for public health professionals in India upto 2026**' in the '**WHO South-East Asia Journal of Public Health**', in which it states that India faces critical shortage of healthcare professionals, especially in **Bihar, Jharkhand, U.P. (Uttar Pradesh) & Rajasthan** .

2. Who issued new norms for the University Grants Commission- funded scheme?

**Answer :** Higher Education Department.

**Explanation :**

- The **Higher Education Department** has strictly issued new norms for the University Grants Commission- funded scheme which are meant for the faculties of colleges and universities who pursue **research**.
- This order is issued after the detection of numerous violations by the beneficiaries of the scheme.

### May 14

1. Which terror group has claimed to have established a new '**province**' in India, termed as "**Wilayah of Hind**" (India Province) in Arabic?

**Answer :** ISIS

**Explanation :**

- After the occurrence of clashes between militants and security forces in Kashmir on May 10, 2019, for the very first time ISIS, the **Islamic State terror group** has claimed to have established a new '**province**' in India, termed as "**Wilayah of Hind**"

(India Province) in Arabic. This has been announced through its **Amaq News Agency**.

### May 15

1. Where did DRDO conduct the successful flight test of ABHYAS?

**Answer :** Chandipur

**Explanation :**

- **Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO)** conducted a successful flight test of ABHYAS high-speed expendable aerial target (**HEAT**) from **Interim Test Range, Chandipur in Odisha**.
- The pilotless target aircraft are used by the DRDO and the three services for testing their different types of missiles including air-to-air missiles and surface to air missiles. **The ABHYAS is an advanced expendable target which can be used for simulating different types of aircraft and missiles.**

2. Which is the eighth best airport in the world as per 2019 annual rating report by Air Help?

**Answer :** Rajiv Gandhi International Airport.

**Explanation :**

- Rajiv Gandhi International Airport has been declared as the eighth best airport in the world. In the 2019 annual rating report by Air Help, an organization that specializes in air traveller rights, Doha's Hamad International Airport, Tokyo Haneda International Airport, and Athens International Airport have retained their top three positions in the list.

### May 16

1. Rudraksh trees were planted in which state under the 'Namami Gange' Programme?

**Answer :** Uttarakhand.

**Explanation :**

- **National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), HCL Foundation and Indian national Trust for Art and Culture Heritage (INTACH)** signed tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Plantation of Rudraksh Trees in **Uttarakhand under the 'Namami Gange' Programme**.
- The objective is to create a greener ecosystem in the Ganga Basin along the stretch of 97 towns and 4,465 villages.

2. Who inaugurated Indian Navy's first full-fledged Service Selection Board (SSB) at Diamond Harbour, near Kolkata ?

**Answer :** Sunil Lanba.

**Explanation :**

- The Chief of Naval Staff, **Admiral Sunil Lanba** inaugurated Indian Navy's first full-fledged **Service Selection Board (SSB) at Diamond Harbour, near Kolkata**.
- **Vice Admiral Karambir Singh, the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command, has attended the inauguration.**

### May 17

1. Which Country has been chosen as co-chair of the Consultative Group of GFDRR for the fiscal year 2020?

**Answer :** India.

**Explanation :**

- India has been unanimously chosen as co-chair of the Consultative Group (CG) of Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR) for the fiscal year 2020.
- The decision was taken during the meeting of GFDRR held in Geneva, Switzerland

2. Where did India set up its military space agency headquarters?

**Answer :** Bengaluru

**Explanation :**

- Soon after it successfully carried out an anti-satellite test, India is setting up its military space agency headquartered at Bengaluru with the ace **fighter pilot Air Vice Marshal SP Dharkar as its likely head.**
- The tri-services Space agency is likely to command all the space assets of the three services including the A-SAT capability, which can be used to destroy enemy space-based satellites and other assets.

**May 18**

1. What is the abbreviation of SPARROW?

**Answer :** Smart Performance Appraisal Report Recording Online Window.

**Explanation :**

- The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) notified that **for better human resource management**, it will conduct **annual performance appraisal report (APARs)** of over **46,000 Group B and C officers (IRS– Indian Revenue Service officers in Customs and Central Excise in 2016-17)** online in **SPARROW** (Smart Performance Appraisal Report Recording Online Window).

2. Where did the 11th India Iran Joint Consular Committee Meeting (JCCM) held?

**Answer :** New Delhi .

**Explanation :**

- The 11th India Iran Joint Consular Committee Meeting (JCCM) held in **New Delhi** on May 14, 2019. Indian delegation was led by **Amit Narang**, Joint Secretary in Consular, Passport and Visa (CPV) division and the Iran delegation was led by **Ali Asghar Mohammadi**, Director General of Consular Affairs.

**May 19**

1. Who is the Governor of Reserve Bank of India?

**Answer :** Shaktikanta Das.

**Explanation :**

- The Central Bank notified that the (Reserve Bank of India) RBI-appointed committee chaired by Nandan Nilekani, Aadhaar architect, submitted the panel's suggestions on promoting digital payments to Shaktikanta Das, the Governor of RBI.
- In January 2019, the Central Bank had set up the 5-member panel with an objective to promote digitisation of payments, thus improving financial inclusion through digitisation.

3. What is the name of the insurance launched by arm Bajaj Finance Ltd for passengers travelling in local trains in Mumbai?

**Answer :** Mumbai Local Train Cover.

**Explanation :**

- Bajaj Finserv, through its lending arm Bajaj Finance Ltd has launched a specialised insurance cover titled ‘Mumbai Local Train Cover’ for passengers travelling in local trains in Mumbai.
- This policy provides coverage in case of mishap during a train journey.

### May 20

1. Which organization ranks countries based on their Services Trade Restrictiveness Index ?

**Answer : Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development.**

**Explanation :**

- India has found issues with the present method under which the **Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)** ranks countries based on their Services Trade Restrictiveness Index (STRI).
- A study commissioned by the **Commerce Ministry** stated that the OECD index has numerous problems associated with it.

2. Who is the external affairs minister of India?

**Answer : Sushma Swaraj.**

**Explanation :**

- **Sushma Swaraj**, External Affairs Minister met **Umer Daudzai**, (during his visit to India) Afghanistan’s High Peace Council Secretary who briefed her on the outcome of the recently held the historic ‘**Loya Jirga**’ or **peace meeting in Kabul**.

3. How much Graphite reserves are found in Arunachal Pradesh?

**Answer : 35%.**

**Explanation :**

- **The Geological Survey of India (GSI)** in its report said that about **35% of India’s total Graphite reserves are found in Arunachal Pradesh**. This is the **highest** found in the country.
- The GSI presented the said data during its annual interactive meeting with the **Department of Geology and Mining & Industries, Government of Arunachal Pradesh in Itanagar**.

### May 21

1. Which is the first state to tap into masala bond market by listing the kerala infrastructure investment fund board’s masala bond worth of USD 312 million in LSE?

**Answer : Kerala**

**Explanation :**

- **Kerala became the first state to tap into masala bond market** by listing the Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board (KIIFB)’s masala bond worth of USD 312 million (Rs 2,150 crore) in London Stock Exchange (LSE)’s International Securities Market (ISM).
- It has a fixed interest rate of **9.723% per annum**. The bond issue builds on the Kerala government’s focus to get multinational corporations to invest in the state.

2. How many states has brought a drought advisory due to water storage in dams?

**Answer : six**

**Explanation :**

- Recently, centre has issued a “drought advisory” to six states named Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Tamil Nadu due to water storage in dams dropped to a “critical level”. Centre has asked these 6 six states to use water judiciously.

### May 22

1. Which ships have arrived Port Blair on 20 May for the ‘Opening Ceremony’ of the 8th Indo-Myanmar coordinated patrol (IMCOR), at Andaman and Nicobar Command?

**Answer :** UMS King TabinShweHtee (773) and UMS Inlay (OPV-54)

**Explanation :**

- **Myanmar Navy Ship UMS King TabinShweHtee (773) and UMS Inlay (OPV-54)** have arrived Port Blair on 20 May for the ‘Opening Ceremony’ of the 8th Indo-Myanmar coordinated patrol (IMCOR), at Andaman and Nicobar Command.
- The CORPAT initiative between the two navies is meant to address issues of terrorism, illegal fishing, drug trafficking, human trafficking, poaching and other illegal activities inimical to the interest of both nations.

### May 23

1. What is the name of the scheme that arranged for seeking to ensure a decent funeral for the poor?

**Answer :** Antim Yatra Aakhri Safar

**Explanation :**

- **Seeking to ensure a decent funeral for the poor, the civic body in Karimnagar** city of Telangana will launch a scheme next month under which last rites can be performed for just one rupee.
- The 'Antim Yatra Aakhri Safar' would be launched on June 15 and Rs 1.10 crore had already been allotted for the initiative, which would take care of the funeral as per the religious customs of the deceased.

2. According to the report by the United Nations India's economy is projected to grow at which percentage in the fiscal year 2020?

**Answer :** 7.1

**Explanation :**

- A report by the United Nations says India's economy is projected to grow at 7.1 per cent in the fiscal year 2020. The report says that the Indian economy expanded by 7.2 per cent in 2018.
- **The report said, strong domestic consumption and investment will continue to support growth, which is projected at 7.0 per cent in 2019 and 7.1 per cent in 2020.**

### May 24

1. Who won the lok sabha election 2019 over congress candidate Mr. Rahul Gandhi?

**Answer :** Mr. Narendra Modi

**Explanation :**

- In the lok sabha election 2019 BJP Candidate and India's Current Prime minister Mr. Narendra modi won the Election Over Congress Candidate Mr. Rahul Gandhi. He will take charge on 26th May 2019 as India's Prime Minister for Spam 5 years.

2. Out of 18 countries what is the rank of India in Kids Right Index?

**Answer :** 117

**Explanation :**

- The annual global index named **Kids Right Index** has ranked countries on the basis of how much they are involved and equipped to improve child rights. **India ranked 117th** out of 181 countries.
- **Iceland topped** the ranking followed by Portugal About Kids Right Index. Kids Rights Index is an initiative started by **Kids Right Foundation** with Erasmus University, Rotterdam.

3. Name the city which is most vulnerable to cyberattacks in 2019?

**Answer :** Mumbai

**Explanation :**

- **Mumbai topped** the 15-city list of the **most vulnerable cities to cyberattacks in 2019**, followed by Delhi, Bengaluru and Kolkata, **Quick Heal Security Labs** revealed. The '**Annual Threat Report 2019**' put Maharashtra, Delhi and West Bengal as the top three states at most risk.
- The report compiled data from several cyberattacks that took place in 2018 on Windows and Android.

