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Weekly Current Affairs – 27th May –02nd June' 2025

<u>National affairs</u>

- Goa has become the second fully literate state in India. Goa has achieved a literacy rate of over 95% under ULLAS – Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram (New India Literacy Programme). (Mizoram is the first state in India to achieve this feat).
- 2. Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the 10th Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog.
- 3. The Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs announced 8% reservation for persons with disabilities in the housing allocation of the central government.
- 4. The Indian Army inaugurated the first community radio station named 'Panchshul Pulse' in Uttarakhand.
- 5. Bihar hosted the First International Buyer-Seller Meet in Patna.
- 6. Tamil Nadu is the third state in India to implement the Dedicated Space Sector Policy.
- 7. The 17th 'Nomadic Elephant' bilateral military exercise is being conducted between India and Mongolia. This time the edition is being held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.
- 8. Union Minister Jitendra Singh launched the 'Battery Aadhaar' Initiative to track the life cycle of batteries.
- 9. Tata and Airbus will jointly set up India's first private helicopter assembly line in Karnataka.
- 10. Andhra Pradesh government has renamed YSR district as 'YSR Kadapa'.
- 11. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has approved the granting of "Mini Ratna" Category-1 status to Munitions India Limited (MIL), Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited (AVNL) and India Optel Limited (IOL). All three companies were formed in October 2021 as part of the structural reforms in the sector after being spun off from the erstwhile Ordnance Factory Board (OFB).
- 12. Gujarat is the 24th state to electrify 100% of its railway tracks.
- 13. Assam's Nagashankar Temple has been designated as a model temple for turtle conservation.
- 14. Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar inaugurated the Agri-Industry Summit 2025 in Narsinghpur, Madhya Pradesh.
- 15. Mizoram became the fourth northeastern state to be connected by rail. Mizoram's capital Aizawl is connected to the national rail network through the Bhairavi-Sairang line.
- 16. India will host the IATA AGM 2025 and World Air Transport Summit in New Delhi.
- 17. The Indian Navy and the European Union Naval Force (EUNAVFOR) are organizing a joint exercise. The exercise will involve Spanish Navy ship ESPS Reina Sofia and Italian Navy ship ITS Antonio Marseglia, along with ships and air force of the Indian Navy. This is the first exercise in India under the auspices of the European Union in the Indian Ocean.
- 18. Jharkhand is planning its first tiger safari in Latehar district.
- 19. Karnataka has banned hookah bars and raised the legal age for purchasing tobacco from 18 to 21 years to reduce tobacco use among youth.
- 20. The annual Ksheer Bhavani Mela was held at the Mata Raganya Devi temple in Jammu and Kashmir.

International affairs

- 1. The 78th World Health Assembly was held in Geneva, Switzerland.
- 2. Saudi Arabia launched a global tourism platform called 'TOURISE'.
- 3. Daniel Noboa was sworn in as the President of Ecuador. (The capital of Ecuador is Quito).
- 4. Nicusor Dan was sworn in as the President of Romania. (The capital of Romania is Bucharest).
- 5. Karol Nawrocki won the presidential election in Poland. (The capital of Poland is Warsaw).
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Appointment

- 1. Tapan Kumar Deka's tenure as Director of Intelligence Bureau (IB) has been extended by 1 year.
- 2. Ram Mohan M.K has been appointed as the new Director of Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA).
- 3. N Venu has been appointed as the new Managing Director of Hitachi India.
- 4. Former IAS officer Vikram Singh Mehta has been appointed as the new Chairman of Indigo Company.
- 5. Rajiv Memani has been appointed as the President of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for the financial year 2025-26.
- 6. Ashish Pandey has been appointed as the new MD and CEO of Union Bank of India. (Union Bank of India, founded in 1919 by Seth Sitaram Poddar, headquartered in Mumbai).
- 7. Kalyan Kumar has been appointed as the MD and CEO of Central Bank of India. (Central Bank of India, founded in 1911 by Sir Sorabji Pochkhanawala, is headquartered in Mumbai. It is the first wholly Indian-owned and operated commercial bank, with Sir Pherozeshah Mehta as its first chairman.)
- 8. Lieutenant General Dinesh Singh Rana has been appointed as the 18th Commander-in-Chief of Andaman and Nicobar Command.
- 9. Prashant Tripathi is retiring as MD and CEO of Axis Max Life Insurance.

