

## **Current Affairs may 2018**

### **1<sup>st</sup> May 2018**

- India, Pakistan for first time to participate together in SCO counter-terror exercise for - Peace Mission
- India and Nepal agree to review bilateral trade treaty by - July 2018
- World Labor Day celebrated on - 1st May 2018
- India's longest-serving Chief Minister - Sikkim's Pawan Chamling
- Pilot scheme Procurement of Aggregate Power of 2500 MW for 3 years launched by - Government
- 15th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas to be held in Varanasi in - January 2019

### **2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018**

- Kavinder Gupta sworn in as Deputy Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir on - 29th April 2018
  - NASA to launch its first mission to study deep interior of Mars on - 5th May 2018
  - GOBAR-DHAN Scheme launched to promote wealth and energy from waste by - The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation
  - World Asthma Day celebrated globally on - 1st May 2018
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- 14 Indian cities figure in World's 20 most polluted cities list by - WHO
- Union Government releases draft of new Telecom policy on - 1st May 2018
- In-flight mobile connectivity in Indian airspace approved by - Telecom Commission

### **3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018**

- South Western Command conducts Exercise Vijay Prahar in - Rajasthan
- Hockey India appoints Harendra Singh as men's coach, Marijne to return to women's side on - 1st May 2018
- 9th India-Japan Energy Dialogue held in - New Delhi
- President to preside over PM-headed panel on - Gandhi 150th birth Anniversary
- India, US hold round 3 of Maritime Security Dialogue in Goa on - 30th April and 1st May 2018
- Ordinance to amend law for speedy disposal of commercial disputes approved by - Cabinet
- Cabinet approved setting up of 20 AIIMS in - Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana

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#### **4<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

- Cabinet doubles investment limit for senior citizens under which plan – PMVVY
- Restructuring of Indian Bureau of Mines approved by – Cabinet
- Cabinet approves accession to WHO protocol to eliminate illicit trade in - Tobacco products
- View Pension Passbook Service on Umang App launched by - EPFO
- Warning of another dust storm in UP, Rajasthan issued by - Meteorological Department
- 200th Unilateral Advance Pricing Agreement inked by - CBDT

#### **5<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

- Simplified return filing process approved - GST Council
  - India ranked 11th by - FDI Confidence Index 2018
  - World Press Freedom Day celebrated on - 3rd May 2018
  - Online professional development programme for faculty launched by - HRD Ministry
  - NITI Aayog, IBM sign SoI to develop crop yield prediction model using Artificial Intelligence on - 4th May 2018
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## **6<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

- Cochlear Implant Awareness Programme to be organised by - Social Justice Ministry

## **7<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

- GST Council approves conversion of GST Network into government holding on - 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018
- First organised census of Indus Dolphins has begun in - Punjab
- China launched communication satellite : APSTAR-6C
- InSight Spacecraft launched by - NASA
- Border Roads Organisation celebrated 58<sup>th</sup> Raising Day on - 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018
- India to host 15<sup>th</sup> Asia Media Summit from - May 10 to 12<sup>th</sup> 2018

## **8<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

- Hidden reserves of water ice discovered under surface of moon by - Tohoku University
  - Key peptide to develop a vaccine for leptospirosis identified by - Gujarat Biotechnology Research Centre
  - Vladimir Putin sworn in as Russian President for fourth time on - 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018
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- Android Things for IoT platform launched by - Google
- 3rd edition of UNPCAP held in New Delhi from - 7th May - 25th May 2018
- Atomic clock for indigenous navigation satellites developed by - ISRO

### **9<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

- Packaged food labels to display if they contain GM ingredients by - FSSAI
- India to host 15th Asia Media Summit in - New Delhi
- SoI inked with Google to help grow AI ecosystem in India by - NITI Aayog
- UN Chief Antonio Guterres announces to hold climate summit in - September 2019
- RED CROSS DAY celebrated globally on - 8th May 2018

### **10<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

- Walmart buys 77 percent stake in Flipkart for USD 16 billion on - 9th May 2018
  - President Ram Nath Kovind approved Minimum Wages (Delhi) Amendment Act, 2017 on - 4th May 2018
  - Modern animal-free testing for drugs approved by - Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission
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- India's first Integrated Control and Command Centre for its smart cities launched by - Madhya Pradesh
- India ranks fourth in Asia-Pacific region in - Asia Power Index
- Nepal granted license to India's Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Ltd to generate power for project- Arun-3 Hydropower