### May 25

1. Which year is the highest ever voter turnout in the history of general elections as per Election Commission of India?

**Answer :** 2019

**Explanation :**

- **The 2019 Lok Sabha elections** witnessed a voter turnout of **67.10%** (interim), which is the highest ever voter turnout in the history of general elections, as per **Election Commission of India**. The previous highest voter turnout of 66.44% was recorded in 2014.
- The highest voter turnout was recorded in the first phase when 69.61 per cent of the electorate voted.

### May 26

1. Who inaugurated "the 5<sup>th</sup> Smart Cities India 2019 expo" ?

**Answer :** Durga Shanker Mishra

**Explanation :**

- **The 5th Smart Cities India 2019 expo**, including Transport India, Solar India, Buildings India and Water India expos, was inaugurated by **Durga Shanker Mishra**, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India, **at the Pragati Maidan, New Delhi**.
- Organised by **India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO) and Exhibitions India Group**, the event builds upon Government of India's 'Smart Cities Mission'.

2. Where did Governor of Delhi Shri Anil Baijal inaugurated the Sahara Naval Hostel for the 'Veer Naris' ?

**Answer :** Vasant Kunj

**Explanation :**

- Hon'ble Lt Governor of Delhi Shri Anil Baijal inaugurated the Sahara Naval Hostel for the 'Veer Naris' at Vasant Kunj, New Delhi.

- The unique project steered by the Indian Navy for ‘Naval Veer Naris’ has been built in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) partnership with National Buildings Construction Corporation (NBCC).

### May 27

1. Name the first Indian woman who successfully scaled Mount Makalu?

**Answer :** Priyanka Mohite

**Explanation :**

- **Priyanka Mohite**, the 26-year-old Satara based mountaineer, has become the **first Indian woman to successfully scale Mount Makalu — the fifth-highest mountain in the world at 8,481 metres.**
  - Earlier, in May 2018, Priyanka managed to scale Mount Lhotse, which is the fourth highest mountain in the world.
2. Where did Mining and metals major Vedanta Ltd has been declared the final bidder for two copper mining blocks?  
**Answer :** Maharashtra  
**Explanation :**
    - Mining and metals major Vedanta Ltd has been declared the final bidder for two copper mining blocks in **Maharashtra’s Chandrapur** district.
    - The blocks, located in **Thanewasna** and **Dubarpeth**, are spread over 768.62 hectares and 816.29 hectares respectively.

### May 28

1. Who was elected as “The Prime Minister of India in 2019”?

**Answer :** Mr. Narendra Modi

**Explanation :**

- **Mr. Narendra Modi is taking charge** as a Prime minister of India again. The ceremony takes place on May 30th 2019. **President Ram Nath Kovind will administer the oath of office and secrecy to Modi**
- Sri Lanka, Thailand, Nepal, Bhutan among honoured guests at Modi's swearing-in ceremony on May 30

### May 29

1. Which town in Madhya Pradesh was added to the Tentative List of UNESCO’s World Heritage Sites recently?

**Answer :** Orchha

**Explanation :**

- The architectural heritage of Orchha town in **Madhya Pradesh** added to the Tentative List of UNESCO’s World Heritage Sites. The architectural heritage of Orchha town depicts a unique style of the Bundela dynasty.
  - The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) had sent a proposal to UNESCO to include the architectural heritage of Orchha town in its list of World Heritage Sites on April 15, 2019.
2. Who inaugurated the International Day for Biological Diversity tree ambulance in Chennai?  
**Answer :** Venkaiah Naidu  
**Explanation :**

- **International Day for Biological Diversity tree ambulance** was inaugurated in Chennai, Tamil Nadu by Vice President of India, Venkaiah Naidu.
- The ambulance will help in planting trees that have been uprooted, and offer other services such as a **seed bank, distribution of plants, and helping citizens in tree plantation drives.**

### May 30

1. Which state has released a draft block chain policy to set up country's first 'Block chain District'?

**Answer :** Telangana

**Explanation :**

- **Telangana released a draft block chain policy to set up country's first 'Block chain District'** in Hyderabad. It is aimed to create an ecosystem for major block chain companies, start-ups for promoting research, innovation and industry collaboration.

2. Which ministry appointed a high-level committee to bring down India's dependence on crude oil imports?

**Answer :** Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

**Explanation :**

- A high-level committee appointed by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has recommended a higher natural gas price for producers from existing discoveries among measures to bring down India's dependence on crude oil imports.

### May 31

1. Which country lifts ban on Kerala's fruits and vegetable?

**Answer :** Saudi Arabia

**Explanation :**

- Kerala's fruits and vegetable exporters have heaved a sigh of relief following the lifting of the export ban by Saudi Arabia after the Nipah virus attack last year.
- Kerala has received a communication in this regard from the Saudi Arabian authorities that has led to the commencement of direct exports from the state.

2. From when the RTGS new service window starts for customer transaction?

**Answer :** June 1, 2019

**Explanation :**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced that the time-window for using the Real Time Gross Settlement System (RTGS) for customer transactions will be extended from 4:30 pm to 6 pm on all working days.
- It will be effective from June 1, 2019. The current RTGS service window for customer transactions is available to banks from 8 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. on a working day.

3. How many women candidates have been elected to the lok sabha in the recently held general elections?

**Answer :** 78

**Explanation :**

- Record 78 women candidates have been elected to the Lok Sabha in the recently held general elections.



- According to the Election Commission, the number has grown from the previous 62 women who were elected to the 16th Lok Sabha in 2014.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### May 01

1. Which Indian navy warships had gone to Qingdao in China to participate in the International Fleet Review (IFR)?

**Answer :** INS Kolkata and INS Shakti

**Explanation :**

- INS Kolkata and INS Shakti arrived at Busan, South Korea to participate in ADMM-PLUS (ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting). Indian Navy's 2 warships, **INS Kolkata and INS Shakti** had gone to Qingdao in China to participate in the International Fleet Review (**IFR**), which is an international maritime parade organised off the coast of China.
  - It is celebrated to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the founding of the **Chinese Navy**.
2. What is the full form of SIPRI?  
**Answer :** Stockholm International Peace Research Institute  
**Explanation :**
    - According to the report from the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (**SIPRI**), a think-tank, the world's military expenditure has risen by 2.6% to reach **1.82 \$ trillion in 2018**.
    - In this total share, India, United States, China, Saudi Arabia and France altogether contributed to 60% per cent of the amount, with US and China being the 2 biggest spenders.

### May 02

1. What is the name of the bilateral naval exercise held between India and France?

**Answer :** Varuna 19.1

**Explanation :**

- India and France will holding their bilateral naval exercise, Varuna 19.1 Arabian Sea off the Goa coast from 1st May to 10th May, 2019.
- The exercise is being conducted in two phases. The harbour phase at Goa would include cross-visits, professional interactions and discussions and sports event.

### May 03

1. Which country withdrew from the International Arms Trade Treaty?

**Answer :** USA

**Explanation :**

- US President **Donald Trump** has said he will withdraw his country from the **International Arms Trade Treaty**. The agreement, signed by Barack Obama in 2013, aims to regulate the sale of weapons between countries.

- **The US National Rifle Association** says the treaty amounts to international gun control, and is a threat to America's second amendment right to bear arms. The US is the world's top arms exporter.

#### May 04

1. Asia Cooperation Dialogue's (ACD) 16th Ministerial Meeting was held in which place?

**Answer :** Doha

**Explanation :**

- Asia Cooperation Dialogue's (ACD) 16th Ministerial Meeting was held in Doha, Qatar. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, **H E Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani** headed the 2019 dialogue.
- The Indian delegation was led by **Gen. (Dr) V.K. Singh (Retd)**, Minister of State for External Affairs.

#### May 05

1. Vodafone Idea Ltd, India's largest telecom operator notified a 5-year multi-million-dollar IT outsourcing deal with which company?

**Answer :** IBM

**Explanation :**

- **Vodafone Idea Ltd**, India's largest telecom operator notified a **5-year multi-million-dollar** IT outsourcing deal with **IBM** (International Business Machines Corporation). The collaboration will contribute to Vodafone Idea's merger synergy objectives by **decreasing its IT related costs**.

#### May 06

1. Who is the king of Thailand?

**Answer :** Maha Vajiralongkorn

**Explanation :**

- **Thai King Maha Vajiralongkorn** was finally coronated recently after ascending the throne two years ago, in a \$31 million three-day celebration that comes almost 69 years since the last coronation.
- The coronation took place at the Chakrabat Biman Royal Residence at the Grand Palace in Bangkok.

#### May07

1. Which is the top-most nation to attract Indian FDI with 52 projects according to London & Partners (L&P), the Mayor of London's promotional agency report?

**Answer :** UK

**Explanation :**

- **London & Partners (L&P), the Mayor of London's promotional agency**, in the new report analysis, based on FDI (Foreign Direct Investments) Markets and FDI Intelligence data stated that in 2018, the UK became the top-most nation to attract Indian **FDI with 52 projects. US attracted Indian FDI with 51 projects while the UAE with 32 projects.**

## May 08

1. Who won the North Macedonian presidential election?

**Answer :** Stevo Pendarovski

**Explanation :**

- **Stevo Pendarovski**, supported by the ruling Social Democrats (SDSM), has won the **North Macedonian presidency** in a run-off vote. The 56-year-old garnered 51.66 percent of the vote in North Macedonia, beating nationalist VMRO's Gordana Siljanovska-Davkova which got 44.73 percent.

## May 09

1. 11th Arctic Council Ministerial Meeting held in which place?

**Answer :** Finland

**Explanation :**

- On May 7, 2019 Finland held the **11th Arctic Council Ministerial Meeting** in **Lappi Arena, Rovaniemi, Finland**. The dignitaries from the 8 Arctic States had approved the work completed under the 2-year **Finnish Chairmanship** to enhance **sustainable development** and **environmental conservation** in the Arctic region.
- The Arctic States were joined by delegates from the Arctic Council's Permanent Participant organizations, the heads of the 6 Working Groups, and Observers.

## May 10

1. Name of the Australian Zero waste commercial flight?

**Answer :** QF739

**Explanation :**

- Recently, the Australian flight carrier, **Qantas** has operated world's first zero waste commercial flight named **QF739** from **Sydney to Adelaide** which disposed all waste through compost, reuse or recycle.
- This airline has substituted over 1000 single-use plastic items with more environment friendly items which has helped airline to achieve zero-waste during commercial flight.

## May 11

1. United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) decided to hold its 2020 high-level conference early June in which place?