<u>Award</u>

- 1. Iranian filmmaker Jafar Panahi won the Palme d'Or for best film at the 78th Cannes International Film Festival.
- Opal Suchata Chuangsri, a contestant from Thailand, was crowned the winner of the 2025 International Miss World pageant held in Hyderabad.
- 3. Renowned female tennis player Serena Williams won the 2025 Princess of Asturias Award.
- 4. Spiritual leader and founder of Isha Foundation Sadhguru was awarded the 'Global Indian of the Year' award by the Canada India Foundation (CIF).

Day/Theme

- Goa Statehood Day is celebrated on 30 May. Goa was formed as a Union Territory in 1961. Goa was a
 Portuguese colony for over 450 years until it was liberated by the Indian Armed Forces during Operation
 Vijay in 1961. After independence, Goa, along with Daman and Diu, was administered as a Union Territory.
 Goa was granted full statehood on 30 May 1987. Panaji was declared the capital of the new state. Konkani
 was declared the official language.
- 2. The United Nations General Assembly has decided to observe 25 May as World Football Day.
- 3. International Day of Potato is celebrated on 30 May. The 2025 theme is Shaping history, feeding the future.
- 4. World No Tobacco Day is celebrated on 31 May. The 2025 theme is "Unmasking the appeal."

<u>Sports</u>

- 1. Kush Maini becomes first Indian to win Formula 2 Sprint Race at Monaco Grand Prix.
- 2. Paraguay wins first FIFA Youth Series title during World Football Week.
- 3. Shubman Gill appointed as India's 37th Test captain.
- 4. India to host 2026 Asian Weightlifting Championships in Ahmedabad.
- 5. Sri Lanka's Angelo Mathews recently announced his retirement from Test cricket.
- 6. England cricketer Joe Root becomes fastest batsman to complete 13,000 runs in Test cricket.
- 7. Novak Djokovic wins his 100th ATP title by defeating Hubert Hurkacz.

- 8. Manipur tops the medal tally at Khelo India Beach Games 2025, winning 14 medals including 5 gold, 6 silver and 3 bronze.
- 9. India tops the medal tally at ISSF Junior World Cup 2025, winning 11 medals.
- 10. India's Tejaswini won the gold medal in the women's 25m pistol event at the ISSF Junior World Cup 2025.
- 11. The 2025 Asian Athletics Championships were held in South Korea.
- 12. Gulbir Singh won India's first gold medal at the Asian Athletics Championships 2025.
- 13. Indian athlete Mahendra Gurjar set a world record by throwing the javelin 61.17m in the men's F42 category at the World Para Athletics Grand Prix held in Switzerland.
- 14. Arsenal won the 2024/25 UEFA Women's Champions League by defeating Barcelona.
- 15. Rohit Sharma became the first Indian batsman to hit 300 sixes in the IPL.
- 16. Australian cricketer Glenn Maxwell retired from ODIs. (Maxwell was part of the Australian team that won two ICC World Cup titles in 2015 and 2023.)
- 17. South African cricketer Heinrich Klaasen will soon retire from international cricket.

Trade & Finance

- 1. GST collection in India in May 2025 is 2.01 lakh crore.
- 2. North-East Small Finance Bank has been renamed Slice Small Finance Bank.
- 3. Asian Development Bank President Masato Kanda has announced a 5-year, \$10 billion loan for urban infrastructure development in India, with a focus on metro expansion, RRTS corridors and sustainable development.

Miscellaneous

- The youngest Indian to complete the Seven Summits Challenge is 16-year-old Vishwanath Karthiki. (The term "Seven Summits Challenge" means climbing the highest peaks of the seven continents. These seven peaks are- Mount Everest (Asia), Mount Aconcagua (South America), Mount Denali (North America), Mount Kilimanjaro (Africa), Mount Elbrus (Europe), Vinson Massif (Antarctica) and Carstensz Pyramid (Oceania).
- 2. Indian javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra is the brand ambassador of famous car manufacturer Audi India.
- 3. Eminent actress Tamannaah Bhatia has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Limited (KSDL).
- 4. Bollywood actress Shraddha Kapoor has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Eureka Forbes.
- 5. Indian cricketer Shubman Gill has been appointed as the new brand ambassador of Oakley.
- 6. Intelsat gets government approval for direct Satellite Broadcast Services in India.

<u>Obituary</u>

- 1. Actor Mukul Dev passed away recently at the age of 54.
- 2. Telugu actor GV Babu passed away recently at the age of 82.
- 3. Senior Akali Dal leader Sukhdev Singh Dhindsha passed away recently at the age of 89.
- 4. Tamil actor Rajesh passed away recently at the age of 75.