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Weekly Current Affairs - 20th - 26th May' 2025

National affairs

- 1. Mizoram has become India's first fully literate state. The literacy rate is 98.2%. The state has achieved this status under the New India Literacy Program (NILP) and has crossed the 95% literacy target set by the Union Ministry of Education.
- 2. Assam government has unveiled the state's first AI News Anchor named 'Ankita'.
- 3. Automotive and Weapons Systems Testing Centre inaugurated in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- 4. Himachal Pradesh government has declared Tsarap Chu Conservation Reserve as India's largest Conservation Reserve.
- 5. Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated a new Multi Agency Centre (MAC) in North Block, New Delhi.
- 6. India and Maldives have jointly signed 13 MoUs to implement projects under Indian grant assistance.
- 7. Kerala has become the first state in India to make robotics compulsory for all students of class 10.
- 8. India has been certified by WHO for eliminating trachoma as a public health problem.
- 9. A new Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) portal was launched by Union Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi.
- 10. The lion population in Gujarat has increased by 32% since 2020. According to the 16th lion census conducted by the Gujarat state government in 2025, there are a total of 891 Asiatic lions in 11 districts. (The number of Asiatic lions in 2020 was 674).
- 11. India's first 9,000 HP Locomotive Engine will be inaugurated in Gujarat.
- 12. Shirui Lily Festival 2025 begins in Manipur. (The state flower of Manipur is Shirui Lily).
- 13. The Supreme Court has made three years of legal practice mandatory for entry into judicial services.
- 14. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 103 newly built railway stations under the Amrit Bharat Station Project. Out of these, 3 stations are in West Bengal. These are Kalyani Ghoshpara, Panagarh and Jaychandi Pahar.
- 15. The Union Government has launched the e-Zero FIR system. The Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (14C) of the Ministry of Home Affairs has launched the new e-Zero FIR system to catch any criminal with unprecedented speed.
- 16. India has taken over as the Chairman of the Asian Productivity Organization for the year 2025-26.
- 17. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman chaired the 16th Annual Day of the Competition Commission of India (CCI) in New Delhi.
- 18. The Uttarakhand Forest Department has set up the state's first Cycad Garden in Haldwani. Cycads are a type of long-lived plant that grows slowly and has a low reproductive rate.
- 19. India's first 'Mahouts Village' Theppakadu Elephant Camp has been inaugurated in the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve in Tamil Nadu. In recognition of the important role of mahouts in the conservation and care of elephants, the village has been built to provide accommodation and facilities for mahouts, i.e. elephant caretakers, and their families.
- 20. Geeta Samota becomes first woman CISF officer to scale Mount Everest.
- 21. Uttar Pradesh launches India's first Vistadome Jungle Safari Train. Connecting Dudhwa Tiger Reserve and Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary, this initiative has been launched to promote biodiversity awareness and eco-tourism.
- 22. Northeast Investors' Summit held in New Delhi.
- 23. ISRO Chairman Dr. V. Narayanan declared 2025 as "Gaganyaan Year".
- 24. Rajasthan's Sangri Bean Vegetable recently got GI Tag.

International affairs

- 1. Sagarmatha Dialogue was held in Kathmandu, Nepal.
- 2. America successfully performed the world's first Human Bladder Transplant.
- 3. 17th Langkawi International Maritime and all
- 4. Space Exhibition 2025 will be held in Malaysia.
- 5. Recently, Nepal's Yala Glacier was declared 'dead'.
- 6. Kamil Idris was appointed as the new Prime Minister of Sudan. (The capital of Sudan is Khartoum).
- 7. The 67th Governing Body Meeting of the Asian Productivity Organization was held in Jakarta, Indonesia.
- 8. 21-23 May 2025 World Hydrogen Summit & Exhibition was held in Rotterdam, Netherlands. India joined this conference.
- 9. Algeria joined as the ninth member of the New Development Bank. (This bank was launched by BRICS member states in 2015. The other eight member countries of this bank are Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Bangladesh, United Arab Emirates, Egypt).