**Answer :** Lisbon

**Explanation :**

- **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** decided to hold its **2020 high-level conference** early June in **Portugal's Lisbon** to support the sustainable use of the oceans, seas and marine resources.
- The UNGA "decides that the overarching **theme** of the conference shall be "**scaling up ocean action based on science and innovation for the implementation of Goal 14: stocktaking, partnerships and solutions.**"

## May 12

1. Which country for the first time, has detected a case with the rare monkey pox virus which was brought in by a Nigerian man?

**Answer :** Singapore

**Explanation :**

- **Singapore**, for the first time, has detected a case with the rare monkey pox virus which was brought in by a Nigerian man. He thought to have got this rare virus by eating bushmeat.
- **Monkey pox** is a rare disease caused by the virus that is transmitted from animals, such as rodents and monkeys (through the hunting and consumption of bush meat), to humans. It is usually found in the central and western parts of Africa's tropical rainforest.

### May 13

1. What is the theme of 58th Venice Biennale?

**Answer :** 'Our Time for a Future Caring'

**Explanation :**

- The 58th Venice Biennale is held from 11th May to 24th November 2019 at Venice, Italy After a long gap of 8 years, India has again marked its presence at the **58th Venice Biennale, Italy** which will be held from **11th May till 24th November 2019** (6 month's period). The theme at the is '**Our Time for a Future Caring**'.
- The theme for Indian Pavillion is titled '**Hundred and Fifty years of Mahatma Gandhi**'.

2. The 14th meeting Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention (**BC COP-14**), the 9th meeting Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention (**RC COP-9**) and Stockholm Convention (**SC COP-9**) held at which place?

**Answer :** Switzerland

**Explanation :**

- In **Geneva International Conference Centre (GICC) Geneva, Switzerland**, the 14th meeting Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention (**BC COP-14**), the 9th meeting Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention (**RC COP-9**) and Stockholm Convention (**SC COP-9**) held from April 29 to May 10, 2019.
- The theme of the meeting was "**Clean Planet, Healthy People: Sound Management of Chemicals and Waste**"

### May 15

1. Which of the two countries agreed to increase their collaboration in the fields of Indo-Pacific Cooperation?

**Answer :** Indian and UK

**Explanation :**

- **India and the United Kingdom** agreed to increase their **collaboration in the fields of Indo-Pacific cooperation, climate change, disaster resilience, development in third world countries amongst other areas.**
- The two countries held Foreign Office consultations, where the Indian side was led by Foreign Secretary **Vijay Gokhale** and the UK side was represented by **Sir Simon McDonald**, Permanent Under-Secretary, Foreign and Commonwealth Office of British Government.

## May 16

1. What is theme of Global Platform for (DDR) Disaster Risk Reduction (GP2019)?

**Answer :** ‘Resilience Dividend: Towards Sustainable and Inclusive Societies’

**Explanation :**

- The 6th Session of the biennial **Global Platform for (DDR) Disaster Risk Reduction (GP2019)** will take place in **Geneva, Switzerland from 13th May to 17 May, 2019 and will be co-chaired by Switzerland and UNISDR.**
- The theme of the session is ‘**Resilience Dividend: Towards Sustainable and Inclusive Societies**’.

## May 17

1. The Mint Globetrotter Index was prepared by which organisation?

**Answer :** Howindialives.com

**Explanation :**

- The **Mint Globetrotter Index** was prepared by **Mint’s data partner Howindialives.com** which is a **database and search engine** for public data that took into account **25 essential spends in total**, ranging from multifarious categories, namely, **accommodation, shopping, leisure, market and food** and came up with an **index** which would help general public to travel well-informed.

## May 18

1. For the first time in Asia, which country parliament legalized same-sex marriage?

**Answer :** Taiwan

**Explanation :**

- For the first time in Asia, **Taiwan’s parliament** legalised same-sex marriage, as lawmakers **passed a bill** permitting same-sex couples to form ‘**exclusive permanent unions**’ which would let them apply for a ‘**marriage registration**’ (**under Clause Four**) with **government agencies.**

2. CTBTO (The Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organisation) has offered an Observer status and an access to International Monitoring System (IMS) data to which country?

**Answer :** India

**Explanation :**

- **CTBTO** (The Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organisation) has offered India an ‘**Observer**’ status and an access to **International Monitoring System (IMS) data.**
- CTBT is a global treaty that runs IMS which constantly monitors the Earth for **nuclear explosions** and shares evaluative findings with its member states. CTBTO’s headquarters is in **Vienna, Austria.**

## May 20

1. US President Donald Trump in an announcement in Rose Garden speech, unveiled a new ‘Merit-Based Immigration System’ which replaces the existing green cards with which system?

**Answer :** 'Build America' visa

**Explanation :**

- **US President Donald Trump** in an announcement in **Rose Garden speech**, unveiled a new '**Merit-Based Immigration System**'. This is a point based system for professionals where skills of the people will be preferred for permanent residency against the current country based quotas which requires family ties for green cards.
- It will replace the existing green cards with '**Build America**' visa.

### May 21

1. At which place the groundbreaking of the TAPI gas pipeline will be held?

**Answer :** Pakistan

**Explanation :**

- A meeting on the development of **Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI)** gas pipeline, also known as Trans-Afghanistan pipeline held in Turkmenistan recently.
- **Groundbreaking of the TAPI gas pipeline will be held in Pakistan in October this year.**

### May 22

1. Name the redefined international system of units for the country ' ?

**Answer :** Kilogram, Kelvin, Mole and Ampere

**Explanation :**

- Council of Scientific and Industrial Research and National Physical Laboratory, CSIR-NPL introduced redefined International System of Units for the country. The redefined systems are Kilogram, Kelvin, Mole and Ampere.

### May 24

1. Who is the first HIV Infected climber to ascend world's highest peak the mount Everest?

**Answer :** Gopal Shrestha

**Explanation :**

- A-56 year-old **Gopal Shrestha** from Pokhara in Nepal became **first HIV infected climber to ascend world's highest peak, the Mount Everest**. Shrestha, once a former national football player climbed Everest in the second attempt. His first attempt was abandoned from the Everest Base Camp due to the earthquake of 2015.

### May 25

1. Which two countries recognized as malaria-free after Mauritius ?

**Answer :** Algeria and Argentina

**Explanation :**

- The World Health Organization has certified Algeria and Argentina as malaria-free, following three consecutive years where no new cases of the deadly disease have been reported.
- The World Health Organization reports Algeria is the second country in Africa to be recognized as malaria-free after Mauritius, which was certified in 1973

### May 26

1. Who quit from UK conservative leaders on June 7?

**Answer :** Theresa May

**Explanation :**

- British Prime Minister, Theresa May announced that she is quitting as UK Conservative leader on June 7 in the best interests of the country.
- She is paving the way for a contest to decide the new Prime Minister after she failed to win over her ministers with a revised strategy to withdraw Britain from the European Union.

### **May 28**

1. Who is the first world leader to meet the new emperor of Japan?

**Answer :** Donald Trump

**Explanation :**

- **US President Donald Trump got the red carpet treatment at Japan's Imperial Palace** where he made history, becoming the first world leader to meet with the new emperor of Japan.
- Emperor Naruhito ascended to the throne on May 1, opening what is called the era of "Reiwa," or "beautiful harmony."

### **May 29**

1. Who launched the world's largest nuclear-powered icebreaker 'Ural'?

**Answer :** Russia

**Explanation :**

- **Russia** launched the world's largest nuclear-powered icebreaker 'Ural' at the Baltic Shipyard in St Petersburg in order to improve its ability to tap the Arctic's commercial potential.
- Russia is preparing for shipping via the Northern Sea Route (NSR).

### **May 30**

1. On which place Sri Lanka, Japan, and India signed an agreement to jointly develop the East Container Terminal?

**Answer :** Colombo Port.

**Explanation :**

- Sri Lanka, Japan, and India signed an agreement to jointly develop the East Container Terminal at the Colombo Port on 28th May. The joint initiative is estimated to cost between \$500 million and \$700 million.
- The signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) is significant, given that the countries had been negotiating the deal since last year with little success.

## **SPORTS**

### **May 01**

1. How many countries took part in Asian Road Para-Cycling Championships 2019?

**Answer :** 28

**Explanation :**

- Asian Road Para-Cycling Championships 2019 was held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan from April 23 to April 28, 2019, and a total of twenty-eight countries took part. Indian para cyclists won a silver and two bronze medals.

### **May 04**

1. Who has become the first Indian to win gold at the Ali Aliev Wrestling Tournament?

**Answer :** Bajrang Punia

**Explanation :**

- **World number one Bajrang Punia has become the first Indian to win gold** at the Ali Aliev wrestling tournament after defeating Viktor Rassadin of Russia in the **65 kg freestyle in Kapiisk, Russia**

### May 07

1. Who had become the first Indian male squash player to reach the top ten of the world rankings?

**Answer :** Saurav Ghoshal

**Explanation :**

- Ace Indian squash players **Saurav Ghoshal and Joshna Chinappa** won their respective **Asian Individual Squash Championship titles in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.** Saurav Ghoshal defeated Leo Au Chun Ming of Hong Kong.
- Ghoshal who had become the first Indian male player to reach top ten of the world rankings is the finalist of the previous edition.

### May 12

1. Who is a former Manchester City and Barcelona midfielder retired from football?

**Answer :** Yaya Toure

**Explanation :**

- A 35-year old, former Manchester City and Barcelona midfielder **Yaya Toure** retired from football. He had won three premier league titles, two League Cups and one Football Association Challenge Cup (FA Cup) in 2011 for Manchester City and for Barcelona, he won two LaLiga titles and Champions League 2019.

### May 14

1. Who has become the most successful women's ODI spinner?

**Answer :** Sana Mir

**Explanation :**

- **Pakistan off-spinner Sana Mir** has become the **most successful women's ODI spinner** in history after she took her 147th wicket, highest ever by any spinner in One-day International (ODI) cricket.
- It was her **118th** appearance for Pakistan and surpassed West Indies spinner Anisa Mohammed and Australia's Lisa Sthalekar, who had accumulated 146 wickets each.

### May 15

1. Who has bagged the international cricketer of the year award?

**Answer :** Virat Kohli

**Explanation :**

- Amid all the World Cup hype, India skipper **Virat Kohli has bagged the International Cricketer of the year award** while **Smriti Mandhana was honoured with the International women cricketer of the year** award during the **CEAT International Cricket Awards 2019.**
- Kohli has accumulated 10843 runs in the one-day international (ODI) cricket and scored 6613 runs in the longest format.