### **11<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

- India, Panama signed two agreements in presence of - Vice President M.Venkaiah Naidu
- President Donald Trump withdraws US from Iran nuclear deal on - 8th May 2018
- NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY DAY 2018 celebrated on - 11th May 2018
- PM Modi ranked 9th in the World's - Most Powerful People list 2018
- Naval Commander's Conference concluded on - 11th May 2018

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## **12<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

- Former Malaysian PM Mahathir Mohamad returned to power on - 10th May 2018
- Flipkart co-founder Sachin Bansal quits after Walmart deal on - 9th May 2018
- National Technology Day of India celebrated on - 11th May 2018
- SpaceX launches most powerful Falcon 9 rocket on - 11th May 2018

## **13<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

- Indian and Malaysian Armies concluded Exercise Harimau Shakti 2018 on - 11th May 2018

## **14<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

- NASA's carbon monitoring project cancelled by - United States
  - Government to expand Buddhist tourism circuit to 21 more states under - Swadesh Darshan Scheme
  - Women can file domestic violence complaint even after divorce by - Supreme Court
  - UNDP to set up skill development centre in - Hyderabad
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- 200 more mandis to eNAM to be linked by - Union Government

### **15<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

- India, Nepal flag-off Janakpur-Ayodhya bus service under Ramayan Circuit on - 11th May 2018
- Chinese state-run bank ICBC launches India-dedicated investment fund on - 14th May 2018
- Three public welfare schemes launched in - Rajasthan
- Environment-friendly propellant being developed by - ISRO
- Nepal to host 2018 BIMSTEC summit announced by - Nepal's Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli
- Indian Army finalises Rs. 15000 crore indigenous ammunition project that is - Made-In-India

### **16<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

4th meeting of SAWEN held in Kolkata, India from - 8th May - 10th May 2018

- First all-woman Post Office Passport Seva Kendra starts operations in - Phagwara, Punjab
  - DoT approved merger of Bharti Airtel and Telenor India on - 14th May 2018
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- Indian Army flags of Women Officers' Mountaineering Expedition to - Mt. Bhagirathi-Ii
- NALCO signs MoU with Union Ministry of Mines for setting revenue target of FY 2018-19 on - 14th May 2018
- Sulabh International founder Dr Bindeshwar Pathak honoured with - Nikkei Asia Prize

### **17<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

- REPLACE campaign to eliminate trans-fat in foods launched by - WHO
- Aadhaar linkage not mandatory for getting pension by- Union Government
- WHO publishes its first Essential Diagnostics List on - 15th May 2018
- International Day of Families celebrated on - 15th May 2018
- World Telecommunication and Information Society Day observed on - 17th May 2018

### **18<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

- National Policy on Biofuels, 2018 approved by - The Union Cabinet
  - Enhancement of budget Network for Spectrum Project for Defence Services approved by - CCEA
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- First Indian stock exchange to get US SEC's DOSM recognition - BSE
- BS Yeddyurappa took oath as Karnataka CM on - 17th May 2018
- Department of Commerce notifies creation of Directorate General of Trade Remedies on - 17th May 2018
- Indore, Bhopal & Chandigarh are Top 3 cleanest cities of India in - Swacch Surveskshan 2018

### **19<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

- RBI tweaks norms for setting up of - IFSC Banking Units
  - NASA Satellites reveal major shifts in - Global freshwater
  - Who has been appointed as Chairman of Lalit Kala Akademi - Uttam Pacharne
  - Gujarat Government to launch free treatment scheme for - Road accident victims
  - Norms for setting up of IFSC Banking Units tweaked by - RBI
  - NASA Satellites revealed major shifts in global freshwater on - 16th May 2018
  - Uttam Pacharne appointed as Chairman of Lalit Kala Akademi on - 17th May 2018
  - Gujarat Government to launch free treatment scheme for road accident victims on - 18th May 2018
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## **20<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

- SC approves Centre's draft Cauvery management scheme on - 18th May 2018
- Gina Haspel confirmed as first female director of CIA on - 17th May 2018

## **21<sup>st</sup> May 2018**

- Russia unveils world's first floating nuclear power plant - Akademik Lomonosov
- India's first advisory centre for energy in - IIT Kanpur
- PM Narendra Modi inaugurates Zojila tunnel project in Leh on - 19th May 2018
- India drags US to WTO over - Imposition of duties
- Home Minister to commission anti-Naxal Bastariya battalion on - 21st May 2018