Appointment

- 1. BillDesk co-founder MN Srinivasu has been elected as the new chairman of the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI).
- 2. Bibhor Jain, the current chief operating officer, has been appointed as the acting CEO of Open Network For Digital Commerce (ONDC).
- 3. Anurag Bhushan has been appointed as the next Indian ambassador to Sweden.
- 4. Bhavana Agarwal has been appointed as the senior vice president and MD of Hewlett Packard (HP) Enterprise India.
- 5. Former Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud has been appointed as a distinguished professor at the National Law University, Delhi.
- 6. Nobel laureate economist Abhijit Banerjee has joined the Telangana Rising Vision Board as an advisor. (Abhijit Banerjee is an Indian-American economist who, along with Esther Duflo and Michael Kremer, received the 2019 Nobel Prize in Economics (the Severijes Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel) for helping to develop an innovative experimental method.)
- 7. Senior advocate Vikas Singh has been elected as the President of the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) for the fourth time.
- 8. Ratnakar Patnaik and Dinesh Pant have been appointed as Managing Directors of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC).
- 9. Justice Kempaiah Somashekar has been appointed as the Chief Justice of Manipur High Court.
- 10. HCLTech has appointed Kiran Cheru Kurie as Global GCC Practice Leader.

Award

- 1. Banu Mushtaq became the first Kannada writer to win the International Booker Prize for her collection of stories titled Heart Lamp. The book was translated from Kannada to English by Deepa Vasti.
- 2. Monica Kezia Sembiring of Indonesia won the Miss World 2025 title.
- 3. Eliise Randmaa of Estonia won the gold medal at the Miss World Sports Challenge 2025.

Day/Theme

- National Anti-Terrorism Day is observed on 21 May. (National Anti-Terrorism Day is observed in India on 21
 May to commemorate the death anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, who was assassinated by
 a terrorist group in 1991.)
- 2. World Turtle Day is observed on 23 May. It was started in 2000 and was initiated by the American Turtle Rescue Wayback Machine.

Sports

- 1. L. R. Srihari of Tamil Nadu became India's 86th Grandmaster.
- 2. Pankaj Advani won the 2025 CCI Billiards Classic title.
- 3. Carlos Alcaraz won the 2025 Italian Open title by defeating Jannik Sinner.
- 4. India won the SAFF U-19 Championship 2025 title by defeating Bangladesh.
- 5. FIFA recently lifted the ban on the Congo Football Federation.
- 6. KL Rahul became the fastest Indian cricketer to complete 8000 runs in T20 cricket.
- 7. Indian shooter Adrian Karmakar won the silver medal in the men's 50m rifle prone event at the ISSF Junior World Cup 2025.
- 8. Indian shooter Kanak Budhwar won the gold medal in the women's 10m air pistol event at the ISSF Junior World Cup 2025.
- 9. China's Miao Lijie and Japan's Yuko Oga have been appointed as ambassadors for the FIBA Women's Asia Cup 2025.
- 10. Tottenham Hotspur won the Europa League title by defeating Manchester United.
- 11. Spain's Pepe Reina recently announced his retirement from football.

Project/ Schemes

1. Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal launched the 'Sagar Mein Samman' initiative. It is a policy initiative of the Government of India to increase women's participation in the maritime sector. Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy launched the 'Indira Soura Giri Jala Vikasam' scheme to empower farmers through free solar-powered irrigation.

Trade & Finance

- 1. America becomes India's fourth largest crude oil supplier.
- 2. HCLTech partners with IIT Guwahati to enhance AI skills of employees.

Book & Author

1. Vidya Krishnan wrote a book titled "White Lilies: An Essay on Grief".

Miscellaneous

- 1. Himachal Pradesh's Chonjin Angmo becomes first Indian blind woman to climb Mount Everest.
- 2. IIT Bombay suspends academic agreements with Turkish universities.
- 3. Gopi Hinduja and Family top UK's Sunday Times Rich List 2025.

Obituary

- 1. Padma Vibhushan awardee M.R. Srinivasan, a distinguished veteran nuclear scientist, passed away recently at the age of 95. (Dr. M.R. Srinivasan and Dr. Homi Bhabha completed the construction of India's first nuclear research reactor Apsara).
- 2. Dr. Saroj Ghosh, the father of the Indian Science Museum movement, passed away recently at the age of 89.
- 3. Renowned astrophysicist Jayant Narlikar passed away recently at the age of 87.