### May 17



1. Which federation has entered into a tie-up with HCL?

**Answer :** SRFI

**Explanation :**

- The **Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI)** entered into a tie-up with HCL. The objective of this tie-up is to improve Indian Squash. There will be multiple tournaments organised under the ‘**HCL Squash Podium Programme**’ in which both the senior and junior level.

### May 22

1. Who has become the first Czech woman to win the Rome tournament in 1978?

**Answer :** Karolina Pliskova

**Explanation :**

- **Czech fourth seed Karolina Pliskova swept past Britain’s Johanna Konta 6-3, 6-4 to win and clinched her 13th career title in the Italian Open in Rome.**
- She becomes the first Czech woman to win the Rome tournament since Regina Marsikova in 1978.

2. Who represented India at the second World Challenge Cup Series gymnastics tournament which held in Osijek, Croatia from May 23 to 26?

**Answer :** Ashish Kumar

**Explanation :**

- A team of three-members led by 2010 Asian Games bronze medallist Ashish Kumar , will be representing India at the second World Challenge Cup Series gymnastics tournament which will be held in Osijek, Croatia from May 23 to 26.
- Apart from Ashish, the Indian teams will also have Rakesh Kumar Patra and Shraddha Talekar.

### May 25

1. Who beat Manipur Police by SC 3-1 to win the Indian Women's League trophy?

**Answer :** Sethu FC

**Explanation :**

- Sethu FC beat Manipur Police by SC 3-1 to win the Indian Women's League trophy. Sethu FC from Madurai emerged champions of the third edition of the Indian Women's League at the Guru Nanak Stadium in Ludhiana.

### May 27

1. Who won the 51 kg category and clinched the second edition of the India open boxing Tournament at Assam?

**Answer :** Mary Kom

**Explanation :**

- Six-time world champion Mary Kom in the **51 kg category clinched the second edition of the India Open Boxing Tournament** at the Karmabir Nabin Chandra Bordoloi AC Indoor Stadium in Guwahati, Assam
- The London Olympic bronze medallist blew away the challenge of Vanlal Duati in a facile 5-0 win. This was Mary’s second gold in the tournament, having won in 48 kg last year in the capital.

### May 28

1. Who triumphed for the second time in the Sekisui open in Kriens, Switzerland?

**Answer :** Mahesh Mangaonkar

**Explanation :**

- In squash, India's Mahesh Mangaonkar triumphed for the second time in the Sekisui Open in Kriens, Switzerland. Sekisui Open is a Challenger tour event of the Professional Squash Association (PSA), the world body which governs the sports.

### May 29

1. Who had broke his own junior and senior world record to win his second gold medal in 10m Air Pistol event in ISSF Gold Cup 2019?

**Answer :** Saurabh Chaudhary

**Explanation :**

- India's 17-year-old shooter **Saurabh Chaudhary** broke his own junior and senior world record to win his second gold medal in **10m Air Pistol event in ISSF Gold Cup 2019**.
- Saurabh won 10m Air Pistol event with **246.3 points**, breaking his own **senior record of 245 points** and **junior record of 245.5 points**. This is Saurabh's second gold in the same event.

### May 30

1. Who clinched gold in the women's 25m pistol at the season's third international shooting sport Federation World Cup in Munich Germany?

**Answer :** Rahi Sarnobat

**Explanation :**

- **Rahi Sarnobat clinched gold in the women's 25m pistol at the season's third International Shooting Sport Federation World Cup in Munich, Germany.**
- By this win, she sealed an Olympic quota place for India in style

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### May 01

1. What is the other name for Tianhui II-01 satellites?

**Answer :** Base 25

**Explanation :**

- China launched two Tianhui II-01 satellites from Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre, also known as Base 25. The purpose of the satellite is to perform scientific experiments, land resource and geographic survey, and mapping.
- The satellites were launched by a Long March 4B carrier rocket also known as Chang Zheng 4B. This was the 303rd successful mission of the Long March series carrier rocket.

### May 03

1. Which is the largest stucco sculpture found from Phanigiri in Suryapet, Telangana?

**Answer :** Bhodhisattva

**Explanation :**

- Indian archaeologists recently unearthed a life-sized stucco sculpture from a Buddhist site at **Phanigiri in Suryapet, Telangana**. As per heritage department officials it represents one of **Bhodhisattva in JathakaChakra**. This is the largest stucco sculpture found from India till date.
- The sculpture is about 1.73 metres in height and 35 cm in width.

#### May 04

1. Which is the first asteroid visible with a naked eye in the night sky over the southern Hemisphere?

**Answer :** 99942 Apophis

**Explanation :**

- The 340m wide asteroid named **99942 Apophis** will fly past Earth like a ‘moving star-like point of light’ on April 13, 2029. It will fly above the earth’s surface at 30,500 km and first become visible with a naked eye in the night sky over the Southern Hemisphere from the east coast to the west coast of Australia.

#### May 05

1. Who gave approval to Indian Navy to acquire 10 ‘**Kamov Ka-31**’?

**Answer :** Ministry of Defence

**Explanation :**

- Ministry of Defence gave approval to Indian Navy to acquire 10 ‘**Kamov Ka-31**’ **Airborne Early Warning and Control Helicopter** for a deal worth of **Rs 3,600 crore from Russia**.
- These 10 helicopters would be deployed on the aircraft carriers and warships of the Indian Navy including the **INS Vikrant and Grigorovich-class frigates**.

#### May 06

1. Which mission is expected to land Moon on September 6, 2019?

**Answer :** Chandrayaan-2

**Explanation :**

- All the modules are getting ready for **Chandrayaan-2** launch during the window of July 9 to July 16, 2019, with an expected Moon landing on September 6, 2019. India’s second lunar mission, Chandrayaan-2, has three modules namely Orbiter, **Lander (Vikram) & Rover (Pragyan)**.

#### May 07

1. Which country has successfully launched a **first privately developed rocket ‘Momo-3’** into space?

**Answer :** Japan

**Explanation :**

- Japanese aerospace start-up **Interstellar Technology Inc.** has successfully launched a **first privately developed rocket ‘Momo-3’** into space. The unmanned rocket launched from its test site in **Taiki on the northern Japanese island of Hokkaido** and it reached about 110 km in altitude before falling into the Pacific Ocean after 10 minutes of flight time.

#### May 10

1. How many deaths occur every year due to **coronary heart disease**?

**Answer :** 5,00,000

**Explanation :**

- WHO (World Health organization) collaborated with the **International Food and Beverage Alliance (IFBA)** to eliminate industrially produced trans fat (iTFA) from food supply worldwide by 2023.
- Trans fat-intake leads to **coronary heart disease**, due to which **globally 5,00,000 deaths** occur every year.

### May 11

1. Which team of researchers claimed that the majestic Royal Bengal Tiger is under threat due to climate change?

**Answer :** Bangladesh and Australia

**Explanation :**

- A team of researchers from Bangladesh and Australia have claimed that the majestic Royal Bengal Tiger, which dominates the marshy mangrove ecosystem in the Sunderbans forest reserves, is under threat due to climate change and the unprecedented rise in sea levels. It was published in the journal named Science of the Total Environment.

### May 12

1. India signed a \$1.4 billion deal with which country for Boeing for 22 attack helicopters?

**Answer :** USA

**Explanation :**

- The Indian Air Force legally received its 1st **Apache Guardian attack helicopter AH-64E (I)** during a ceremony at the **Boeing production facility** in Mesa, Arizona, US (United States). This first attack helicopter in India's defence arsenal was received by **Air Marshal AS Butola, IAF**.
- In September 2015, India signed a \$1.4 billion deal with the US government and Boeing for 22 attack helicopters (**AH- 64 E Apache helicopters**), of which the 1st batch of helicopters will be shipped to India by July.

### May 14

1. Which Navy has commissioned two new Type 052D guided missile destroyers in Dalian?

**Answer :** Chinese Navy

**Explanation :**

- On May 10, 2019, **Chinese Navy** has commissioned two new **Type 052D** guided missile destroyers in Dalian, a coastal city. They are the 19th and 20th ships in the class and are named as **Tangshan and Suzhou**.
- China, at present, has **20 Type 052Ds** either in active service or to be launched for service soon.

### May 14

1. Which animal have been sequenced the entire genome for the first time by researchers?

**Answer :** Asiatic Male Lion

**Explanation :**

- Scientists from Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad have been sequenced the entire genome of the Asiatic lion for the first time. De novo sequencing and annotation have resulted in a draft assembly of the entire genome of a male Asiatic lion.

### May 15

1. Which agency has announced that **National Aeronautics and Space Organization(NASA)** is set for its **Mission to Moon “Artemis”**?

**Answer :**US Space Agency

**Explanation :**

- On May 13, 2019, the US Space Agency announced that **National Aeronautics and Space Organization (NASA)** is set for its **Mission to Moon “Artemis”** which is set to be achieved by **2024**.
- Earlier, its goal to achieve this feat was by 2028. The Mission is named ‘Artemis’ after the Greek mythological goddess of the Moon and twin sister to Apollo.

### May 18

1. Which is the seventh offshore patrol vessel built by the **Mazagaon Dock Limited, Mumbai**?

**Answer :** Vighraha

**Explanation :**

- Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) ‘**Vighraha**’ decommissioned at **Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh**. It is a frontline offshore patrol vessel served for 29 years from 1990 to 2019.
- It was the seventh offshore patrol vessel built by the **Mazagaon Dock Limited, Mumbai**.

### May 19

1. By whom the **Website of the Lokpal** was inaugurated?

**Answer :** Pinaki Chandra Ghose.

**Explanation :**

- The **Website of the Lokpal** was inaugurated by the Chairperson, **Justice Shri Pinaki Chandra Ghose**. His oath was administered by **President Ram Nath Kovind**. All the Members of Lokpal attended it.
- The Government has also appointed **4 Judicial and 4 non-Judicial Members**.

### May 21

1. ISRO has announced how many mega missions for upcoming 10 years?

**Answer :** Seven Mega Missions

**Explanation :**

- Recently, **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** has announced to conduct seven Mega Missions for upcoming 10 years and also prepared a roadmap for the next 30 years.
- The seven Mega Missions includes India’s second moon mission **Chandrayaan-2, XPoSAT and Aditya L-1**.

### May 23

1. Who has Successfully launched its earth observation satellite RISAT-2B from Sriharikota ?

**Answer : ISRO**

**Explanation :**

- **Indian Space Research Organisation has successfully launched its earth observation satellite RISAT-2B from Sriharikota. ISRO's trusted launcher PSLV-C46 carrying RISAT-2B blasted off from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre.**
- RISAT-2B meant for application in fields such as surveillance, agriculture, forestry and disaster management support.