## **22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018**

- India ranked 6th wealthiest country by- The AfrAsia Bank Global Wealth Migration Review
  - Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro re-elected on - 20th May 2018
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- 26th BASIC Ministerial Meeting of Environment Ministers held in - Durban
- Nipah Virus (NiV) Infection sensed in - Kerala
- Which satellite China launched to explore dark side of Moon ? - Queqiao satellite
- Government earns Rs.1,400 crore in - e-Visa Scheme
- International Day for Biological Diversity celebrated on - 22nd May 2018

### **23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018**

- First commercial flight of Arunachal Pradesh lands at Pasighat under scheme - UDAN
- UAE launches 10-year residency visa programme for exceptional talents on - 20th May 2018
- Sony to buy EMI Music Publishing in USD 1.9 billion deal on - May 22nd, 2018
- AB de Villiers announces retirement from all forms of cricket on - 23rd May 2018
- HD Kumaraswamy sworn in as Karnataka Chief Minister on - 23rd May 2018

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## **24<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

- Measures to simplify Defence Procurement Procedure approved by - DAC
- App to help voters to share malpractice proof to be launched by - Election Commission
- US diplomats in response to Trump's sanctions expelled by - Venezuela
- No cancellation fee for flights cancelled within 24 hours of booking by - Draft Passenger Charter
- NITI Aayog, ABB India signed Statement of Intent on - 23rd May 2018
- India-Nepal militaries to conduct joint battalion level exercise SURYA KIRAN-XIII from - 30th May 2018 onwards
- Pakistan hosted SCO Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure meeting in - Islamabad

## **25<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

- INSV Tarini team conferred Nari Shakti Puraskar 2017 on - 24th May 2018
  - Prakash Javadekar launched Samagra Shiksha scheme for school education on - 24th May 2018
  - India's first National Sports University in Manipur by - Union Cabinet approves ordinance
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- Nepal becomes first country in south-east Asia to eliminate Trachoma by - WHO
- Cabinet approves USOF scheme for Meghalaya under - CTDP
- Who has been appointed as Chairman of Press Council of India ? - Former SC judge CK Prasad

### **26<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

- Online degree, diploma courses from upcoming academic session approved by - UGC
- Congress-JD(S) coalition wins floor test in Karnataka assembly on - 25th May 2018
- Data visualisation app on education scenario in India launched by - UNICEF
- Singchung Bugun Village Community Reserve won - India Biodiversity Award 2018

### **27<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

- Deliberations on Punchhi Commission report completed by - Inter State Council Standing Committee

### **28th May 2018**

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- Rustom-2 drone to be delivered to armed forces by 2020 by - DRDO
- Man Booker International Prize 2018 won by - Olga Tokarczuk
- Sushant Singh Rajput signed Sol to promote Women Entrepreneurship Platform with - NITI Aayog

### **29<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

- Agreement signed between BCCI and UN Environment to promote - Green Cricket in India
- India launched its second IT corridor in China on - May 27th 2018
- IMD to team up with BSNL for sending - Extreme weather warnings
- Ireland ends abortion ban as quiet revolution transforms country on - 26th May 2018
- EU's new data protection rules came into effect on- 25th May 2018
- China officially sets civilisation age at 5800 years on - 28th May 2018

### **30<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

- Gaj Yatra launched in Garo Hills of Meghalaya by - Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
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- Fourth element showing magnetism at room temperature discovered, is - Ruthenium (Ru)
- Who has been appointed President of National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission ? - R K Agrawal
- Sudha Balakrishnan as its first Chief Financial Officer appointed by - RBI
- International Day of UN Peacekeepers 2018 observed globally on - 29th May 2018
- Baba Ramdev's Patanjali ties up with BSNL with - Swadeshi Samridhi SIM cards
- Ex-Chief Justice Nasirul Mulk named as - caretaker PM of Pakistan
- WHO adopts Resolution on Digital Health initiated by India: - JP Nadda

### **31<sup>st</sup> May 2018**

- Who has been appointed as Deputy National Security Advisor ? - Senior diplomat Pankaj Saran
  - PRAAPTI App and Web portal launched to bring transparency in electricity payments to Generators by - The Union Ministry of Power
  - Use of blockchain technology to curb spam calls, texts proposed by - TRAI
  - World No Tobacco Day observed globally on - 31st May 2018
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- Scientists create world's first 3D-printed human corneas in  
- Newcastle University, United Kingdom
- Andhra Pradesh gets separate state symbols post split  
declared on - May 30th , 2018
- Kailash Satyarthi, AS Kiran Kumar conferred with Santokbaa  
Humanitarian Award on - 30th May 2018

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