### May 27

1. Which is the commercial arm of Indian Space Research Organisation ?

**Answer : NSIL**

**Explanation :**

- NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), the commercial arm of Indian Space Research Organisation (Isro), was officially inaugurated in Bengaluru. NSIL's main objective is to scale up industry participation in Indian space programmes.
- Specifically, it will be responsible for manufacturing and production of Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) and Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) through technology transfer mechanisms.

2. Who is the managing director and chief executive officer of the corporation Bank?

**Answer : PV Bharathi**

**Explanation :**

- Corporation Bank has launched 'Corp SME Suvidha', a product for GST-registered MSMEs. The product has been designed as part of the bank's efforts to provide the best products to the MSME sector.
- PV Bharathi, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation bank, launched the product in Mangaluru.

### May 28

1. Which researchers team have developed a multifunctional gold nanostructure that can be used in cancer imaging and therapy?

**Answer : IIT Mandi**

**Explanation :**

- Researcher team of Indian Institute of Technology Mandi have developed a multifunctional gold nanostructure that can be used in cancer imaging and therapy.
- **Nano systems can simultaneously transfer drug and allow imaging of tumor**

### May 29

1. Which air defence missile system was successfully test fired by the DRDO at Odisha?

**Answer : Akash**

**Explanation :**

- **The Defence Research Development Organization (DRDO) successfully test-fired the new version of the Akash surface-to-air defence missile system with a new indigenously-developed seeker in Balasore off the Odisha coast on 27 May.**

### May 30

1. The researchers at the University of Chicago in the US studied a class of materials in which they observed superconductivity at temperatures of about which degrees Celsius?

**Answer :** 23 Degrees Celsius

**Explanation :**

- Scientists have discovered superconductivity at the highest temperatures ever recorded. **The researchers at the University of Chicago in the US studied** a class of materials in which they observed superconductivity at temperatures of about minus 23 degrees Celsius.
- Superconductivity is the ability to conduct electricity perfectly.

## AWARDS

### May 02

1. How many citizens got the Goldman Environmental Prize?

**Answer :** 6

**Explanation :**

- The Goldman Environmental Foundation honoured 6 recipients of the 2019 with the world's eminent award for grassroots environmental activists, the **Goldman Environmental Prize**.
- This prize is awarded every year to environmental activists from each of the global 6 inhabited continents.

### May 04

1. Who has been conferred France's highest civilian award "Knight of the Legion of Honour"?

**Answer :** Former ISRO

**Explanation :**

- Former Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has been conferred France's highest civilian award "Knight of the Legion of Honour". This award is for his **invaluable contribution to the development of the India-France space cooperation**.
- The award has presented by Ambassador of France to India, Alexandre Ziegler, on the behalf of President of the French Republic

### May 05

1. Who has written the article named Coalgate 2.0?

**Answer :** Nileena M S

**Explanation :**

- The article titled 'Coalgate 2.0' written by **Nileena M S** has won the **Asian College of Journalism's Award for Investigative Journalism, 2018**.
- The article was published in "**The Caravan Magazine**" in March 2018. The final jury which includes Gopalkrishna Gandhi, Nilita Vachani and Dr. A R Venkatachalapathy unanimously approved Nileena's work as the winner.

### May 06

1. Who was awarded 27<sup>th</sup> P.C.Chandra Puraskaar annual national award?

**Answer :** Dr Devi Prasad Shetty

**Explanation :**

- India's most reputed cardiac surgeon and humanitarian, **Dr Devi Prasad Shetty** was awarded **27th P.C. Chandra Puraskaar**, the annual national award from the P.C. Chandra Group at Biswa Bangla Convention Centre.
- General Secretary of Ramakrishna Mission, BelurMath, Swami Suviranandaji Maharaj graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and gave away the award.

### May 08

1. Who has been honoured in UK with 2019 V K Krishna Menon award?

**Answer :** G D 'Robert' Govender

**Explanation :**

- **G D 'Robert' Govender**, an Indian-origin journalist in South Africa, has been honoured in the UK with **2019 V K Krishna Menon** award for his outstanding contribution as a pioneer of decolonised journalism.
- The South Africa-born journalist was awarded posthumously during an event in London to mark the **123rd** birth anniversary of Indian diplomat and politician **V K Krishna Menon**.

### May 09

1. How many peacekeepers honoured by Antonio Guterres with top UN officials and Peacekeeping personnel for their sacrifice in the line of duty?

**Answer :** 115

**Explanation :**

- **The Secretary of United Nations, General Antonio Guterres, accompanied with top UN officials and Peacekeeping personnel paid homage to 115 peacekeepers from 43 different countries who laid down their lives in the service of peace.**
- **Among the 115 peacekeepers, 2 Indians were also paid tribute. They were honoured for their sacrifice in the line of duty.**

### May 10

1. Who ranked first in social media with 182.7 million followers according to SEMrush report?

**Answer :** Barack Obama

**Explanation :**

- On 7th May 2019, Digital marketing platform **SEMrush** reported that Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi is the most-followed politician in the world on social media with a total audience of **110.9 million** on platforms including Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Former US President **Barack Obama** was ranked first with **182.7 million** followers.

### May 13

1. Who has been conferred with the 2019 McCain Institute Award for Courage and Leadership?

**Answer :** Chhaya Sharma

**Explanation :**



- On 10th May 2019, IPS officer Chhaya Sharma, who headed the investigation team of the infamous Nirbhaya gang-rape and murder case, has been conferred with the 2019 McCain Institute Award for Courage and Leadership.
- She has guided teams in the detection and investigation of sensitive criminal cases and protection of human rights.

### May 16

1. Who climbed Mt. Everest for the 23<sup>rd</sup> time and broke his own record?

**Answer :** Sherpa Kami Rita

**Explanation :**

- On May 15, 2019, 49 year old Nepali sherpa Kami Rita climbed Mt. Everest for the 23<sup>rd</sup> time and broke his own record for most summits on Mt. Everest. He successfully climbed the mountain from the Nepal side.
- Rita resides in Thame village of Solukhumbu district. For the first time, he had scaled the mountain in the year 1994.

### May 17

1. Which Indian actor was honoured by Council of European Chambers of Commerce(CEUCC) in India and European Union(EU) delegation for promoting rights of girls?

**Answer :** Anil Kapoor

**Explanation :**

- As a part of Europe Day celebrations, the **Council of European Chambers of Commerce(CEUCC)** in India and **European Union(EU) delegation** will felicitate Indian actor **Anil Kapoor** for promoting Children's Rights and his effort to protect the rights of girls in collaboration with Plan India and the European Union.

### May 19

1. Name the two people awarded for their work to help people to create a personal legacy?

**Answer :** Antano & Harini

**Explanation :**

- **The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**, Government of India, felicitated **Legacy Accelerators, Antano and Harini** with the '**Award for Honour**' for their work to help people change the trajectory of their lives and create a personal legacy

### May 20

1. Which country has achieved a Guinness World Records of largest laundry lesson?

**Answer :** India

**Explanation :**

- On May 17, 2019, India achieved a **Guinness World Records** of '**largest laundry lesson**' with the participation of **400 young Indian men**. The event was a part of **#sharetheload campaign**.
- It was done to share the responsibility of cleaning clothes at home along with the female members of the family.

### May 21

1. Which Indian filmmaker won the third prize in the international section of Nepresso Talents 2019 in Cannes?

**Answer :** Achyutanand Dwivedi

**Explanation :**

- Indian filmmaker, **Achyutanand Dwivedi's film, "Seed Mother"**, won the **third prize in the international section of Nespresso Talents 2019 in Cannes**.
- The three-minute film celebrates the exceptional spirit of Rahibai Soma Popere, a woman who champions the use of local seeds and traditional methods of farming in villages of Maharashtra.

#### **May 24**

1. Which former foreign secretary will be conferred with Japan's second highest national award?

**Answer :** Shyam Saran

**Explanation :**

- **Shyam Saran** Former foreign secretary, will be conferred with **Japan's second highest national award** for his contributions to strengthen the strategic ties and enhancing mutual understanding between the two countries (**India and Japan**).
- The Government of Japan announced that in its 2019 Spring Imperial Decorations, it will confer 72-year-old Saran, **'the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star'**.

#### **May 25**

1. Which private life insurer has been conferred with the FICCI claims excellence award?

**Answer :** Bharti AXA

**Explanation :**

- Bharti AXA Life Insurance, a private life insurer, has been conferred with the FICCI Claims Excellence Award. The recognition comes for its customer-friendly claims services in the life insurance sector.
- The insurer improved its individual claim settlement ratio, the number of claims paid to the number of claims received, to 96.85 per cent in financial year 2017-18.

#### **May 27**

1. Who has won the Joan Miro Prize for 2019?

**Answer :** Nalini Malani

**Explanation :**

- The Barcelona-based Fundacio Joan Miro has announced **Indian contemporary artist Nalini Malani** has won the **Joan Miro Prize for 2019**.
- One of the most prestigious contemporary art awards in the world, which recognizes present-day work by artists spirit of exploration, innovation, commitment and freedom.

#### **May 28**

1. Who was felicitated with UNSDG 10 Most Influential People in Healthcare Award?

**Answer :** Acharya Balkrishna

**Explanation :**

- **Acharya Balkrishna, the managing director and chief executive officer of Patanjali Ayurveda, was felicitated with 'UNSDG 10 Most Influential People in Healthcare Award' at UN Headquarters in Geneva.**

- The United Nations had chosen Acharya Balkrishna, among the 10 most influential people in healthcare.

## APPOINTMENTS

### May 01

1. Who is the vice chief of Indian Air Force?

**Answer :** Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria.

**Explanation :**

- On 30th April 2019, **Air Marshal Anil Khosla** PVSM AVSM VM ADC, Vice Chief of the Air Staff retired after four-decade of career span. While **Air Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria** will take over as the Vice Chief of Indian Air Force on May 1.

### May 02

1. What is meant by “Reiwa”?

**Answer :** Beautiful Harmony.

**Explanation :**

- **Japan’s new emperor, Naruhito**, has formally ascended to the **Chrysanthemum Throne**, replacing his father, Akihito, who had abdicated recently. The sun came out for a morning ceremony at **the Imperial Palace in Tokyo**, as Naruhito became the **126th** Emperor of Japan, the latest in an unbroken line that stretches back 14 centuries.
- Stepping down of Emperor Akihito brings his “Heisei” era to an end and beginning of new **“Reiwa” era** with Naruhito’s accession. The term **“Reiwa”** means **“Beautiful Harmony”**.

### May 03

1. Who has been named as the first non-British president of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)?

**Answer :** Kumar Sangakkara.

**Explanation :**

- Kumar Sangakkara, Former Sri Lanka captain has been named as the first non-British president of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC). He succeeds Anthony Wreford. It was announced at the MCC annual general meeting at Lord’s on 1 May 2019. He will take up his one-year post in October.

### May 04

1. Who has been included as the member of the Advisory Council of the Fifteenth Finance Commission?

**Answer :** Dr. Krishnamurthy Subramanian.

**Explanation :**

- **The Chief Economic Advisor** to Central government, **Dr. Krishnamurthy Subramanian** has been included as the member of the **Advisory Council of the Fifteenth Finance Commission**. Dr. Krishnamurthy Subramanian will be the twelfth Member of the Council.

### May 05

1. Who was appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Senegal?

**Answer :** Shri Godavarthi Venkata Srinivas.

**Explanation :**

- On 30th April 2019, Shri Godavarthi Venkata Srinivas (IFS:1993) was appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Senegal. Presently, he is Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs.

### May 06

1. What is the Abbreviation of AAI?

**Answer :** Archery Association of India.

**Explanation :**

- Archery Association of India (AAI) named **Sunil Sharma, its senior vice president (also VP of Jammu and Kashmir Archery Association)** in accordance with **Article 24 of AAI Constitution** (as approved by the Supreme Court on 4th December, 2017) as its **acting president** to start the election process. Sunil Sharma was preceded by **BVP Rao**.

### May 07

1. How many members are there in the Advisory Council of 15<sup>th</sup> Finance commission?

**Answer :** 12 members.

**Explanation :**

- The Chief Economic Adviser (CEA), **Dr. Krishnamurthy Subramanian** has been included as the member of the **Advisory Council to the 15th Finance Commission** headed by **N.K. Singh**. The Advisory Council now has **12 members** after inclusion of **Chief Economic Adviser Dr. Krishnamurthy Subramanian**.

### May 08

1. Who has won the panama presidential election?

**Answer :** Laurentino Cortizo.

**Explanation :**

- **The Panama Electoral Tribuna** announced that **Laurentino Cortizo** has won the country's presidential election. Laurentino Cortizo, the presidential candidate from the opposition Democratic Revolutionary Party, has declared his victory, with a narrow gap of 1.93 per cent against Romulo Roux, another candidate.

### May 09

1. Who is the head of Marketing for India and South Asia?

**Answer :** Sujatha V Kumar

**Explanation :**

- **Visa**, the global leader in digital payments technology, announced the appointment of **Sujatha V Kumar as Head of Marketing for India and South Asia**. She will be driving overall marketing strategy and execution including consumer, retail and digital marketing initiatives for India and the emerging markets of Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal and Maldives.

### May 11

1. Who was the new President of the United Nations General Assembly?

**Answer :** Tijjani Mohammad Bande.

**Explanation :**

- Nigerian Professor, **Tijjani Mohammad Bande**, has been appointed as the new **President of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)**. He is the second Nigerian to be appointed to this post, prior being Mr. Joseph Nanven Garba(1989-1990). Prof. Tijjani Bande will succeed **María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés**.

### May 12

1. Who was appointed as Indian men's football team coach?

**Answer :** IgorStimac.

**Explanation :**

- On 9th May 2019, Croatia's World Cupper and former manager. IgorStimac has been appointed as Indian men's team coach after the All India Football Federation's (AIFF) technical committee recommended him for the post.He succeeds Stephen Constantine.
- All India Football Federation (AIFF) interviewed Stimac, Albert Roca, Hakan Ericson and Lee for the post,butStimac emerged as the number one choice.

### May 13

1. How many new advocates were appointed to achieve Sustainable Development Goals?

**Answer :** 17

**Explanation :**

- The **United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres** has appointed **17 new advocates** to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These include **the Indian actress Dia Mirza and the Chief of Alibaba Group, Jack Ma**.
- The appointed UN advocates must drive action and strengthen the global political will to achieve the SDGs.

### May 15

1. Who is the Managing Director of diversified conglomerate ITC Ltd?

**Answer :** Sanjiv Puri.

**Explanation :**

- **Sanjiv Puri**, Managing Director of diversified conglomerate **ITC Ltd**, was appointed the **company's new Chairman** in the place of veteran Yogi Deveshwar, who passed away recently.
- The appointment of Puri, till now the Managing Director, was made by ITC at a meeting of its Board of Directors.

### May 16

1. Who is the chairperson of the News Broadcasting Standards Authority?

**Answer :** A K Sikri

**Explanation :**

- The News Broadcasters Association (NBA) notified that A K Sikri, former Supreme Court judge has been appointed as the chairperson of the News Broadcasting Standards Authority.
- The News Broadcasting Standards Authority (NBSA) is an independent self-

regulatory body of 24x7 news channels (who are members of the NBA).

### May 17

1. Who won the South African Presidential election?

**Answer :** Cyril Ramaphosa.

**Explanation :**

- Cyril Ramaphosa's party, **African National Congress (ANC)** won South African elections with majority and secured 57.51 percent votes and **Cyril Ramaphosa** elected as South African President.
- Last year in February 2018, Cyril Ramaphosa elected as South African President after President Jacob Zuma resigned from the post due to charges of corruption.

### May 18

1. Who is the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer in Ujjivan Small Finance Bank ?

**Answer :** Nitin Chugh.

**Explanation :**

- **Ujjivan Small Finance Bank** has appointed **Nitin Chugh** as its **Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)** for a period of 3 years from December 1, 2019. The current MD and CEO **Samit Ghosh's** tenure will end on November 30, 2019.
- Currently, Nitin Chugh is Group Head of Digital Banking of HDFC Bank.

### May 19

1. Who is the next High Commissioner of India to the Kingdom of Eswatini?

**Answer :** Radha Venkataraman.

**Explanation :**

- On May 17, 2019, the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, announced the appointment of **Radha Venkataraman** as the next **High Commissioner of India to the Kingdom of Eswatini**.
- She is currently serving as the Director in the Ministry of External Affairs. She is set to take up her responsibility soon. She succeeds Rudra Gaurav Shresth.

### May 20

1. Who won the Australia federal election?

**Answer :** Scott Morrison

**Explanation :**

- Australian PM **Scott Morrison's Liberal-National Coalition** won federal elections over the opposition **Labor Party**. The polling was held for 151 seats in the House of Representatives.
- **The party needed 76 seats to win as majority out of 151 seats.**

### May 22

1. Who is the Aadhaar architect?

**Answer :** Nandan Nilekani

**Explanation :**

- A Reserve Bank of India-appointed **committee headed by Aadhaar architect Nandan Nilekani** has submitted its suggestions on promoting digital payments to Governor Shaktikanta Das.

2.. Who is appointed as the high commissioner of Pakistan to India?

**Answer :** Moin ul Haq

**Explanation :**

- Pakistan has appointed career diplomat Moin ul Haq as the High Commissioner to India. Prime Minister Imran Khan approved appointments of over two dozen ambassadors in various countries including India, China and Japan.
- Haq, the current ambassador to France, has previously served as chief of protocol at the Foreign Office.

### May 25

1. Who will be sworn in as chief minister of Andhra Pradesh on 30th of this month at Vijayawada?

**Answer :** Jagan Mohan Reddy

**Explanation :**

- In Andhra Pradesh, YSR Congress Chief Jagan Mohan Reddy will be sworn in as chief minister of Andhra Pradesh on 30th of this month at Vijayawada.
- Mr. Jagan Mohan Reddy has announced this following his party achieving inching towards a landslide victory in the legislative elections for Andhra Pradesh Legislative assembly held on April 11th.

### May 27

1. Who is the chief minister of Odisha?

**Answer :** Naveen Patnaik

**Explanation :**

- Odisha's ruling Biju Janata Dal (BJD) headed by incumbent **Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik is all set to form a government for a fifth consecutive term.** The new Cabinet is likely to be sworn-in on 27th May.

### May 28

1. Who is the President of Badminton Asia?

**Answer :** Anton Aditya Subowo

**Explanation :**

- Indonesia's **Anton Aditya Subowo was re-elected as the President of Badminton Asia.** As a result, he will continue as the President for another four years.
- The Badminton Association of India's president Himanta Biswa Sarma has also been elected as the vice-president.

### May 29

1. Who is the chief Minister of Sikkim?

**Answer :** Prem Singh Tamang

**Explanation :**

- Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) president **Prem Singh Tamang**, who is famously known as P.S. Golay, **took oath as the Chief Minister of Sikkim** on 27th May.

- Fifty-one-year-old Tamang was administered the oath by **Governor Ganga Prasad** at Paljor Stadium in Gangtok, Sikkim. He took the oath in Nepali.

### May 31

1. Who has been nominated as the Maldives's parliamentary speaker?

**Answer :** Mohamed Nasheed

**Explanation :**

- The former Maldives president Mohamed Nasheed has been nominated as the country's parliamentary speaker.
  - Nasheed was unanimously chosen to head the People's Majlis, or the parliament, by his Maldivian Democratic Party (MDP) which won a near three-quarter majority in the 87-member assembly in April.
2. Who is the new Home Secretary for West Bengal?

**Answer :** Alapan Bandyopadhyay

**Explanation :**

- Chief Minister of West Bengal, Mamata Banerjee appointed **Alapan Bandyopadhyay**, an IAS officer of the 1987 batch, as the new Home Secretary for West Bengal.
- He succeeds Atri Bhattacharya Alapan Bandyopadhyay was in charge of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Department with additional charge of Industry, Commerce and Enterprises Department.

## **ECONOMY**

### May 01

1. What is the India's GDP growth projection during 2019-20?

**Answer :** 7.3 percent

**Explanation :**

- India's GDP growth projection for 2019-20 lowered to 7.3 percent by India Ratings and Research, a Fitch Group company, due to below normal monsoon prediction, continued agrarian distress and loss of momentum in industrial output. The earlier projected GDP growth was 7.5 percent.

### May 02

1. Which country has become India's top crude oil supplier for the second consecutive year?

**Answer :** Iraq

**Explanation :**

- **Iraq has become India's top crude oil supplier for the second consecutive year**, meeting more than one-fifth of the country's oil needs in the 2018-19 fiscal year.
- According to data collected by the **Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics**, Iraq sold **46.61 million tonne** of crude oil to India during April 2018 and March 2019. This is two per cent more than 45.74 million tonne it had supplied in 2017-18 fiscal.

### May 03

1. Which associations have signed together a MoU for effective cooperation on different projects related to e-mobility?



**Answer :** BHEL and ARAI

**Explanation :**

- Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (**BHEL**) and Automotive Research Association of India (**ARAI**) have together signed an MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) for effective cooperation on different projects related to e-mobility and implement solutions for electric & trolley bus, EV (Electric Vehicles) chargers, battery and charger testing, etc.
- The MoU was signed by Rashmi Urdhwareshe, Director, ARAI and Renuka Gera, BHEL.

#### May 04

- 1 How many months India has banned NSE from gaining access to the securities market from SEBI?

**Answer :** 6 months

**Explanation :**

- SEBI, the Market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India has banned NSE, National Stock Exchange from gaining access to the securities market for a period of **6 months**.
- SEBI also fined NSE a sum of **Rs.1,000** crore, that is, **Rs. 89 crore** and an additional **12% interest**, from 1st April 2014 for NSE's failure to exercise effective due diligence during co-location facility.

#### May 05

1. Which is considered as India's largest telecom operator?

**Answer :** Vodafone Idea Ltd

**Explanation :**

- **Vodafone Idea Ltd**, India's largest telecom operator notified a **5-year multi-million-dollar** IT outsourcing deal with **IBM** (International Business Machines Corporation). The collaboration will contribute to Vodafone Idea's merger synergy objectives by **decreasing its IT related costs**.

#### May 06

1. Which group says that strong economic growth coupled with rapid emergence of India on the global horizon is poised to drive the growth of MICE?

**Answer :** FICCI

**Explanation :**

- A new report by industry body **FICCI** says that strong economic growth coupled with rapid emergence of **India** on the global horizon is poised to drive the growth of **MICE (meetings, incentives, conferences and exhibitions) tourism** at a much faster rate.

2. Which has brought relaxation in the income tax rules related to residential properties?

**Answer :** DPIIT

**Explanation :**

- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (**DPIIT**) has brought relaxation in the income tax rules related to residential properties' sale and carry-forward of losses, in order to **facilitate fundraising by start-ups**.
- The relaxation laws are part of the '**Startup India Vision 2024**' that's been prepared by the DPIIT.

### May 07

1. Which region is expected to power ahead growing at 5.7% this year?

**Answer :** Asia-Pacific region

**Explanation :**

- **The Asia-Pacific region** is expected to power ahead growing at **5.7%** this year but escalating trade tensions are a source of worry, according to **Takehiko Nakao**, President and Chairperson, **Asian Development Bank**.
- Addressing the opening session of the Board of Governors at **ADB's 52nd Annual Meeting in Nadi, Fiji**. Mr. Nakao said that consumer and investor behaviour could be undermined by trade tensions between countries.

### May 08

1. What is the amount that dropped by income tax e-filing in FY 2019?

**Answer :** More than 6.6 lakh

**Explanation :**

- In a first in recent history of tax filings, **income tax e-filings in FY 2019 have dropped by more than 6.6 lakh**, a trend that analysts said was surprising as tax base was expected to increase post demonetisation. According to the Income Tax Department's e-filing website, income tax e-filings in FY 2018-19 was 6.68 crore, down from 6.74 crore in the previous fiscal year. E-filers in FY 2016-17 were 5.28 crore.

### May 09

1. Which ministry organized 2-day long interaction to deepen the India- Africa trade relations?

**Answer :** The commerce ministry

**Explanation :**

- The Commerce Ministry, Indian High Commissions and embassies of 11 African nations organized a 2-day, (that is on May 3rd and May 6th) long interaction to deepen the India-Africa trade relations.
- This was arranged over Digital Video Conference (DVC) and was attended by more than 400 members of the Indian business community in Africa.

### May 10

1. How much percent of food inflation increased during the financial year 2019-20?

**Answer :** 2 percent

**Explanation :**

- **Food inflation** in the country is likely to go up to **2 per cent in the financial year 2019-20** from the 0.7 per cent estimated for FY19. The low food prices have been one of the prime factors which have aided the **RBI** to be more accommodatory in its rate setting recently.
- In the report, foreign brokerage **Goldman Sachs** attributed the low food prices in the last few months to the prices of cereals and vegetables which have been low for some time.

### May 11

1. Which company became the India's most valued firm market in terms of market

capitalization as per BSE data?

**Answer :** Tata Consultancy Services

**Explanation :**

- In May 9th, Indian IT firm, **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)** surpassed the Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), led by Mukesh Ambani, in terms of Market capitalisation and became the **India's most valued firm by market capitalisation**. As per BSE data, the market-cap of TCS stood at **Rs. 8.13 trillion** whereas the **market-cap of RIL was Rs.7.95 trillion**.

### May 12

1. Which organisation signed an agreement in Kathmandu with Nepal's department of railways in the presence of Manjeev Singh Puri?

**Answer :** KRCL

**Explanation :**

- A PSU (Public Sector Undertaking) of the Indian government under the Railway Ministry, **Konkan Railways Corporation Ltd (KRCL)**, signed an agreement in **Kathmandu**, with **Nepal's Department of Railways in the presence of Manjeev Singh Puri**, Indian Ambassador to Nepal and **Madhusudan Adhikari**, Nepalese Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport Secretary.

### May 13

1. Who is the CEO of facebook?

**Answer :** Mark Zuckerberg

**Explanation :**

- CEO of Facebook, Mark Zuckerberg has confirmed that it has selected **London** to be the center to launch **WhatsApp Pay**. The reason to choose London than US City is because WhatsApp is widely used in UK and London is considered as a **Hub for Fintech**.

### May 14

1. Who has become the first defender to win the player of the season award in seven seasons ?

**Answer :** Virgil van Dijk

**Explanation :**

- **Liverpool defender Virgil van Dijk** has been named **Premier League Player of the Season**. By doing so, he became the **first** defender to win the Player of the Season award in seven seasons, after Manchester City's Vincent Kompany in 2011-12.
- However, the 27-year still has to wait to see whether his team will lift the Premier League trophy.

### May 15

1. Which organisation announced Rs 700 crore venture capital fund for equity investments in agriculture?

**Answer :** NABARD

**Explanation :**

- **The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)** announced a **Rs 700-crore venture capital fund for equity** investments in agriculture and rural-focused startups.

- NABARD has been contributing to other funds till now and this is the first time that the rural development bank has launched a fund of its own.

### May 16

1. Under which act all non-government organizations have to register mandatorily?

**Answer :** FCRA Act

**Explanation :**

- The Home Ministry has cancelled the registration of NGO Infosys Foundation under the Foreign Contribution (Regulations) Act for violating the norms of receiving foreign grants.
- Under the FCRA Act, all non-government organisations (NGOs) have to mandatorily register under the act.

### May 20

1. On which day BSNL has partnered with google?

**Answer :** World Telecom Day

**Explanation :**

- Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has partnered with Google on the occasion of World Telecom Day. The objective is to expand BSNL's Wi-Fi footprint in the country.
- Currently, there are around 38,000 BSNL Wi-Fi hotspot locations working across the country and one can use these after buying the Wi-Fi vouchers worth of Rs 19 and more.

### May 23

1. Who has announced a strategic partnership with the FMCG arm of the art of living-Sri Sri Tattva?

**Answer :** SBI

**Explanation :**

- The State Bank of India (SBI) has announced a strategic partnership with the FMCG arm of The Art of Living - Sri Sri Tattva. YONO users can avail a discount of 15 per cent on the entire range of products offered.
- The products offered by Sri Sri Tattva include food, personal care, healthcare, homecare, BYOGI apparels and Shankara skincare products.

2. What is the reported turnover of reliance in the 2018-19 that ended march 31?

**Answer :** Rs.6.23 lakh crore

**Explanation :**

- **Richest Indian Mukesh Ambani's oil-to-telecom conglomerate Reliance Industries** has toppled state-owned Indian Oil Corp (IOC) to become the country's biggest company by revenue.
- Reliance in the 2018-19 fiscal year that ended March 31, reported a turnover of Rs 6.23 lakh crore.

3. Name the first bond whose issuance and trading are recorded using distributed Ledger technologies?

**Answer :** bond-i

**Explanation :**

- The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank) and Commonwealth Bank (CBA) have enabled secondary market trading recorded on blockchain for bond-i (blockchain operated new debt instrument), making this the **first bond whose issuance and trading** are recorded using distributed ledger technologies.

### May 24

1. Which bank has given in principle nod for financing 4 metro rail projects corridor between Delhi and Meerut?

**Answer :** ADB

**Explanation :**

- **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has given in-principle nod for financing **4 metro rail projects and a Rs 30,000 crore** rapid rail corridor between **Delhi and Meerut** as part of its effort to improve urban transport system in India.
- Earlier this year, the government approved construction of a Rs 30,274 crore worth RRTS to connect the national capital with Meerut through Ghaziabad (in Uttar Pradesh).

### May 25

1. Who have announced initiatives to encourage tech startups especially fintech by making data and systems available through the regulatory sandbox?

**Answer :** SEBI and IRDAI

**Explanation :**

- **The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDAI)** have announced initiatives to encourage tech startups, especially fintech, by making data and systems available to them through the regulatory sandbox (RS).

### May 26

1. Which group has overtaken the 151-year old Tata group emerge as india's most valuable by way of market capitalization?

**Answer :** HDFC group

**Explanation :**

- **The HDFC group** has overtaken the 151-year-old Tata group to emerge as **India's most valuable by way of market capitalization (m-cap)**.
- The combined market value of the five listed companies of the HDFC group – HDFC, HDFC Bank, HDFC Life, HDFC Asset Management and Gruh Finance – stood at **Rs 11.66 lakh crore** as on May 20, 2019 while the combined m-cap of 29 Tata group companies stood at Rs 11.64 lakh crore, about Rs 2,000 crore less than that of the HDFC group.

2. Who is the majority shareholder in IDBI bank holding 51 percent stake in the banking entity?

**Answer :** LIC

**Explanation :**

- **IDBI Bank** sold insurance policies worth **Rs 160 crore in March 2019** after a partnership with **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)**. LIC's corporate agents will be able to sell the products across their 1,800 branches.

- LIC is the majority shareholder in IDBI Bank holding a **51 percent** stake in the banking entity.

### May 30

1. Which aircraft has become the fourth Indian airline to have 100 aircraft in its fleet?

**Answer :** Spicejet

**Explanation :**

- SpiceJet became fourth Indian airline to have a 100 aircraft in its fleet. Budget airline SpiceJet has added a new Boeing 737 aircraft to its fleet, taking its total strength to 100 aircraft.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### May 2

1. What is the theme of International Labour Day?

**Answer :** “Sustainable Pension for all: The Role of Social Partners”

**Explanation :**

- **International Workers’ Day**, also known as **Workers’ Day**, **Labour Day** in some countries and often referred to as **May Day** is a celebration of labourers and the working classes that is promoted by the international labour movement which occurs every year on **1 May**.
- The **theme** of International Labour Day this year is **“Sustainable Pension for all: The Role of Social Partners”**.

### May 4

1. On which day World Press Freedom Day is celebrated?

**Answer :** May 3

**Explanation :**

- Each year, **May 3 is celebrated as World Press Freedom Day**. Started by the **UN General Assembly in 1993**, on a recommendation from **UNESCO**.
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### May 5

1. On which day Coal Miners Day is observed?

**Answer :** May 4

**Explanation :**

- On 4th May 2019, Coal Miners Day was observed to highlight the toughest profession and the people working in coal mines. Several communities raise awareness and funds on this day for other organizations in the coal mining area and workers.
- This day was established to show the appreciation for the sacrifices, honour the accomplishments and remember the tragedies that these hardworking individuals experience.

### May 7

1. On which day World Laughter Day is observed?

**Answer :** First Sunday of May

**Explanation :**

- World Laughter Day is observed on the first Sunday of May every year and this year first Sunday of May coincide with May 5. The day was first celebrated on May 10, 1998, in Mumbai and arranged by **Dr. Madan Kataria**, founder of the worldwide **Laughter Yoga Movement**.

### May 8

1. What is the theme of International Midwives Day?

**Answer :** “Midwives: Defenders of Women’s Rights”

**Explanation :**

- **International Midwives Day** is celebrated every year on international level to commemorate and increase the awareness about the contribution of the midwives towards the patients all over the world. **5th of May** was established to be celebrated as a day to honor the midwives for their big contribution towards the health of their nations.
- The International Day of the Midwife 2019 **theme** was “**Midwives: Defenders of Women’s Rights**”.

### May 9

1. On which day 59th Raising Day of Border Roads Organization (BRO) was celebrated?

**Answer :** May 7

**Explanation :**

- The **59th Raising Day of Border Roads Organization(BRO)** was celebrated on **May 7, 2019**. It is a nodal road construction agency under the Ministry of Defence.
- It was formed on **7th May, 1960**, with the primary role of providing road connectivity in border areas.

### May 10

1. On which day World Red Cross Day is observed?

**Answer :** May 8

**Explanation :**

- **World Red Cross Day**, also known as **World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day** which is observed every year on **May 8** is a gentle nod to all the volunteers who have made unparalleled contribution to people in duress or need.
- The **2019 theme** chosen is, ‘**#Love**’ and aims to broaden the public’s understanding of the society by highlighting the diversity and universality of its work and approach.

### May 11

1. What is the theme of Fifth United Nations Global Road Safety Week?

**Answer :** “Leadership for road safety”

**Explanation :**

- **The Fifth United Nations Global Road Safety Week**, under the theme “**Leadership for road safety**”, is taking place from May 6 to 12. This major worldwide campaign was requested by the **United Nations General Assembly** in April 2018 in resolution A/72/271 on improving global road safety.

- The Global status report on road safety 2018 shows that road traffic crashes claim approximately 1.35 million lives across the world every year.

### May 12

1. On which day National Technology Day is observed?

**Answer :** May 11

**Explanation :**

- It's **National Technology Day**, observed on **May 11** across India and the day also marks India's progress in science and technology. It was on May 11 that India conducted its nuclear missile **Shakti**, also known as **Operation Shakti**.
- The National Technology Day was coined by late Prime Minister **Atal Bihari Vajpayee**.

### May 13

1. International Nurses Day is celebrated on 12<sup>th</sup> May every year to commemorate whose birth anniversary?

**Answer :** Florence Nightingale

**Explanation :**

- **On 12th May 2019, The International Nurses Day** was celebrated globally to commemorate the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale also known as '**The Lady with the Lamp**', was famous as manager and trainer of nurses during the Crimean War.
- The theme for the International Nurses Day 2019 is –'Nurses – A Voice to Lead – Health for All'.

### May 16

1. What is the theme of International Day of Families?

**Answer :** "Families and Climate Action: Focus on SDG 13"

**Explanation :**

- As proclaimed by the **UN (United Nations) General Assembly** in 1993 with resolution **A/RES/47/237**, the **International Day of Families** or IDF is observed on **May 15 every year** and it lays stress on the importance attached to families.
- Its theme for 2019 is: "**Families and Climate Action: Focus on SDG 13**".

### May 17

1. On which day International Day of Light is celebrated?

**Answer :** May 16

**Explanation :**

- Globally, **May 16** is celebrated as International Day of Light. This the **2nd edition** of the International Day of Light.
- **UNESCO** (The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) officially observes the International Day of Light so as to continuously appreciate light and for the exemplary role it plays in **science, culture and art, education, sustainable development, medicine, communications, and energy**.

### May 18

1. On which day World Telecommunication and Information Society Day is celebrated?



**Answer :** May 17

**Explanation :**

- **World Telecommunication and Information Society Day** was celebrated on May 17, 2019 with a theme of **“Bridging the Standardization Gap”**.
- It was celebrated on May 17 every year because on this day the **first International Telegraph Convention** was signed and **International Telecommunication Union (ITU) was created**.

### May 19

1. On which day National Dengue Day is observed?

**Answer :** May 16

**Explanation :**

- Initiated by Ministry of Healthy and Family Welfare, National Dengue Day is observed annually on May 16 to raise awareness about the viral disease dengue and its preventive measures.
- In 2017 maximum numbers of dengue cases were reported from **Tamil Nadu**.

### May 20

1. On which day International Museum Day is celebrated?

**Answer :** May 18

**Explanation :**

- **International Museum Day 2019** is celebrated on **May 18** annually. It is observed to create awareness on the importance of museums for the development of society. The theme of International Museum Day 2019 is **“Museums as Cultural Hubs: The future of tradition”**.

### May 21

1. On which day World Metrology Day is observed?

**Answer :** May 20

**Explanation :**

- World Metrology Day was observed on May 20, 2019 with a theme **“The International System of Units – Fundamentally better”**.
- This theme was chosen because last year on 16th November 2018, the General Conference on Weights and Measures agreed to revise the International System of Units (SI).

### May 22

1. On which day UAE celebrated World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development?

**Answer :** May 21

**Explanation :**

- **UAE celebrated World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development on 21st May**, to highlight its efforts on promoting tolerance and cultural diversity.
- This event coincides with the country's declaration of the Year for Tolerance 2019.

### May 25

1. On which day Commonwealth Day is observed?

**Answer :** May 24

**Explanation :**

- On 24th May 2019, people in Commonwealth countries in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean and Americas, the Pacific and Europe observe Commonwealth Day.
- The Theme of this year's Commonwealth Day is "A Connected Commonwealth".

### May 26

1. On which day Africa Day is observed?

**Answer :** May 25

**Explanation :**

- May 25th is observed as Africa Day every year. It commemorates the foundation of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) on 25 May 1963, which is now known as the African Union.
- May 25, 2019, will mark 56 years since Africa Day was conceived in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

### May 29

1. On which day Amnesty International Day is observed?

**Answer :** May 28

**Explanation :**

- **Amnesty International Day** is being observed on **May 28**. It has been observed annually on May 28th since 1962.
- Amnesty International is a non-governmental organization that focuses on the protection of human rights working to prevent abuses to human rights, to fight for justice for those whose rights have been violated, and to expand and enforce human rights protections in international law.

### May 30

1. On which day World Hunger Day is observed?

**Answer :** May 28

**Explanation :**

- **World hunger day** is observed on **May 28th** every year. It is Celebrated for sustainable solutions to hunger and poverty is the aim of this day.
- This year's theme for World Hunger Day is #SustainabilityIs

### May 31

1. On which day Goa celebrates its statehood day every year?

**Answer :** May 30

**Explanation :**

- Goa celebrates its statehood day on 30 May. It was on this day in 1987 Goa became the 25th state of the Indian Union.
- Before this, Goa, along with Daman and Diu, was a union territory.

2. What is the theme of International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers?

**Answer :** "Protecting Civilians, Protecting Peace"

**Explanation :**

- The International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers was observed on **29 May 2019**. The objective is to pay tribute to the invaluable contribution by the uniformed and civilian personnel and to honour more than 3,800 peacekeepers who have lost their lives while rendering peacekeeping services.
- The theme this year is **“Protecting Civilians, Protecting Peace”**.

## **BOOKS & AUTHORS**

### **May 07**

1. By whom the autobiography titled, ‘**Game Changer**’ written?

**Answer :** Shahid Afridi.

**Explanation :**

- Shahid Afridi, former captain of the ‘**Pakistan national cricket team**’ has written his autobiography titled, ‘**Game Changer**’ which will unveil answers to the much-contemplated questions about him. The book has been published by **Harper Collin’s India**.
- Afridi is popularly known as ‘**Boom Boom**’ and holds the world record for the **fastest ODI (One Day International) century in 37** deliveries.

### **May 14**

1. Which is the first world’s exclusive women’s cricket magazine?

**Answer :** Criczone

**Explanation :**

- The inaugural issue of world’s first exclusive women’s cricket magazine ‘**Criczone**’ was released in Jaipur with Indian team vice-captain Smriti Mandhana featuring as the cover story.
- Top international cricketers like Mithali Raj, Harmanpreet Kaur, Smriti Mandhana along with overseas players like Danielle Wyatt, Sophie Devine attended the event which is held on the sidelines of the inaugural women’s T20 challenge.

### **May 21**

1. What is the name of world’s most mysterious 600 year old manuscript?

**Answer :** ‘**Voynich Manuscript**’

**Explanation :**

- The world’s most mysterious 600-year old manuscript named ‘**Voynich Manuscript**’ was finally deciphered by **Bristol academician Dr. Gerard Cheshire and it took him just 2 weeks**.
- The Voynich Manuscript contains information about astrological physical tips, parenting and psychology, abortion advice and herbal remedies.

### **May 24**

1. Who wrote the book name Coming Round the Mountain?

**Answer :** **Ruskin Bond**

**Explanation :**

- India’s beloved children’s author **Ruskin Bond** is celebrating his 85th birthday, with the release of a new memoir set against the backdrop of the partition. The book titled

**Coming Round the Mountain**, released officially by the author at **Cambridge bookstores in Mussourie**.



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